



# BROMLEY AND SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES WEEKLY HERALD



14 FEBRUARY 2021

## SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

### Valentine's Day thoughts

When you can't look on the  
Bright side, I will sit with  
you in the dark.

....and in the silent,  
sometimes hardly moving  
times  
when something is coming  
near,  
I want to be with those who  
know secret things  
or else alone.

*Rainer Maria Rilke (extract)*



### Weekly diary

<b>When</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>
<b>Sun 14 Feb</b>	10am	Paul Allton	David Darling	Valerie Pearce
<b>Wed 16 Feb</b>	10am	Chaplain	Valerie Pearce	Robbie Dennis

*Please follow communion protocols – there is a laminated sheet for ministers. We hold each other in our prayers: worshipping online, in person or quietly alone.*

## Chaplain's notes



The Chaplain will be on holiday from Saturday 13 Feb to Saturday 20 Feb inclusive, but will preside on Ash Wednesday.

Any one for a Yotini cocktail to enlighten your day?

## Election of Collegian Trustee

Please get your nominations in by Thursday 25 February. Feel free to nominate yourself, but you will need a proposer and seconder. Please do not be reticent if you feel you would like to offer your talents in this way.

## Books for Sale

Take your once loved books to Dorothy Nicholson (17). She will sell them for you, and you can give the money to the Colleges or put it towards more books!

## Salt and Grit

Thank you to those Collegians who have leapt into action putting salt and grit down on treacherous paths and stairways. If you empty one of the small green bins, please leave the lid up as a sign, and Jane and Paul will fill it up again.

## Lent

After some consultation, I understand most of you are organised for Lent study and activities; let me know if you want some company or ideas.



## Trustees

You will get a leaflet soon with details and photos of Trustees. Let the office know with whom you would like to connect. Trustees are happy to meet on Zoom with one or two Collegians. We have a lap-top if you do not have access to Zoom. Your chosen Trustee may also be willing to meet in person; you can negotiate!

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

Everyone will receive a little Lenten gift through the door, this is Brandy's idea for safe ashing! At the Ash Wednesday service, ashes will be distributed in little pots, decorated by Paulos. You can "ash" your own forehead and keep the pot as a reminder.



*Be connected, be considerate, be forgiving!*

*Chaplain*

## Covid lockdown

Most Collegians have been vaccinated with the first dose and many with the second. Soon we may be allowed to book a holiday and have a fair chance of not cancelling it!!

As the days get longer and the air warms up we are looking forward to socially distanced coffee on the quad lawns. Hang in there!

HANDS	Wash hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
FACE	Wear face covering inside. Open windows!
SPACE	Keep 2m apart or 1m with face-covering and ventilation

## Prayer for the Nation – 6pm daily in February

Gracious God,  
 as we remember before you the thousands who have died,  
 surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.  
 Be gentle with us in our grief,  
 protect us from despair,  
 and give us grace to persevere  
 and face the future with hope  
 in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Resources here:

[www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation)

St Valentine is still recognised by the Roman Catholic Church although removed from the Calendar in 1969. He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics and beekeepers.



## **Sunday Next Before Lent**

### **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Scripture**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Psalm 5:1-6**

## Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## Prayer list

<b>Anglican Cycle</b>	The Anglican Church of Canada
<b>Rochester cycle</b>	Tunbridge Wells deanery; The Rev Douglas Wren, Area Dean; Dr Mike Lawes, Lay Chair
<b>College</b>	Robbie and Brandy Pearson, Tony Bentley [T]
<b>Community</b>	The blind and profoundly deaf, those who are bereaved
<b>Collegians who have moved away</b>	David and Diane Cossar, Frank and Yvonne Gough, Charles Potter, Pam Dawson, Sarah Grove John and Joyce Ilson, Mary Watts, and Ken Hewitt
<b>Those who are sick or have asked us to pray</b>	Jenny Balmer, June Dakin, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, John Harris, Cecil Heatley (recuperating), Geoffrey Howard, Stuart Leck, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting, Julian White, and Matthew Coxen
<b>Years Mind Anniversary</b>	Violet Alice Brown and Joyce Harper
<b>Those who have died</b>	

*Please ask for copy of complete prayer booklet. Please let Jo or the Chaplain know when to take someone off the prayer list. The Chaplain prays for collegians, the church locally and around the world, global issues and community in the Offices. If you would like a copy of this monthly resource, please ask Jo.*