



**ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF SAINT ANDREW,
COSTA DEL SOL EAST, SPAIN**



Sunday 9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord

your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1–11

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

²Shall say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.’

³For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

⁵You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

⁷Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you.

⁸Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,

¹⁰There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.

¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

New Testament Reading—Romans 10:8b–13

⁸But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—Luke 4:1–13

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Blessed are those who have endured temptation; they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." ' ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' ¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Scriptures for Sunday 12th March 2025—2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 13:31–35

Lent Course

The Lent Course will be starting on Wednesday 12th March and will run for five weeks until Wednesday 9th April, and will be run on Zoom at 18:00. The Zoom link will be made available soon. The course will be based on the Nicene Creed, as 2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea when the first version of the Creed was formulated. Could those who are interested please leave their name and e-mail address to either the Ministers, the Church Wardens or the Vergers as there is material that will be sent out to be read before each session. A link to this material will also be made available on our website, our Facebook page, and in print.

Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Andrew—Charity of the Month for February and March 2025

Saint Andrew Aid Fund (SAAF)

This fund was initiated towards the end of 2024 for the purpose of offering financial assistance to those in our community who find themselves in financial difficulties.

We have successfully provided assistance to people who have been in dire need of basic necessities, and would like to replenish the fund in order to continue to provide much needed and appreciated assistance.

Suggestions for those whom you think may benefit from the SAAF may be brought to the attention of any of the members of the Chaplaincy Council, and each case is carefully and prayerfully considered before any assistance is provided.