

St Mark's Church, Bromley

1 March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

In the service today:

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Processional:	285	For the beauty of the earth
Gradual:	64	Be thou my guardian and my guide
Offertory:	409	Love of the Father, love of God the Son
Communion:	85	Jesu, meek and lowly
Final:	359	Fight the good fight with all thy might

Setting: Mass in the Dorian Mode - Barrie Cabena (1933-2025)

Anthem: Verily, verily I say unto you - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Organ Voluntary: Douze Pièces: Berceuse - Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944)

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a: 12 The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Please turn to face the gospel as it is read from the central aisle

The Gospel: John 3. 1-17: 3 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the

kingdom of God without being born from above.”⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayers

Today’s Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding – Lord we have so many questions

Response – **Help us to listen for your answers**

For all who are unwell at this time:

Hazel Robins, James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh,
Elaine Morrison, Roderick Cupido and Cheryl Nicholls

For the recently departed:

Robert Crawley and Diane Traynor

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -
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Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and

from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served in the church hall after this service. All are most welcome to join us.

Forward Programme

Wednesday 4th March – St Mark’s Friendship Group

12 - 2pm – meeting in the church hall - BYO lunch. The subject of the talk at this week’s session will be St John Ambulance.

Sunday 8th March – The Third Sunday of Lent

10am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 15th March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist with distribution of posies

Churches Together in Central Bromley – Lent Course 2026

Churches Together in Central Bromley will be facilitating a Lent study course this year, consisting of five interactive studies exploring the First Letter of John. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays between 7.45 to 9.30pm, beginning on 24th February until 24th March. The group will meet at St Peter & St Paul’s Church Bromley. Admission is free and all are most welcome. For further details please contact office@saintjohnsbromley.com

Readers’ Rota

There is a new readers’ rota on the board at the back of the church, which takes up to the end of April and includes our Easter celebrations. If you would like to read for us at any of these services, please sign up. The text of the reading will be sent to you a few days before the service.

Many thanks to those of you who have already agreed to read during this period.
