

## Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(and All Saints, Leiston, IP16 4BA)

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* Malcolm Ireland RIP  
**Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>)** 0915 Leiston People of the Parish  
1100 Aldeburgh\*

**Monday** No Mass Today  
**Tuesday** 0900 Leiston

**Wednesday** No Mass Today  
**Thursday** 0900 Leiston Fr Neville  
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**Friday** 0900 Aldeburgh\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* Teresa Gray RIP  
**Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup>)** 0915 Leiston  
1100 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish

#### Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming)

#### Welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend.

Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass. Sorry, no Mass on Wednesday as there is a Clergy Safeguarding Day.

Your **CAFOD Fast Day envelopes will be collected as you leave Mass today.**

The latest issue of the diocesan newspaper is now available at the back of church – It's free – do take a copy.

**Stations of the Cross:** will next take place at Aldeburgh on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon. Please let me know if you, or a group, would like to lead a session.

**Two years ago**, our parish, alongside other parishes worldwide, held some constructive discussions on the directions the Church should take in the future. Information from those discussions was fed into the first Assembly of the Synod in October 2023. A second Vatican Assembly is planned for the end of this year. Meanwhile, the Vatican has published a synthesis of the 2023 discussions, with some firm proposals of areas to be further explored in the 2024 sessions. These may lead to real change within the Church. As a Lenten exercise, our parish is organizing four short opportunities to discuss some of these proposals (no more than an hour maximum); two in Leiston, two in Aldeburgh. Your presence would be welcome and a

summary of our discussions will be submitted to the diocese. 1. *Christian Initiation* – Aldeburgh, **this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February after 6 p.m. mass** – led by Rhona Lewis. 2. *A Church out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation* – Leiston, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March after evening mass – led by Ian Linden (Mass at 6pm). 3. *Women in the life and mission of the Church* – Aldeburgh, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March after 6 p.m. mass – led by Chris Quinn. 4. *Structures for participating* – Leiston, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March after evening mass – led by Hugh de las Casas (Mass at 6pm).

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at the Fairfield Centre, Aldeburgh at 11.00am. The prayer service, prepared this year by the WDP Committee of Palestine, is celebrated around the world. **Do try and come along.** There will be a similar Service at Leiston (St Margaret's Church) at 2pm. Margaret Ryan is looking for a few volunteers from our community at Leiston to take part in the Service. Again, **all are welcome on the day.**

**IPSWICH DEANERY STATION MASS** – Bishop Peter is visiting each deanery during Lent, and ours is on this Thursday at St Marys, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich (IP4 4BD). Exposition and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6pm; Mass at 7pm followed by light refreshments. All are welcome. I have three spare seats in the car for any takers.

**SACRED SPACE** – (Chanting, Meditation, Readings) on five Saturdays of Lent, 4.30-5.30pm, beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February, at All Saints, Leiston. All are welcome and for more information call Caroline on 01728 832044

**Parish Support for Leiston FoodBank** - The parish supports the work of the FoodBank in Leiston. There are boxes at the back of both churches to place donations. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and household cleaning items are the only donations the FoodBank can deal with; a more complete list of suitable items is next to the boxes.

As we approach Easter perhaps you might consider donating some Easter treats, which would be very much appreciated. If any parishioners would like to join the rota for collecting from both churches and delivering to the foodbank in the centre of Leiston, on Friday mornings, please contact Chris Quinn on 07886795380 or [chrismquinn@me.com](mailto:chrismquinn@me.com).

#### Inviting young adults (age 18 -30) to walk the Camino

Join Bishop Peter as he leads a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024. For more information and to book a place, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**As has become traditional** in recent years, a string quartet will be performing Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross on the Monday of Holy Week, 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 7pm. Each movement has programmatic details within the music, ending with a dramatic portrayal of the earthquake. There will be meditative readings alternating with the music. All are welcome and the performance lasts about an hour. There will be a retiring collection.

Nick Ward, Helen Stanley, Graeme Scott and Hattie Bennett.

**Update - Fr Tony Rogers:** A number of parishioners have been asking after Fr Tony and wondering how he is progressing. He remains in Montana Nursing Home near Bury St Edmunds, where he continues to receive the medical care and support he requires. He is in very good spirits and looking forward to returning to some more normal independent living soon. Unfortunately, since his surgery last Summer he has developed severe arthritis in his knee, and this is currently restricting his mobility. He is being supported by the Diocese of East Anglia in securing suitable long-term accommodation, which is likely to be in Cambridge, which he knows well and where he has lots of friends and contacts. He sends his best wishes to everyone in Aldeburgh and Leiston and is looking forward to coming to see everyone in the not too far distant future.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. (plate collection last weekend was £292.81). We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. Have you set up a Standing Order with the parish? It's really easy.

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year.

Every blessing for this coming week. **Fr David**

<b>Readings for The Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)</b>
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**First reading** **Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son,

your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm**  
**115(116):10,15-19**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

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**Second reading** **Romans**  
**8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Mt17:5**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

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**Gospel**  
**9:2-10**

**Mark**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.