



Sunday 9 February 2025  
Fourth Sunday before Lent

**THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL**  
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**SERVICES**

**St Mary's**

Sun 09 Feb 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
Wed 012 Feb 10.30am Holy Communion  
Sun 16 Feb 9.30am Sung Eucharist

**St Paul's**

Sun 09 Feb 11.15am Holy Communion  
Thur 13 Feb 9.30am Morning Prayer  
Sun 16 Feb 11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary's Readers and Intercessor		
	Readers	Intercessor
Today	Norma Podmore Emmeline Lambert	Emmeline Lambert
Next Week	Theo Godwin Susie Bond	Rosamund Russell

**THE RETIREMENT OF THE BISHOP OF ST ALBANS**

The Right Revd Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans, has announced his intention to retire in 2025. His letter to the Diocese, shared today, is published in full below:

Dear friends and colleagues,

It has been the privilege of my life to serve as the Bishop of St Albans. However, next month I will be 68 and the time has come for me to lay down my responsibilities and to hand the baton of leadership on to whomever the Lord calls to succeed me. I am writing, therefore, to tell you that, with the support and permission of His Majesty the King, I will be retiring as Diocesan Bishop on 31 May 2025.

The past sixteen years have been full of challenges, opportunities and surprises. With God's help, I have encouraged us to 'Live God's Love' among the people of Herts, Beds and Luton and parts of Barnet, and to do so with generosity and joy, with imagination and courage. In that endeavour, I have been grateful for my colleagues on the senior staff and for the support of so many clergy and lay people across the Diocese. I never cease to give thanks to God for the warmth of your friendship. You have enriched my life and ministry in countless ways. I plan to retire to Wiltshire, the county in which I was born and brought up, and where most of my extended family continue to live.

There will be plenty of opportunities to say our farewells in the Spring. In the meantime, I have many things I still want to do in my remaining months in office as I seek to serve God and prepare for the next phase of my life and ministry.

Please pray for me as I pray for you.

+ Alan St Albans

Bishop Alan

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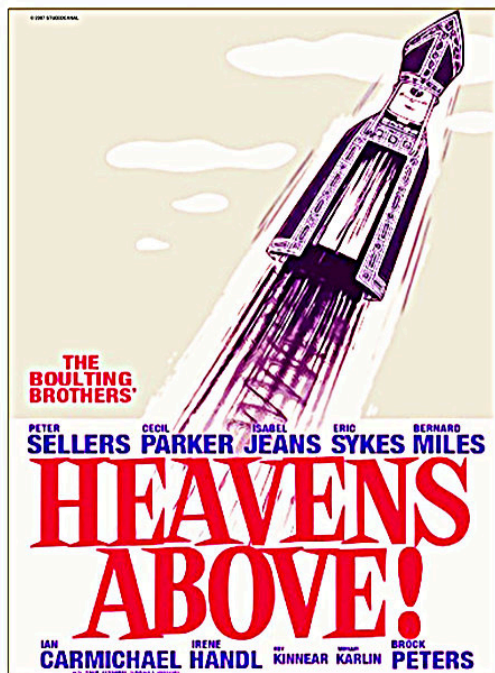
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## LENT

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 5th March, this year. There are a couple of Team Lent courses for you to consider attending, see posters, and we will be holding some film and discussion events once again at both St Paul's and St Mary's. Details to follow.

## Film Night at Grovehill Church of the Resurrection



**SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY  
6PM - FREE ENTRY  
REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE IN INTERVAL**

**The COR and Hemel Team Churches  
LENT COURSE 2025  
Bible discussions based on the film  
'HEAVENS ABOVE'**



**FREE FILM SHOWING**

**6pm  
SATURDAY  
22ND FEBRUARY  
AT GROVEHILL CHURCH  
OF THE RESURRECTION**

*(Donations for refreshments and raffle)*

**6 weeks exploring the unsettling ministry of Jesus and the impact on our lives and communities through the arrival of an unexpected 'Clerical Error'**

**TUESDAYS 7.30pm**

*(in the Church Hall and on Zoom  
email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for link)*

**4th March**

**11th March**

**18th March**

**25th March**

**1st April**

**8th April**

**FRIDAYS 1.30pm**

*(in the Church Hall)*

**7th March**

**14th March**

**21st March**

**28th March**

**4th April**

**11th April**

Venue: Church of The Resurrection - Grovehill

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

**BROKEN**

**A LENT COURSE**

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**

**7.30 - 9 PM**

**27TH FEB. - 3RD APRIL**

Six weeks reflecting on the struggles of faith, morality, and the challenges of our modern life.

Based on the TV show starring Sean Bean

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**VACANCIES FOR RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES**

Local Groups of both Rainbows and Brownies have vacancies for new members.

Contact Angela Perry for details  
email: [angela.h.perry@gmail.com](mailto:angela.h.perry@gmail.com)

**100 CLUB**

The 100 club February draw took place last Sunday.  
The number 59 was drawn registered to Su Gambling

## Services and Events Week Commencing 09 February 2025

Sun 09 Feb	9.30am 11.15am	Sung Eucharist Holy Communion	StM StP
Fourth Sunday before Lent			
Mon 10 Feb			
Tue 11 Feb			
Wed 12 Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion	StM
Thu 13 Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer	StP
Fri 14 Feb			
<i>Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885</i>			
Sat 15 Feb	9.30	Bellringers ringing	StM
Sun 16 Feb	9.30am 11.15am	Sung Eucharist Holy Communion	StM StP
Third Sunday before Lent			

St Mary's Church is open for visitors each day from 10am - 5pm

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### Bulletin deadline:

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### Payments:

**Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC".**

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