

# Welcome to our worship

Ingrave Churches: St Stephen's, St Nicholas'  
and All Saints East Horndon (CofE)

1st March 2026

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Lent

"You should not be surprised at my saying,  
"You must be born again."

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## Today's 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.

**Toddler group starting  
soon at St Stephen's  
Can you help? Team  
members needed.**



19th April, 4pm.

If you're interested in  
being Confirmed, please  
speak to Paul

## Brentwood Foodbank

Offerings taken at all  
our services and on  
Friday mornings 10-12  
at St Stephen's. Please  
be as generous as you  
can to help local people  
in need of help.

## 300th Anniversary of St Nicholas' 2034-36

To join the group looking  
at preparing the building  
for the next 300 years,  
please speak to Paul

## £ Giving Support the Church £

Offering plate and a QR  
code at the back of  
church. To give on a  
monthly basis please visit  
the website.

## Children's Movie



Today, 3pm at St Stephen's

*This week*

### Tuesday

Collective Worship, IJS,  
9am

Alpha on Zoom, 8pm

### Wednesday

Holy Communion, 10am/St  
Nicholas'

PCC/St Stephen's, 8pm

### Thursday

Holy Communion, St  
Stephen's, 11am

### Friday

10am - 12noon:

Foodbank collections at St  
Stephen's

Podcast version of Lent  
1's message, "Life is a  
Spiritual Gymnasium"  
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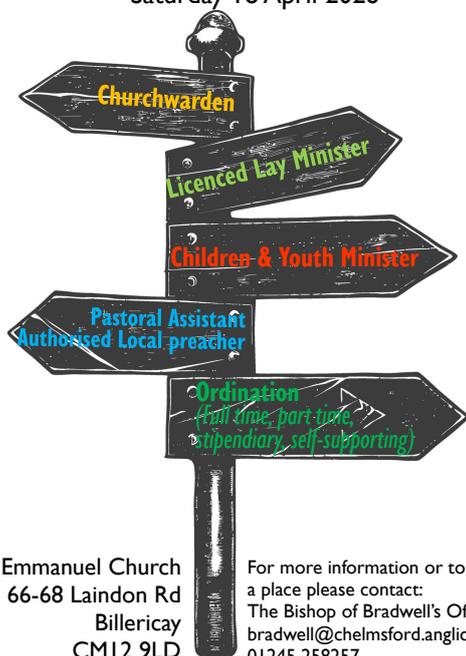


Voluntary offering during Lent by the altar in both churches

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If you feel called to serve God in a new way, why not come to our vocation day? Speak to Paul for more details

**Bradwell Area Vocations Day**  
9.45am till 1.30pm  
Saturday 18 April 2026



## Genesis 12.1-4a

### The Call of Abram

12 Now 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. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I 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.'

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old

## Today's Bible Readings

when he departed from Haran.

### John 3.1-17

### Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He 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.'

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>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?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>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.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus

answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> '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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> '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.

<sup>17</sup> '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.

