**Today is the Second Sunday before Lent,
also known as Sexagesima (60 before Easter)**

The link for our pre-recorded worship today is:
<https://youtu.be/TggSOQRqjmU>

**Please read on for notices about Lent groups etc.**

**Next Sunday (14th Feb)** – something different…
Zoom ‘Songs of Praise’ at **10.30am.** Please follow:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83763763428?pwd=eWg0ZGdiUXhZcytXamR6WWtlWU9GQT09>
Meeting ID: 837 6376 3428 Passcode: 018734

**Collect:**Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
 **Old Testament:** Proverbs 8:1, 2-31
The Wisdom of God is described in feminine tones.

**Gospel**: John 1:1-14 – The Wisdom of God is Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

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**Lent will soon be here**…and over the next few weeks this spot will be filling up with information and links to follow, as all our Lent Groups will be by Zoom this year out of pandemic necessity.

Lent Book:
**Phoebe: a story** by Paula Gooder
ISBN 978-0830852451 - available in paperback, hardback, Kindle edition and audiobook. Offers to host a book-club styled discussion on Zoom towards the end of March and/or after Easter would be warmly welcomed. (I’ve never been to a book-club!)

Lent Devotional Group:
**Commitment to Christ**Mondays at 7.30 pm, from 22nd Feb.
Expressions of interest to Janet Phythian
Mobile and WhatsApp: 07471-509950.
*Janet is a member of the congregation in Plaxtol and a returning missionary with links in Mozambique.*

Lent Study Group:
**Living in Love and faith**Chance to participate in the wider Church of England process concerning Inclusion, gender and sexuality.
Short online video preparation and Zoom discussions,
Wednesdays at either 11am or 8pm, from 24th Feb.
Expressions of interest to Peter Hayler (Rector):
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Our Parish Magazines, the **Shipbourne Newsletter** and the **Plaxtol Herald** are both moving to be published online, at least while we remain in lockdown: see shipbourne.com and plaxtol.com