

St Lawrence's Church
Notices for the week starting 1st March 2020

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Holy Communion Service - 1st Sunday of Lent



- 202** Forty days and forty nights (Vs 1-3)
Reading: **Genesis 2: 15-17,3:1-7 (pp.4-5)**
- 811** What a friend we have in Jesus
Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11 (p.967)**
- 65** Be thou my guardian and my guide
- 4** A new commandment
- 237** God forgave my sins
- 74** Bless the Lord, my soul
- 337** I, the Lord of sea and sky

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Response during prayers

either: Lord, in your mercy *or:* Lord, hear us;
hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**



Please pray for all those on our prayer tree

If you wish to pray for a particular person or situation please add a label to the prayer tree



† **Bishop Mark** – A reminder that minutes are available at the back of church again from the meeting with Bishop Mark on 4th February. Bishop Mark will be meeting with Revd Jules, Revd Sheila and members of the Finance and Standing Committee (Denise Rose, Gillian Mellish, John Kenyon, Janet Robinson) on **Thur 5th March**. Please continue to hold the situation in prayer.

† **Fund Raising** – St Lawrence's Pink Envelopes for **23rd February** raised **£61.00**. This included **£13.50** for refreshments. **£118.00** was also raised at 2nd Tuesday Cafe in February. Thank you for your generosity making it easier to maintain and repair our amazing building for God's work.

The importance of this fundraising is further highlighted by the on-going repairs at church at the moment. As you may be aware the builders (Mooney's) have been in Church and removed the ceiling in the Gallery for our Architect, Ian Lucas, to investigate the cause of water coming in through the West end of the church.

They have also been working in church to try and stop the water coming in through the South wall. This has involved removal of some of the pews on the South side, taking up the carpet tiles to allow them to dry out and refixing the pews. They are also sealing the Damp Proof Course to the South wall, sealing between the oak timbers and lime plaster panels, and covering sealant with kiln dried sand.

We will keep you up to date on progress of the building work.

† **Wellspring Collection during Lent** - Perhaps you could donate whatever you are “**giving up**” for Lent to Wellspring such as crisps, chocolate etc. Please speak with **Janet Robinson** for more details.

† **Jet washing** - A big thank you to **Janet** for getting Tameside Council to Jet wash the paths around the church making them safer to walk on and improving their appearance.

Forthcoming events in March			
Today 1st March	Holy Communion ~ St Lawrence's		10:15am
Tues 3rd March	Joint Lent Course	~ Christ Church	7:00pm
Weds 4th March	Midweek Holy Communion	~ St Anne's	11:30am
Thursday 5th March	Finance and Standing Committee meeting with +Mark ~ St Lawrence's		7:00pm
Friday 6th March	World Day of Prayer 2020	~ Christ Church	7:30pm
Sunday 8th March	Family and Parade Service ~ St Lawrence's		10:15am
Tuesday 10th March	2 nd Café Tuesday ~ St Lawrence's		10:00am
	Joint Lent Course	~ Christ Church	7:00pm
Weds 11th March	Midweek Holy Communion	~ St Anne's	11:30am
Thurs 12th March	Mow and Grow Meeting ~ St Lawrence's		10:00am
Sunday 15th March	Holy Communion ~ St Lawrence's		10:15am
Tues 17th March	Joint Lent Course	~ Christ Church	7:00pm
Weds 18th March	Midweek Holy Communion	~ St Anne's	11:30am
Thurs 19th March	PCC Meeting ~ St Lawrence's		7:00pm
Sunday 22nd March	Morning Prayer Service ~ St Lawrence's		10:15am
Tuesday 24th March	4th Café Tuesday ~ St Lawrence's		10am - 12noon
	Joint Lent Course	~ Christ Church	7:00pm
Weds 25th March	Midweek Holy Communion	~ St Anne's	11:30am
Sunday 29th March	Mission Partnership	~ Christ Church	10:30am
	Joint Service	(N.B. clocks go forward!)	

† **Clergy Exchange Sunday - 23rd February** - A big thank you Reader **June Partington** who took the service at St Lawrence's last Sunday.

Prayer for the week

Loving God,
You call us back to you with all of our hearts. I feel your call for me deep in my heart and I know you want me back as much as I want to return. Please, Lord, give me the wisdom to know how to return. Make my journey back to you this Lent one of grace, forgiveness and gentle love. **Amen!**

Ever wondered what the Bible readings will be next week to give you the opportunity to read them before you come to Church? Well now you can!

Next week's readings for Sunday 8th March 2020 will be:

1st reading	Genesis 12, 1-4a
2nd reading	John 3,1-17

Please take this notice sheet home to help your daily prayer and to remind you of all the services and events.