

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Second Sunday Before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David/John Wallace)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/John Wallace) (*also live-streamed*)
6.00pm Evening Prayer (John Wallace)

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY

7.45pm-9.30pm Bellringers Practice Night

TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY

9.00am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Toddler Time
10.00am Communion at Leighton Rose Care Home 1.30pm Toddler Time
7.00pm The Roaring 20's Themed Evening

THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY *George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633*

9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David)
12.00pm Funeral – Kenneth Stratford

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

9.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Leighton Young Singers Club
6.45pm Trebles Choir Practice 7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

SATURDAY 1st MARCH *David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c. 601*

9.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David) 3.00pm RBL Rehearsal
7.00pm RBL St. David's Day Concert

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH

Sunday Next Before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David) (*also live-streamed*)
11.30am Messy Mass (Preb. David)
2.30pm Bereavement Support Café
6.00pm Choral Evensong (Canon Malcolm)

We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.

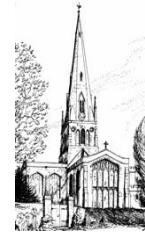
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We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church you are welcome to here. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. Gluten free wafers are available by prior arrangement.

The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer

Today's services

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Readings: RCL: Year C: Page: 720

Setting: Music for Common Worship

Introit: 4

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Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

Psalm: 65 vv1-8

Response: *You are to be praised O God in Zion*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion: to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer. To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins: when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom you choose and take to yourself to dwell within your courts: we shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our saviour: you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;

Who by your strength made fast the mountains: you that are girded with power; who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves: and the tumult of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders: the dawn and the evening sing your praises.

2nd Reading: Revelation 4
Gradual Hymn: 318
Gospel: Luke 8: 22-25
Preacher: John Wallace
Intercessions: John Wallace
Offertory Hymn: 262
Anthem: Here is the little door - Howells

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more, but enter with our gift; Our gift of finest gold. Gold that was never bought or sold; Myrrh to be strewn about his bed; Incense in clouds about His head; All for the child that stirs not in His sleep, But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed, For each He has a gift; See how His eyes awake, Lift up your hands, O lift! For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword. (Defend with it thy little Lord!) For incense, smoke of battle red, Myrrh for the honoured happy dead; Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet; Touched by such tiny hands, and Oh such tiny feet.

During this time please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion

Communion Hymn: 255
Post Communion: 346

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6.00pm Evening Prayer
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IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

Sick: Owen Butler, Ben Colbert, Katrina Boyce, Fr. Stephen Heard, Geoffrey Seale, Marcus Flowerdew-Clarke, Gilda Robinson, Katherine Tyler, Liz Lemon, Carol Steward, Baby Kody Demmon Tony Kempson, Kath Mowbray

RIP: Kenneth Stratford, Wayne Johnson

Year's Mind: Dorothy Collor, Lilian Cowley, Madge Vincent, Denver Child, Elsie Bates, Peggy King, Irene Scott, Tom Skevington, Ivy Francis, Jeanette Scott, Gerry Beecroft, Doreen Westwood, Ron Colbert

In our Team: Pray for Church Charities and Trusts

In the World: Pray for perpetrators of terrorism

In the Diocese: Pray for the Board of Education and Church Schools

In the Wider Church: Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada

NOTICES:

APCM: Saturday 17th May, 9.45am. Please send your APCM reports to parish@allsaintslb.org.uk as soon as possible. This year there will be a full revision of the Electoral Roll and more details on this will follow.

CONFIRMATION: If you are interested in Confirmation, please complete the card available from the sidemen's table and return to the Parish Office. The date for the Confirmation Service has changed to **Sunday 1st June** at 3pm.

PALM CROSSES: Please return your Palm Crosses to the basket in the Servers Vestry, so we can burn them for ash.

SERVERS AND CHALICE ASSISTANTS: Please can you let Mike know of your unavailability for the period March to June. You can email him on mikejsharman@outlook.com or leave a note in the servers' vestry. Thank you.

COFFEE SHOP NEWS: We are pleased to announce that the Coffee Shop will be re-opening on Saturdays from 10am until midday on a drinks and cakes basis only from 8th March. We look forward to seeing you.

CAKES SOS: One of the great attractions of the Coffee shop is that we provide homemade cakes. Over the last year we have unfortunately lost some of our bakers. We would be most grateful for offers of homemade cakes. Particularly if you could do one on a regular basis like once a month or once a fortnight. The Coffee shop provides an outreach into the wider community as well as providing much needed revenue for the church. If you are able to help, please speak to a manager or the parish office.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: These are due for collection and emptying in March. Please leave your boxes in the Parish Office and empty boxes will be returned to the sideman's table. Sally Kerr.

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE? We have been paid £45.96 this week thanks to our community shopping online! A huge thank you to everyone who supports us. Want to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising so your online shopping at your favourite retailers turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/parishchurch/TRDYJC/dda/U5SijpKB/Q4244/facebook/45.96>

SAINTS ALIVE MAGAZINE has one advertising space available. If you would be interested in advertising your business or service in the magazine, please email parish@allsaintslb.org.uk for more information.

HAVE A HEART AND SHOW THE LOVE: Pick up a green heart in church and display it in February to show love for what you want to protect from climate change. Show the Love is a campaign by the Climate Coalition - the UK's biggest group of over 20 million people who want action on climate change including National Trust, RSPB and WI. Find out more in this month's Saints Alive or at www.theclimatecoalition.org

"THE ROARING 20's": An evening of wine, cocktails and food. Wednesday 26th February at 7pm. Tickets £15.00 (including one drink) available from the Parish Office.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There are services at 10am and 7.30pm on 5th March, both with Ashing for those who wish. The evening service will be celebrated by Bishop Richard.

LENT COURSES: We will be offering two Lent Courses on a Thursday, starting on 6th March. **11.15am** in the Chapel led by Geoff Huskisson and Alison Dobbie, using the book 'Wild Bight Hope'. Copies of this book are available from Alison at a cost of £10.00. **7.30pm – 9pm** led by John Wallace using the book 'Lent with the Beloved Disciple' by Michael Marshall.

Please sign up by contacting the Parish Office or using the sign-up sheets in church. Stations of the Cross, services of reflection, will be at 6pm every Sunday during Lent.

BIBLE BOOK CLUB: The next Bible Book Club will meet on the 7th of March at 7pm in the Chesterfield Room, upstairs in the Dorothy Hall suite. We will be discussing the Gospel of Luke.

FUNDRAISING MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA! Saturday 8th March 6pm at All Saints. Come and see Pulford pupils past & present (+ a few very special guests) in a concert of musical treats to raise money for music provision at the school. Free entrance with optional donations gratefully received!

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Rest Day - Monday

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting,
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God Who lives forever
'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city,
Reigning everlastingly.