

SUNDAY 16th MARCH

Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Canon Don)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Canon Don) *(also live-streamed)*
- 11.30am All Age Communion (Geoff Marchant)
- 3.00pm Civic Service (Preb. David)
- 6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection (Geoff Huskisson)

MONDAY 17th MARCH *Patrick, Bishop and Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460*

7.45pm-9.30pm Bellringers Practice Night

TUESDAY 18th MARCH *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*

9.00am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH *Joseph of Nazareth*

9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Toddler Time 1.30pm Toddler Time

THURSDAY 20th MARCH *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*

9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David/Geoff Marchant)
11.15am Lent Course 7.30pm Lent Course 7.15pm PCC Meeting

FRIDAY 21st MARCH *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556*

9.00am Morning Prayer 1.30pm Crafty Natter
6.30pm Leighton Young Singers Club 6.30pm Trebles Choir Practice
7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH

9.00am Holy Communion with Healing (Rev. Alison)

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH

Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Preb. David/Geoff Huskisson)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist (Canon Malcolm) *(also live-streamed)*
- 11.30am Holy Baptism (Preb. David)
- 6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection (John Wallace)

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

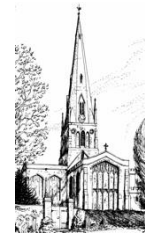
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Sunday 16th March 2025

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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.

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: 734

Setting: New English Folk Mass

Introit: 238

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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.

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4.1

Gradual Hymn: 339

Gospel: Luke 13: 31-end

Preacher: Canon Don

Intercessions: Stacey Major

Offertory Hymn: 439

Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem - Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.

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

Communion Hymn: 382

Post Communion: 476

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11.30am All Age Communion

Hymns: HON 139, 73, 311, 27, 153

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3.00pm Civic Service

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6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection

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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
Roger Collor, Denise Winsor-Jowet, Pauline Esmail-Scott.
John Brennan

RIP: Tony Kempson

Year's Mind: Jim Dell, Laura Fox, Rodney Austin, Amy Rumbelow,
Cora-Anne Ingram, Frank Scammell, Muriel Chandler

In our Team: Pray for local shops and businesses

In the World: Pray for World Bank and International Monetary Fund

In the Diocese: Pray for those training for Lay Ministry

In the Wider Church: Pray for the Church of the Province of the Congo

NOTICES:

APCM: Please send your APCM reports to parish@allsaintsfb.org.uk as soon as possible.

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.

PALM SUNDAY DONKEY: If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the donkey, please leave your donation in the Parish Office. It would be very much appreciated, as we begin to walk with our Lord.

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL 2025: Every six years all Church of England parishes are required to renew the Electoral Roll. The Roll is essentially a list of names and addresses of every person who can attend and vote at the Parish's Annual Meeting, and at any special or extra church meetings. It enables you to offer to serve on the PCC too. Importantly, it also affirms your commitment to the ministry of All Saints Church, sharing in its life, both spiritually (through prayer and participation in worship services in person or online), and practically (through involvement in the week-to-week activities, perhaps volunteering your time and talents). To join the new Electoral Roll, you are invited to complete a form by the 2nd May 2025, prior to the Parish's APCM. The forms are on the Sides person's table in church, and at the entrance to the Spire Café. If you are unable to collect a form, please let the Parish Office know, leaving your telephone number, and I will contact you. And don't hesitate to speak to the Clergy, Churchwardens, or myself, if you have a query. Liz Corbett 01525 372822.

JARS OF HOPE: If you heard John Wallace's sermon on the First Sunday of Lent, you may be wondering which charity to support during these forty days. This year, we are dedicating the Jars of Hope to **WaterAid** and the work they do to bring clean water to communities around the world. Labels for your collection jars (or envelopes if you prefer) are available on the sideman's table. Please bring your finished jars to church at Easter. Thank you for your generosity and support.

FLOWERS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY: We are looking for volunteers to help with daffodil bunching from 10am on Saturday 29th March. For more information please speak to Audrey Mason.

EASTER READINGS: Please sign up on the board in church if you would like to read at the Holy Week services including the Maundy Thursday Foot washing Service and Vigil. Do take a services card for Holy Week and one for a friend.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: We would be grateful if you would like to make a donation towards All Saints Easter flowers. Alternatively, why not donate a minimum of £2.00 (**per name**) towards a flower in memory of those who will not be celebrating Easter with us this year. All the names will be written up and placed in the South Transept. Please put your name and telephone number, together with the name of the person you would like remembered, with your donation in an envelope and hand into the office.

EASTER SUNDAY: Don't forget to bring your Bonnets for the Easter Parade!

JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES: We will be having a jewellery stall again at the Summer fete in July. If you have any unwanted jewellery & accessories (e.g. scarves & handbags) please give them to either Maggie or Pauline. Thank you. 07968746618.

LOST PROPERTY: There is a box of recently found items on the umbrella stand by the North Door. Lost property is usually kept in Lindsay's office.

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH AT 4PM IN ST BARNABAS CHURCH: The Linsdale Singers present 'Choral music to nurture the soul' - a short hour-long concert of thoughtful and uplifting choral music. Tea and cakes will be available after the concert in aid of St Barnabas Church. Tickets: £10 (under 18s free) available at the door or online in advance at www.linsdale.org.uk where further details can also be found.

EASTER/SPRING WREATH MAKING: Saturday 29th March 2pm – 4pm. Make an Easter wreath whilst enjoying refreshments at All Saints. Included: assistance; materials; tea, coffee and a selection of cakes. To book, speak to Margaret Wallace, Audrey Mason, Katrina Grant or Diane Bradfield. £20 per person minimum donation to ASG Malawi.

BIBLE BOOK CLUB: Friday 4th April, 7pm in the Chesterfield Room, upstairs in the Dorothy Hall suite. We will be discussing the gospel of Matthew. The one after that will be on the 2nd May and we will be discussing the Song of Solomon (Song of Songs) and Ecclesiastes. Both meetings may move to the Saunders Room downstairs on the ground floor up the external flight of steps if that proves easier for all!

During this season of lent I am following 40 days of devotion to Easter by David Cole. It is looking at the Celtic tradition including some of the very old Celtic traditions.

It draws on past letters, monastic rules and theological teaching. All the things that you want, to make you think, reflect, study and pray.

What has struck me so far is how difficult it can be to live life without so many possessions. Indeed, when we moved into the Vicarage last August it was slightly embarrassing as we had two massive removal lorries full of possessions and lots of plants!

Perhaps we might look at some of the possessions that we hold dear to us and ask, "do we really need this"? More importantly, we are called to shed some of the baggage that we spiritually carry around with us. I would argue that this can be just as difficult to shed.

Each week as our pilgrimage takes us nearer to the cross I encourage us all to look at ourselves and examine all those things which eat us up day after day and place them at the foot of the cross. Jesus died not for his sins, but our sins. He died because he loves us not because he condemns us.

I pray that your pilgrimage journey continues to be fruitful and you are feeling closer to God.

God Bless,
David

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Rest Day - Monday