

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH

Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist (*also live-streamed*)
11.30am Holy Baptism
6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection

MONDAY 24th MARCH *Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396*

9.30am-3.30pm Schools Holy Week Trail 7.45pm-9.30pm Bellringers Practice Night

TUESDAY 25th MARCH *The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am-3.30pm Schools Holy Week Trail
10.00am Leighton Rose Care Home Communion

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St. John the Baptist, 1883*

9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am-3.30pm Schools Holy Week Trail
9.30am Toddler Time 1.30pm Toddler Time

THURSDAY 27th MARCH

9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm)
11.15am Lent Course 11.30am-3.30pm Schools Holy Week Trail
7.30pm Lent Course

FRIDAY 28th MARCH

9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am-3.30pm Schools Holy Week Trail
6.30pm Leighton Young Singers Club 6.30pm Trebles Choir Practice
7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

SATURDAY 29th MARCH

9.00am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm) 10.00am Bunching Daffodils
2.00pm Easter Wreath Making

SUNDAY 30th MARCH **Mothering Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion (Canon Don/Laurelin Burge)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb David/Laurelin Burge) (*also live-streamed*)
11.30am All Age Communion with Pulford School (Preb. David)
6.00pm Stations of the Cross Reflection (Bill Webb)

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

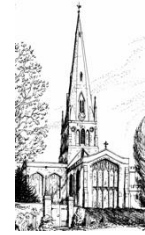
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Sunday 23rd March 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

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: 739

Setting: New English Folk Mass

Introit: 333

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Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 for ever.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Gradual Hymn: 360

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon

Intercessions: John Wallace

Offertory Hymn: 365

Anthem: Sicut cervus – Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

[Translation: As the hart longs for the water springs, so longs my soul for thee, O God.]

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

Communion Hymn: 379

Post Communion: 216

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11.30am Holy Baptism Kiana Chinemere Olaedo Chioma Ukwuoma

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

RIP: Tony Kempson, Liz Lemon

Year's Mind: Susan Lennard, Beth Durrington

In our Team: Pray for musicians and choristers of our churches

In the World: Pray for Asia

In the Diocese: Pray for Church in the Deanery of Watford

In the Wider Church: Pray for the Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong

NOTICES:

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.

APCM: Please send your APCM reports to parish@allsaintslb.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.

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.

EDUCATIONAL TRAILS: We are looking for an old pole-style gazebo (not the telescopic style) that we could repurpose for our school trails. Please speak to the office if you are able to help.

CONFIRMATION: If you are considering joining the adult or children's Confirmation Course, in preparation for the Confirmation Service on 1st June, please note the deadline to sign up is Mothering Sunday.

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!

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Rest Day - Monday

Dear Friends,

We're not quite halfway through Lent. How is it going? Are you beginning to feel you are on a journey towards the cross?

Perhaps you had lots of intentions and you've never quite got going or you might say you're having a good Lent and everything you had thought about in your preparations are coming to fruition.

Whatever your response to those questions, it's never too late to start Lent or to slightly change direction as we together, head towards the cross.

Perhaps you're beginning to notice a rhythm to your daily Lent. One of the main components of Lent is prayer. Prayer is an essential element of being a Christian and following Jesus. I would like to encourage you to try a rhythm of Daily Prayer over the coming days and weeks. This does not need to be a burden in our daily life, but time taken out to be with God. Our daily lives are often full and busy. The thought of adding yet another thing to our day can almost seem too much. A rhythm of life is something that I would encourage you to think about.

Here at All Saints, we have established that. Tuesday to Friday at 9 o'clock in the morning there is a rhythm of Daily Prayer. It doesn't matter if there are 2, 3, or more people praying together it is the fact that we are praying on behalf of the church and the town. Do come and join us. It comprises of scripture reading, a psalm and of course offering prayers for the world, the church, the town, the sick and giving thanks for those who have recently died or whose anniversary of their death it is. Believe you me there are some days when it's the last thing that I want to be doing because I have so many other things that need to be done, but it's that rhythm, that way of life, that becomes an important part of my daily life. I encourage you to try and set out a rhythm of prayer each day for the rest of lent.

May your journey towards the cross continue to be fruitful and inspiring.
God bless,
David