

## **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**

8am Holy Communion (Rev. Dave)  
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David) *also live-streamed*  
6pm Stations of the Cross (Geoff Marchant)

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY** Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c. 155

## **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

9am Morning Prayer    10am – 2pm Coffee Shop    7pm RBL Band Practice

## **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

9am Morning Prayer    9.30am Toddler Time    10am Leighton Rose Communion  
11am Pulford School Ash Wednesday Service

## **THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

9am Morning Prayer    10am Holy Communion (Rev. Topé)  
11.15am Lent Course

## **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

9am Morning Prayer    10am – 2pm Coffee Shop  
6.30pm Young Singers Club    6.30pm Treble Choir Practice  
7.30pm Full Choir Practice

## **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

9am Holy Communion with Healing (Canon Grant)    10am – 12noon Coffee Shop

## **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

8am Holy Communion BCP (Canon Grant/John Wallace)  
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Canon Grant/John Wallace) *also live-streamed*  
11.30am Messy Mass for Lent (Rev. Dave/Rev. Topé)  
2.30pm Bereavement Support Café  
6pm Stations of the Cross (Rev. Dave)

Lent 1

Lent 2

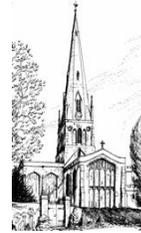
# **All Saints Parish Church, Leighton Buzzard**

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## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

### **First 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. Please notify a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. 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.

### **Meeting Julian of Norwich. A voice of hope.**

Dear friends, we begin our series of Christian Mystics for Lent with Julian of Norwich.

Living in 14<sup>th</sup> Century England during a time marked by plague, political unrest and uncertainty, Julian lived in the city of Norwich - choosing a life of prayer, solitude and spiritual council.

Around 1373, after a severe illness, she experienced a series of vivid visions centred on Christ's Love and suffering. From these revelations came her extraordinary book, Revelations of Divine Love, widely considered the first book in English known to have been written by a woman.

In it, Julian offers profound reflections on divine compassion, sin, suffering and hope. Her most famous assurance still resonates today, "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well".

What makes her so profound is her extraordinary understanding of suffering and salvation and her message of hope she offers is still with all of us today. Whether you are new to Julian or returning to her wisdom, I hope this journey throughout Lent will encourage and deepen your faith and widen your sense of God's compassionate love.

**Grace and peace  
David**

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

**Collect for the week:** 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 for ever.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER

*Sick:* Sheila Tate, Steve Cross, Valerie Jackson, Zachary Stewart and family, Chris Szczepanski, Chris Chase, Alan Gomersall, Doug & Denise Winsor-Jowett, Kath Mowbray

*RIP:* Shirley June Moore, Edward George Toms

*Year's Mind:* Dorothy Collor, Lilian Cowley, Madge Vincent, Denver Child Elsie Bates, Peggy King, Irene Scott, Tom Skevington, Ivy Francis

*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: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 11am.** Please send your APCM reports to parish@allsaintslb.org.uk as soon as possible.

**SICK LIST:** We will include names for a period of 4 weeks. After this time, please let the office know if you wish them to remain on the list for a further 4 weeks.

**NEW SERVERS:** New recruits will be made very welcome so if you would like to join our team then please have a chat with me or Lindsay. Thank you, Mike.

**TODDLER TIME:** Can anyone spare 1.5 to 2 hours on Wednesday mornings (term time) to serve refreshments at Toddler Time? Please contact Alison 07913 232007 or Jule 07954 148128 for more information.

**CONFIRMATION:** If you are interested in Confirmation, please complete the card available from the sidemen's table and return to the Parish Office before Easter Day.

**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.

**OPEN PLATE GIVING:** While we are grateful for all donations, we are trying to reduce the amount of cash that the Church has to manage. Please scan this QR code to securely donate to the Church on your phone – all donations are used to maintain the church and its services in the community. There is an option to increase your giving by Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer.



**LENT COURSE:** Led by Geoff Huskisson, starting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11.15am. The books suggested this year are: 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God' by The Archbishop of Canterbury and 'Draw near' Daily Reflections for Lent. For those signed up to the course, books have been ordered on your behalf, however Preb. David encourages you to use one or the other book (available online) during your Lent preparation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Sunday at 6pm during Lent, starting 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**BARN DANCE:** Come along to stomp the night away at All Saints' Preservation Trust Barn Dance on Saturday 7 March at St Leonard's Church Hall, Heath and Reach. Dancing starts at 7.30pm. Ploughman's supper provided, bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets £15, pay on the door; family tickets available, speak to James Legg or Stephen Edwards for these. Please reserve your tickets on Eventbrite, using QR code on posters in Coffee Shop or links on social media - this will help with catering arrangements.

**BIBLE BOOK CLUB:** The next Bible Book Club will meet at 7pm in the Saunders Room in St. Barnabas Church Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We will be discussing the book of Tobit in the Apocrypha.

**PULFORD PRE-SCHOOL:** The next prospective parents "stay and play" afternoon for Pulford Pre-School is 28<sup>th</sup> April, between 3.45pm and 4.15pm. No need to book – just turn up on the day. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

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Rest Day: Monday

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Rest Day: Friday

# First Sunday of Lent

## 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 94

*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 for ever.

**8.00am Holy Communion** Celebrant: Revd. Dave Preacher: Revd. Dave

Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3.1-7 or Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

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**9.30am Parish Eucharist** Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Preb. David

*Setting: New English Folk Mass*

*Hymn Book: HON*

Introit: 170

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3.1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Gradual Hymn: 442

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Intercessions: Revd. Topé

Offertory Hymn: 426

Anthem: Hear my Prayer - Mendelssohn

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear! Thyself from my petition do not hide!

Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee! Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide. The enemy shouteth, The godless come fast! Iniquity, hatred upon me they cast! The wicked oppress me, Ah, where shall I fly? Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry! My heart is sorely pained within my breast, My soul with deathly terror is oppressed, Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall, With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call! O for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove! In the wilderness build me a nest, And remain there for ever at rest.

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

Communion Hymn: 342

Post Communion: 174

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**6.00pm Stations of the Cross** Geoff Marchant