

SUNDAY 1st MARCH

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

MONDAY 2nd MARCH *Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop 11am – Funeral – Shirley Moore
2.30pm Bereavement Visitors Meeting 7pm RBL Band Practice

WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Toddler Time 1pm Lunch Club
8pm Baptism Preparation

THURSDAY 5th MARCH

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion (Canon Grant)
11.15am Lent Course

FRIDAY 6th MARCH

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

SATURDAY 7th MARCH *Perpetua, Felicity and companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203*

9am Holy Communion (Revd. Topé) 10am – 12noon Coffee Shop

SUNDAY 8th MARCH

8am Holy Communion (Preb. David/Revd. Topé)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Topé) *also live-streamed*
11.30am Holy Baptism (Revd. Topé)
3pm Civic Service (Preb. David)
6pm Stations of the Cross (Revd. Topé)

Lent 2

Lent 3

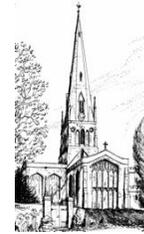
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Sunday 1st March 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

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.

I want to introduce you to Thomas Merton, a 20th century, monk, theologian and mystic.

He was born in France on January 31, 1915 to parents of Welsh origin: Owen Merton, formerly a New Zealand painter and Ruth Jenkins Merton, an American Quaker and artist whom he had met at a painting school in Paris. He was baptized in the Church of England, in accordance with his father's wishes. Ruth died when Merton was six years old. When Merton was eleven, his father enrolled him into a French Lycée but in the summer of 1928, he withdrew Merton from the Lycée, saying the family was moving to England.

As an 18 year old in 1933 Merton entered Clare College Cambridge; this proved to be not a good experience and in 1935 he moved back to USA and enrolled at Columbia University. He graduated in 1938 and was confirmed into the RC Church, but initially his desire to enter the monastic life was refused. A few years later he was accepted into the Franciscan order and occupied himself in various forms of writing, mainly of a spiritual nature. He was a sought after preacher, teacher and mentor.

On December 10, 1968, Merton was at a retreat in Samut Prakan, Bangkok, Thailand, attending a monastic conference. After giving a talk at the morning session, he was found dead later in the afternoon in the room of his cottage, electrocuted by a standing fan that had fallen across his body. He was buried at Gethsemani Abbey where he had begun his vocation as a monk.

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

John Wallace

Collect for the week: 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.

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, Alan Ronald Brandham

Year's Mind: Ron Colbert, Madge Taylor, Betty Wille, John MacGeoch, George Perry, Bunny Winter, Ivor Prewett, Audrey Cooper, Jean Goodyear

In our Team: Pray for Servers and Chalice Administrators

In the World: Pray for Africa

In the Diocese: Pray for Churches in the Deanery of Rickmansworth

In the Wider Church: Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

NOTICES

PREB DAVID will be on Retreat Monday 2nd March – Saturday 7th March inclusive. If you need a Priest during this time, please contact Revd. Topé.

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

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.

THANK YOU to all who supported the recent Craft Stall. The total raised was £90, which will be used to repair the church kneelers. The large Chancel ones need immediate attention; afterwards all in the church will be inspected. More information from Rosemary (374278/07985747120).

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Sunday at 6pm during Lent, starting 22nd 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 13th March. We will be discussing the book of Tobit in the Apocrypha.

BIG CLEAN FOR EASTER: Saturday 28th March 10am to 12 noon. If you can spare sometime on the Saturday to help clean and polish the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, it would be very much appreciated. Please sign up on the board in church.

PULFORD PRE-SCHOOL: The next prospective parents "stay and play" afternoon for Pulford Pre-School is 28th 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.

Team Rector: Preb. David MacGeoch

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Rest Day: Monday

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Rest Day: Friday

Second Sunday of Lent

Ist March

Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 97

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.

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: John Wallace

Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a or Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

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9.30am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Canon Grant Preacher: John Wallace

Setting: New English Folk Mass Hymn Book: NEH

Introit: 338 (omit v6)

1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a

2nd Reading: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gradual Hymn: 76

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

Intercessions: Geoff Marchant

Offertory Hymn: 148

Anthem: I give to you a new commandment - Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

[*Translation:*

Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.]

Amen.

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

Communion Hymn: 382

Post Communion: 375

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11.30am Messy Mass for Lent Revd. Dave/Revd. Topé

As printed in service order 601, 605, 194, 167, 570

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6.00pm Stations of the Cross Revd. Dave