

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints



Being Reconciled

The Samaritan woman has so much of what today we would call 'baggage' left over from her life and relationships. She is also socially unacceptable, so she has to come and collect water outside the normal times.

Jesus risks a scandal by even talking to this woman, let alone spending time with her alone. But - to use another modern turn of phrase - he don't care. All that matters to Jesus is modelling and passing on God's love. This is what it means to worship in spirit and truth, dependent not on the place or the person, but simply on God's reconciling love.

We know the price Jesus paid for simply letting people know they are reconciled to God and to each other. If we, the Church, had the simple courage to live God's reconciling love, to worship in spirit and truth - and to care about nothing else - we too might find more people to say *We have heard and believe that this is the Saviour of the world.*

Lent III (15th March 2020)

- 08.30 Said Mass
- 09.30 Matins (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong & Lent Address

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 16th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 13.00 Stations (St Leonard's)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 17th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 19th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 20th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21st March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Please remember to respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary

All are invited to share refreshments after Mass in the Saints Parish Centre across the churchyard.

LENT III - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn 439 (*t.i*)
Setting **Wood in C minor**
Collect Prayer

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. **Amen**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans **Romans 5.1-11**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn **76**

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to St John

Glory to you, O Lord **John 4.5-42**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place

where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn 294

Communion Motet Call to remembrance (*Richard Farrant*)

Postcommunion 305

Voluntary **Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt** (*BWV705 Bach*)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Lent Prose 507

Responses Stewart

Hymn 73

Psalm 40

First Lesson Joshua 1.1-9

Office Hymn 82

Canticles *Andreas fauxbourdons*

Second Lesson Ephesians 6.10-20

Anthem *Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley)*

Hymn 472 (*t.ii*)

Offertory Hymn 392

Voluntary **Chorale Prelude on Caswall** (*Hurford*)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 15th March - Lent III

- Diocesan Finance Team
- ◇ The Church of England
- ✦ *Brian Cooper, Priest*

Monday 16th March

- Hon Asst Bishops, Jack Nicolls and Tim Ellis
- ◇ Maseno N (Kenya); Utah (TEC); Honduras (TEC)

Tuesday 17th March - Patrick

- The work of the Street Pastors
- ◇ Maseno S (Kenya); Uyo (Nigeria); Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong)

Wednesday 18th March

- Matlock Bath, Holy Trinity
- ◇ Maseno W (Kenya); Valparaiso (Chile)
- ✦ *Jack Andrews; George Little*

Thursday 19th March - Joseph of Nazareth

- Cromford, St Mary
- ◇ Masindi-Kitara (Uganda); Vanuatu (Melanesia); Vermont (TEC)
- ✦ *Sylvia Hancock*

Friday 20th March - Cuthbert

- Darley, St Helen
- ◇ Massachusetts (TEC); Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania)
- ✦ *John Payne; George Bossley, Priest*

Saturday 21st March - Thomas Cranmer

- South Darley, St Mary the Virgin
- ◇ Masvingo (Cen Africa); Virgin Islands (TEC); Hpa-an (Myanmar)
- ✦ *Brian Hancock*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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✦ *Winnie Walker, RIP*

✦ *Paul Berresford, RIP*

Lent 2020

Please take away, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the opportunities on offer for the observance of Lent this year - and take some more to share with your friends and neighbours!

Gift Shop

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book (*Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio) is now in stock, together with Mothering Sunday and Easter Cards.

The Family-Foljambe - Important Notice

Please note that, as a precautionary measure, the presentation that was due to take place next Saturday has been postponed. A new date will be arranged as soon as possible.

Next Sunday - 22nd March - Mothering Sunday

08.30 Said Mass

09.30 Matins (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Ephesians 5.8-14
John 9

18.30 Choral Evensong with Lent Address

Readings: Psalm 31.1-16
Micah 7
James 5

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