

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**



**Lent V
Passion Sunday
(29th March 2020)**

While we are not permitted to use the church building, this does not mean that the church's business has ground to a halt.

The work of prayer is ongoing, and everyone can be part of the great wave of prayer for healing, for the welfare of health workers, all the caring professions, and all who are responsible for the safety and security of this town, nation and the world at large.

The work of support and service is ongoing, not only through telephone support but also through those people who are volunteering to help friends, neighbours and those in need.

Services are taking place at the following times each day:

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Mass (streamed)

4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
(streamed)

Streamed services may be found on [facebook.com/chesterfieldcrookedspire](https://www.facebook.com/chesterfieldcrookedspire)

Stay safe, stay well, and keep in touch!

Waking the Dead

Jesus moves from teaching and symbolic actions to the real thing.

The progression of great miracles in John's gospel, and the teaching that goes with them, are all about the meaning of Jesus's presence, and they all meet with incredulity or downright lack of understanding.

Surely the raising of Lazarus has to be different? You would have thought so; but it doesn't seem to persuade the leaders and trend-setters among the people.

Jesus is still bringing life from death all around us. How long does it take us before we 'get it' and take notice?

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Collect Prayer

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.'

John 11.1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 29th March - Lent V - Passion Sunday

- The Archdeacon of Derby, Ven Dr Christopher Cunliffe
- ◇ For prayer and repentance
- ✦ *Noreen Duffill*

Monday 30th March

- The Sub-Wardens for Readers
- ◇ Mbamili (Nigeria); Wau and Ibba (S Sudan)

Tuesday 31st March - John Donne

- Those who feel they have failed to follow faithfully this Lent
- ◇ Mbeere (Kenya); Wellington (ANZ & P); Ida (Nigeria)
- ✦ *Georgie Wood; Simon French; Maureen Gordon*

Wednesday 1st April - Frederick Denison Maurice

- Wirksworth, St Mary
- ◇ Mbhashe (Sn Africa); Wernyol (S Sudan)
- ✦ *Mary Webb*

Thursday 2nd April

- Carsington, St Margaret
- ◇ Meath & Kildare (Ireland); W Ankole (Uganda); W Buganda (Uganda)
- ✦ *John William Dobbs; Gertrude Ellis*

Friday 3rd April

- Elton, All Saints
- ◇ Medak (S India); W Lango (Uganda)

Saturday 4th April

- All preparing to speak of the Easter message
- ◇ Melbourne (Australia); W Missouri (TEC)
- ✦ *Albert Phipps; Ivy Rosling; George Wilson*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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John Bramer RIP

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If you can't hear anything, check that the audio is on, and also that the sound is turned up.

You can also find Morning and Evening Prayer on the Church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

If you need support in prayer or any other way please contact the team on 01246 206506 or contact@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 5th April - Lent VI - Palm Sunday

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