

Chesterfield Parish Church

Saint Mary & All Saints

BE SILENT!

Elisha tells the prophets from Bethel to shut up, partly because he doesn't need to be told, and partly because there is need for quiet and space for Elisha, the prophets, and the people to understand what the passing of Elijah means for them.

We live in an age where everyone is expected to have a view on everything, and is expected to be able and willing to express it.

There are times when words are not required, and when only silence can do justice to a situation. Being busy or talking a lot are neither of them going to bring us any nearer to God during the forthcoming period of Lent.

If during the various lockdowns you have had to learn how to sit in silence, instead of a pain it could actually be a blessing. Of course silence leaves room for thoughts and ideas that should not be there, but it also leaves room for the thoughts and ideas that come from God, and it also strips out the clamouring self which likes nothing more than to shout out to the exclusion of everything and everyone else—including the God who longs to be at the heart of our very being.

LET THIS LENT BE A TIME WHEN SPACE AND SILENCE PREPARE THE WAY FOR GOD'S NEW LIFE IN EACH OF US, AND IN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH TO WHICH WE BELONG.

Quinquagesima (14th February 2021)

10.30 Sung Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 15th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 16th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Friday 19th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 20th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

***Please note revised Mass times
for Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays.***

***Mass on Wednesdays and
Sundays is live-streamed on
Facebook, and also uploaded to
the Crooked Spire YouTube
channel.***

QUINQUAGESIMA - SUNG MASS

Collect Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Kings

2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

*For the time being there will be no
Choral Evensong on a Sunday*

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 14th February - Quinquagesima

- Those hoping to be married in church in 2021
- ♦ The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Mabel Joyce Ellis*

Monday 15th February - Sigfrid; Thomas Bray

- St Leonard, Monyash
- ♦ South Ankole - Province of Uganda
- ✦ *Leonard Childs, Priest*

Tuesday 16th February

- St Giles, Hartington
- ♦ West Ankole - Province of Uganda
- ✦ *Grace Mary Gordon*

Wednesday 17th February - Ash Wednesday

- A renewed sense of God's love for us
- ♦ Antananarivo - Province of the Indian Ocean
- ✦ *Maud Birks; Anne Wear*

Thursday 18th February

- St Peter, Fairfield
- ♦ Antsiranana - Province of the Indian Ocean
- ✦ *James Eric Leech; John Rollinson, Priest*

Friday 19th February

- St Thomas Becket, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- ♦ Araucanía - Anglican Church of Chile
- ✦ *Phoebe Holden; Stephen Christopher Harrison*

Saturday 20th February

- St George, New Mills
- ♦ The Arctic - Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *William Gordon Wheeler, Bishop*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ♦ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David Staves; Laura; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; Margaret; Ray Hearn; Tom Pierce; Anthony & Katie; members of the Wolf-Kidd family; Valerie Alice Seeney; Lewis Glossop; Daisy Wallis; Lodovico Mirani; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones

Lent 2021

The booklet with prayers and ideas for Lent, together with some ash for Ash Wednesday (17th February), has now been posted to everyone on the Electoral Roll. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive this material, please email contact@crookedspire.org, or telephone 01246 206506, in both cases giving your address so the material can be posted.

Weekday access to the church building is severely limited during the roofing and lighting works, which will last until the end of March.

COVID19 HAS DEFINITELY NOT GONE AWAY, AND ALL THE MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INFECTION STILL CANNOT ELIMINATE IT. PLEASE, IF YOU ARE ILL STAY AT HOME; IF YOU ARE VULNERABLE IN ANY WAY, PLEASE ALSO STAY HOME; IF YOU ARE UNSURE, STAY HOME FOR THE TIME BEING.

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

Next Sunday - 21st February - Lent I

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17
Mark 1.9-15



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