

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

The time is fulfilled

There is a three-fold movement in today's Gospel passage: Jesus is recognised and affirmed by his Father; he goes into the wild parts of the world where he is made to fall back onto his relationship with the Father as a result of the severe temptations of Satan; he appears and immediately tells all who will listen that the time is fulfilled.

To fulfil the time is to accept recognition and praise from God alone, and to know and reject the emptiness of the blandishments of the world, together with the temptations to replace God with the things of creation, or even to set ourselves in the place of God.

Lent is a time when our relationship with God can be fulfilled by repentance and faith in the good news of Jesus. Our human nature shares the need Jesus had to discover the emptiness of a world without God. Since by adoption through baptism we have come to share the divine nature itself in the depth of our being, we are able to choose repentance and rejoice in the Good News.

**GOD AFFIRMS EACH ONE OF US TODAY.
DO WE HAVE THE STEADFASTNESS TO
FOLLOW JESUS INTO THE DESERT AND TO
EMERGE WITH THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT
THE TIME IS
FULFILLED?**



Lent 1 (21st February 2021)

10.30 Sung Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 22nd February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 23rd February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 24th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Friday 26th February

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 27th 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.***

LENT I - SUNG MASS

Collect Prayer

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. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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 21st February - Lent 1

- Retired clergy and those with PTO
- ♦ Church of the Province of Central Africa
- ✦ Ian Roberts

Monday 22nd February

- St James & St Luke, Whitfield
- ♦ Argentina - Anglican Church of South America
- ✦ John William Hallam; Gwenneth Griffiths

Tuesday 23rd February - Polycarp

- St Lawrence, Eyam
- ♦ Northern Argentina - Ang Church of S America
- ✦ Sydney James Bartle

Wednesday 24th February

- St Anne, Baslow; St Hugh, Foolow
- ♦ Argyll & The Isles - Scottish Episcopal Church

Thursday 25th February

- St John the Baptist, Buxton
- ♦ Arizona - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ Joseph Poole; Harold Franklin

Friday 26th February

- General Synod meeting this weekend
- ♦ Arkansas - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ Frank Marrian

Saturday 27th February - George Herbert

- Writers of hymns & poetry;
The Royal School of Church Music
- ♦ Armagh - The Church of Ireland
- ✦ William Oldfield
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ♦ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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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 Courses 2021

Fr James invites you to join him on Zoom each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm to pray and reflect on the Passion according to St Mark, which is this year's Passion Reading for Palm Sunday. Please contact him on curate@crookedspire.org to get the link for these sessions. It is also possible to join by telephone, and details of this can be obtained by calling 01246 206506.

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 - 28th February - Lent II

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16
Mark 8.31-end



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