

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

The Things of God

Peter is in many ways the ‘reality check’ of the Gospels—the one who comes out with the most human responses, and who needs some time before he can grasp what it means to think and act in the way God does.

Constantly getting it wrong, and thereby also denying even that he knows Jesus when it comes to the crunch, let us not forget that it is Peter’s faith on which Jesus chooses to build his Church.

This means that from the start we need to get rid of the pervasive impression that the Church is either called or intended to be perfect. If God has chosen to place the treasures of faith and witness in earthen vessels, is it for us either to reject those vessels as imperfect, or to try building our own vessels in some material that looks rather more precious to us, yet has not been chosen of God?

THE WORDS OF JESUS REPORTED BY MARK, REPUTEDLY FROM THE REMINISCENCES OF PETER HIMSELF, ARE CLEAR: IF WE TAKE IT ON OURSELVES TO BE ASHAMED OF THE WORDS JESUS SPEAKS THROUGH THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH, NOW AND IN ALL ITS GENERATIONS, THERE ARE ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES.



Lent II (28th February 2021)

10.30 Sung Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 1st March

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd March

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 3rd March

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Holy Communion (BCP)
16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 4th March

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Friday 5th March

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 6th March

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 II - SUNG MASS

Collect Prayer

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. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Genesis Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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 8.31-end

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 28th February - Lent II

- Ven Carol Coslett, Archdeacon of Chesterfield
- ♦ Can Peter Whalley, Act Archdeacon of Derby
- ♦ The Anglican Church in Central America
- ✦ James Henry Stockton

Monday 1st March - David

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- ♦ Armidale - The Anglican Church of Australia

Tuesday 2nd March - Chad

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- ♦ Arochukwu/Ohafia - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Charles Hunt

Wednesday 3rd March

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- ♦ Aru - The Anglican Church of the Congo
- ✦ Dennis Broomhead; Gweneth Joliffe

Thursday 4th March

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- ♦ Asaba - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Ray Allen; David Bowler; Barbara May Morton

Friday 5th March

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- ♦ Asante-Mampong - The Church of West Africa
- ✦ Harold Peters; Freda Windle

Saturday 6th March

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- ♦ Saint Asaph - The Church in Wales
- 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; Daisy Wallis; Lodovico Mirani; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones; Audrey Fretwell; Tony Ragan

✦ Lewis Glossop, RIP

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 - 7th March - Lent III

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Exodus 20.1-17
John 2.13-22



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