## Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

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Learning the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer were until recently a requirement in the Christian education of all young people in all shades and varieties of Christian communities, and for that matter in primary and elementary schools.

The reformed liturgy of the Church of England demanded the repeated reading of those texts, and the display of them prominently in every church. Why?

Because they represent where we come from, what we believe, and how we pray. Or if you prefer, they are a moral compass, a touchstone for faith, and a guide for prayer.

The decline in the importance and learning of these texts goes alongside the decline in the practice of the faith. It's hard to work out whether one decline causes the other, but it is surely clear that without a straightforward basis for faith and Christian living the future of the Church is severely compromised.

ONLY JESUS CAN RAISE UP THE TEMPLE OF FAITH ONCE HUMANITY HAS DESTROYED IT. THE BASIC TEACHING AND GUIDANCE GOD HAS GIVEN US THROUGH JESUS REMAINS A SURE FOUNDATION FOR THE CHURCH, NOW

AND IN THE FUTURE.



# Lent III (7th March 2021)

10.30 Sung Mass

#### ALSO THIS WEEK:

## Monday 8th March

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

## Tuesday 9th March

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

## Wednesday 10th March

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

### Thursday 11th March

09.00 Morning Praver

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

## Friday 12th March

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

## Saturday 13th 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 III - SUNG MASS**

## **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 the Book of Exodus

Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

# Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John Glory to you, O Lord John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, doves, and the money-changers seated tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

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

#### **Prayer Intentions This Week:**

#### Today 7th March - Lent III

- The Diocesan Registry Team
- Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo
- ♦ Ethel Nicol; Winifred Emily Redfern

#### Monday 8th March - Edward King

- St Leonard, Thorpe
- ♦ Athabasca Anglican Church of Canada
- ♦ Geoffrey Hare Clayton, bishop; Alfred Bates

#### Tuesday 9th March

- The Diocesan Property and DAC Teams
- ♦ Athooch Episcopal Church of South Sudan

#### Wednesday 10th March

- · St Giles, Matlock
- ♦ Atlanta The Episcopal Church
- ♦ Lily Bradford; John Thacker; Frank Andrews

#### Thursday 11th March

- · Christ Church, Lea and Holloway
- ♦ Auckland Anglican Church in ANZ & Polynesia

#### Friday 12th March

- . St John the Baptist, Dethick
- North West Australia Ang Church of Australia
- ♦ Joseph Gascoyne; Shirley Band; Eileen Locke

#### Saturday 13th March

- Those preparing for Baptism or Confirmation
- ♦ Aweil Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ♦ Dora Renshaw
- 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; Tony Ragan

- **†**Lewis Glossop, RIP
- ♦ Audrey Fretwell, RIP
- ♦ Luciano Merlì. 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 - 14th March - Mothering Sunday

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Numbers 21.4-9 John 3.14-21

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