

## Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

### **H**ow to Heal

The bronze serpent heals the people of Israel from the snake-bites, and, most important, it heals them from their disobedience to God and to Moses.

The motto of the school where I was educated was (I hope still is...) *Serve and Obey*. Disobedience was dealt with quickly and often brutally, and it was often similar at home, given that both my parents were brought up in households where obedience was expected, and when it was not received, the rod was not spared.

Rods, serpents and other things are during the Exodus instruments of both punishment and healing, and the Exodus itself is in some ways a journey between the two, from the punishment of exile in Egypt to the healing of the Promised Land.

The painful and unwelcome corrections of this life can come over as cruel punishment, yet within the embracing arc of God's love they become a spur to healing and reconciliation. God sent his Son not to condemn the world but that the world may be saved.

**JUST AS A MOTHER'S LOVE (HOWEVER  
HARSH OR STARK) CAN  
BRING HEALING, SO THE  
LOVE OF GOD BRINGS  
HEALING ESPECIALLY  
WHEN HUMAN  
BROKENNESS IS AT ITS  
MOST PAINFUL.**



## Lent IV Mothering Sunday (14th March 2021)

10.30      Sung Mass

### **ALSO THIS WEEK:**

#### **Monday 15th March**

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### **Tuesday 16th March**

09.00 Morning Prayer

16.00 Evening Prayer

16.30 Requiem Mass for

Audrey Fretwell

#### **Wednesday 17th March**

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### **Thursday 18th March**

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### **Friday 19th March**

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

#### **Saturday 20th 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 IV - MOTHERING SUNDAY - SUNG MASS**

### **Collect Prayer**

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
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 Numbers**

### **Numbers 21.4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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 3.14-21**

Jesus said, 'And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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 14th March - Lent IV - Mothering Sunday

- The work of the Mothers' Union
- All mothers, mother figures and mothers-to-be
- ♦ The Anglican Church of Chile
- ✦ *Mabel Annie Pain*

### Monday 15th March

- Assistant Bishops Jack Nicolls and Tim Ellis
- Bishop of Ebbsfleet's rep Stephen Jones
- ♦ Aweril - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Brian Cooper, Priest*

### Tuesday 16th March

- Holy Trinity, Matlock Bath
- ♦ Awgu/Aninri - The Church of Nigeria

### Wednesday 17th March - Patrick

- For those unable to get to church
- ♦ Awka - The Church of Nigeria

### Thursday 18th March - Cyril

- St Mary, Cromford
- ♦ Awori - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Jack Andrews; George Little*

### Friday 19th March - Joseph of Nazareth

- All fathers and father figures
- ♦ Ayod - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Sylvia Ruth Hancock*

### Saturday 20th March - Cuthbert

- Diocesan Synod
- ♦ Badagry - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *John Payne; George Bossley, Priest*
- 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; Greta Hutchinson

✦ *Lewis Glossop, RIP*

✦ *Audrey Fretwell, RIP*

✦ *Luciano Merli, RIP*

✦ *Mark Wheeler, 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](mailto: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](mailto:contact@crookedspire.org)

## Next Sunday - 21st March - Lent V -

### Passion Sunday

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34  
John 12.20-33



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