

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**

Facing the Future

The Church often seems like a rabbit caught in the headlights, frozen in the anticipation of inevitable decline or collapse.

Decline is not inevitable, but it will be if we allow the basic fabric of Christian living to freeze as well.

Habits of daily prayer, reading the scriptures, and carrying out works of mercy and service—these things are never outdated, and they should never take second place to initiatives and projects, however bright, shiny and exciting these may be.

Without the acts that go with our fine words, without the simple works of love and service, there is no future for the Church or for Christianity, for without these anything that remains will simply not be Christian.



Rabbit in the headlights

Trinity III

(20th June 2021)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 09.30 Mass (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 21st June

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 22nd June

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 23rd June

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th June

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Lunchtime Recital
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 25th June

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 26th June

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

TRINITY III - CHORAL MASS

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 First Book of Samuel 1 Sam 17.32-49

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.'

But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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 4.35-end

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

CHORAL EVENSONG

Psalm(s): 104

First Lesson: Jeremiah 10.1-16

Second Lesson: Romans 11.25-end

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 20th June - Trinity IV

- All fathers and father figures
- ♦ The Church of North India (United)
- ✦ Betty Crofts

Monday 21st June

- Patience & wisdom during ongoing restrictions
- ♦ Chotanagpur - Church of North India

Tuesday 22nd June - Alban

- St Anne, Derby
- ♦ Christ the King - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ✦ Joan Allsopp

Wednesday 23rd June - Etheldreda

- St Matthew, Darley Dale
- ♦ Christchurch - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- ✦ Lucy Ann Alvey
- ✦ Kevin Fretwell

Thursday 24th June - Birth of John the Baptist

- St Nicholas, Allestree
- ♦ Chubu - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- ✦ Mary Moore

Friday 25th June

- Order of the Black Sheep BMO, Chesterfield
- ♦ Clogher - The Church of Ireland

Saturday 26th June

- Those being ordained as priests in Derby today
- ♦ Diocese on the Coast - The Church of Nigeria
- 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; members of the Wolf-Kidd family; Valerie Alice Seeney; Daisy Wallis; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones; Tony Ragan; Richard Harrison; Baby Thea; Liz Parker; Julie Weeks

✦ Robert Marriott, RIP

✦ Bob Young, RIP

Lunchtime Recitals

The next organ recital is on Thursday 24th June with Mary Cobbold, 12.15pm - 1.00pm. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the music fund.

Roofing & Lighting Work

The work is all finally complete, and there is enough money in the pot for repairs on the remaining leaks over the organ and in the sacristy. Work will be carried out on these areas in the coming weeks. An act of Thanksgiving and Dedication will take place later in the summer.

Next Sunday - 27th June - Trinity IV

08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-end
Mark 5.21-end

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 126-131
Jeremiah 11.1-14
Romans 13.1-10

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