

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

Believing the Impossible

It isn't hard to understand the frustration of the people of Israel in the desert. Moses has told them that God will look after them, will feed and water them, will lead them into a land filled with milk and honey—and here they are, hungry, thirsty and bored in the desert.

Throughout the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land the people find it hard to see where they are going and what they are doing. It could almost be a parable for today's Church.

Yet God walked with them all the way. God kept the promises made to Moses. God even brought water from the bare rock for them.

If you get hungry, thirsty or bored on the Church's pilgrimage through life, you might well open your eyes to see where today God is bringing water from the rock—just for you!



**LENT III
(12th March 2023)**

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong
with Lent Address

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 13th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 14th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 PCC, Saints

Wednesday 15th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 11.00 Gospel Reading - Mark
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 16th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 17.00 Evening Prayer
- 17.30 Mass

Friday 17th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 18th March

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

LENT III - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn:

216

Setting:

Darke in F

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 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn:

360

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 4.5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 376

Communion Motet: Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (*Richard Farrant*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 394

Voluntary: Sonata IV (3rd movement) (*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH LENT ADDRESS

Lent Prose: 507

Responses: Stewart

Hymn: 471

Psalm(s): 40

First Lesson: Joshua 1.1-9

Office Hymn: 449

Canticles: Stanford in B flat

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6.10-20

Anthem: Call to remembrance (*Richard Farrant*)

Hymn: 253

Voluntary: Psalm Prelude Set 1 no. 1 (*Herbert Howells*)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 12th March - Lent III

- Benefice of Allestree St Edmund and Darley Abbey
- ◇ The Church of South India (United)
- ✦ Joseph Gascoyne; Shirley Band; Eileen Locke

Monday 13th March

- Benefice of Alsop-en-le-Dale, Fenny Bentley, Thorpe, Tissington and Parwich
- ◇ Rio de Janeiro - The Episcopal Church of Brazil
- ✦ Dora Renshaw

Tuesday 14th March

- The Parish Support staff at Church House
- ◇ Rio Grande - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ Mabel Pain

Wednesday 15th March

- Benefice of Allestree St Nicholas and Quarndon
- ◇ Riverina - The Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ Brian Cooper, priest

Thursday 16th March

- Benefice of Alvaston
- ◇ Rochester (UK) - The Church of England
- ✦ Alex Fraser

Friday 17th March - Patrick

- Benefice of Ambergate with Heage
- ◇ Rochester (USA) - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ Vera Ecclestone

Saturday 18th March - Cyril

- Members of Diocesan Synod gathering together
- ◇ Rockhampton - The Anglican Church of Australia
- ✦ Jack Andrews; George Little

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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✦ David Donaldson

✦ Mary Croft

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC will be on Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Saints Parish Centre.

Lent Information

The leaflet containing information for Lent is available at the back of church.

Services at Saint Leonard's have reduced to twice a month. Morning Prayer will be at 9.30 a.m. on the **second** and **fourth** Sunday of each month, with Mass only very occasionally. It is hoped that this situation will only be temporary but it can be expected that it will not change before the summer.

Next Sunday - 19th March - Mothering Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: 1 Samuel 16.1-13
John 9

18.30 Choral Evensong with Lent Address
Readings: Psalm(s) 31.1-16
Micah 7
James 5

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