

Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints

Nurturing
Mothers bring
children into the world and
nurture them; and because
the Church does the same
for the world spiritually it is
often called Mother
Church.

***We—the Church—fulfil
that calling only when we
seek to nurture the people
and the community we
serve. If it seems like that
isn't the case, then the
question isn't just what has
gone wrong—it's what are
we doing to put it right?!***



**LENT IV
MOTHERING SUNDAY
(19th March 2023)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 Choral Mass
18.30 Choral Evensong
with Lent Address

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 20th March

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 21st March

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd March

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

Thursday 23rd March

09.00 Morning Prayer
17.00 Evening Prayer
17.30 Mass

Friday 24th March

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 25th March

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer
19.30 Mozart 'Requiem' and
Bach 'Magnificat'*
Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir*

**Ticketed Event - Contact Organisers*

LENT IV / MOTHERING SUNDAY - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn:

332

Setting:

Merbecke

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 First Book of Samuel

1 Samuel 16.1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Gradual Hymn:

457

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 9

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?'

Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains'.

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 55

Communion Motet: Have mercy upon me (*Thomas Tomkins*)

Post-Communion Hymn: 354

Voluntary: Pæan (*Percy Whitlock*)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 19th March - Lent IV / Mothering Sunday

- Readers, especially for those being licensed today
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ✦ *Sylvia Hancock*

Monday 20th March - Joseph of Nazareth

- Benefice of Ashbourne St Oswalds, Mappleton and Ashbourne St John
- ◇ Rokon - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *John Payne; George Bossley, priest*

Tuesday 21st March - Thomas Cranmer

- Benefice of Bakewell, Ashford in the Water, Sheldon and Rowsley
- ◇ Rorya - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Brian Hancock; Annie Silcock*

Wednesday 22nd March

- Benefice of Ashover, Brackenfield and Wessington
- ◇ Ruaha - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Evelyn Lewis*

Thursday 23rd March

- Ben of Ashton on Trent, Elvaston, Weston on Trent, Shardow, Barrow on Trent, Twyford & Swarkestone
- ◇ Ziwa (Lake) Rukwa - Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Andrew Smith*

Friday 24th March - Walter Hilton of Thurgarton; Paul Couturier; Oscar Romero

- Benefice of Hulland, Atlow, Kniveton, Bradley and Hognaston
- ◇ Rumbek - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *John Birks; Jack Harding; Annie Clark*

Saturday 25th March - The Annunciation

- Benefice of Ault Hucknall and Scarcliffe
- ◇ Rumonge - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- ✦ *Alice Hopkinson; Winston Brown*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson;
Jean Madin; Kenneth Hughes; Valerie Alice
Seeney; Colin Hutson; Susan Barber; Judith Dixon;
Christopher Cain; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton;
Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates

✦ *David Donaldson*

✦ *Mary Croft*

✦ *Alice Martin*

Lent Information

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

Easter Flower Arrangement Pedestals

Easter pedestals are again available for sponsorship. Sorry, but the wholesale price of flowers has risen so dramatically that sponsorship has had to increase to £40. Please contact Dorothy Turner on 07974 829350

Church Electoral Roll

Being on the Electoral Roll enables you to help choose representatives on PCC, Deanery Synod etc. Application forms for new members are now available from the Sacristy or the Gift Shop.

Services at Saint Leonard's have reduced for the time being. 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.

Next Sunday - 26th March - Passion Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14
John 11.1-45

18.30 Choral Evensong with Lent Address

Readings: Psalm(s) 30
Lamentations 3.19-33
Matthew 20.17-end

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