

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

How to be Blessed

The English language is quite scared of using intimate terms when speaking about God. The impulse behind this can be good: after all, we don't want to find ourselves claiming to be God or to have more of an insight than we actually do into God's life.

Translators struggle with the basic words included in the versions of the Beatitudes found in both Matthew and Luke's gospel accounts. In fact, neither the traditional 'blessed' nor the more modern 'happy' really cut the mustard.

What Jesus is saying is that those described as 'blessed' are filled with God. Not some attribute of God—presence, grace or such like—but simply God. And in Luke's account the ones who are cursed are the ones who are not filled with God.

GOD LONGS TO BE ALIVE IN YOU AND ME—DON'T KEEP GOD AT ARM'S LENGTH!

‘The **WORLD** is filled with God's **GLORY**. You can't turn without **BUMPING** into it.’
— R.C. SPROUL

Septuagesima (16th February 2025)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15

TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

THURSDAY Funeral of Andrea Sutcliffe
11.15

Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30
Choral Evensong 16.30

NEXT SUNDAY See back page

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

LENT AND EASTER

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

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

SEPTUAGESIMA

CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 336

Setting: Darke in E

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Gradual Hymn: 561

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 6.17-26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 359

Communion Motet: *Sicut cervus*
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)

Post-Communion Hymn: 479

Voluntary: Finale (Symphony no.3) (Louis Vierne)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Sanders

Psalm(s): 5 & 6

First Lesson: Wisdom 11.21-12.11

Office Hymn: 444

Canticles: Dyson in C

Second Lesson: Galatians 4.8-20

Anthem: The Father's Love (Simon Lole)

Hymn: 503 (*t.i*)

Voluntary: Elegy (George Thalben Ball)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 16th February - Septuagesima

- For the diocesan vision and strategy
- ◊ The Church of Bangladesh
- ✦ *Grace Gordon; Joseph Davis*

Monday 17th February - Janani Lwum

- For the Bishop's Council Meeting today
- ◊ Lweru - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Maud Birks; Anne Wear; Brian Ecclestone;*
Dorothy Hurst

Tuesday 18th February

- Parish of St Peter's Chellaston
- ◊ Macau - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- ✦ *James Leech; John Rollinson, priest;*
Peter Rhodes, priest

Wednesday 19th February

- Parish of St. Alkmund and St. Werburgh Derby
- ◊ Machakos - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Phoebe Holden; Stephen Harrison*

Thursday 20th February

- Parish of St Anne, Derby
- ◊ Maciene - The Anglican Church of Mozambique
and Angola
- ✦ *Gordon Wheeler, bishop*

Friday 21st February

- Parish of St Barnabas Derby
- ◊ Madhya Kerala - Church of South India (United)
- ✦ *Ian Roberts*

Saturday 22nd February

- Parish of St. Bartholomew and St. Luke Derby
- ◊ Madi and West Nile - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *John Hallam; Gwenneth Griffiths*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Iain Faulkner; Venerable Karen Hamblin; Revd
John Pinder-Packard; Revd Steven Tricklebank

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(a duty priest is available 24/7)

Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

Churchwardens: John Hague
Colin McKenna

Organist & Choirmaster:
Peter Shepherd choir@crookedspire.org

Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean
Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul
Bates; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Barbara Carter;
David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Imelda Davies;
Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Les & Lynn
Metcalf; Jackie Turner; David McGhie; Shirley
Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy;
June Robinson; Joe Martin; Rosemary Cain

✦ *Andrea Sutcliffe, RIP*

✦ *Roxanne, RIP*

European Cathedral Singers

It is a delight to welcome the European Cathedral
Singers as Choir in Residence next weekend,
leading worship at Choral Evensong on Saturday
at 4.30pm in addition to Choral Mass and Choral
Evensong on Sunday at the usual times.

'Premiere Variety Show' at the Saints

Friday 28th February, 6pm - 9ish. Tickets for this
fun evening are £10 to include first drink, pie
supper and dessert, plus entertainment provided
by our in-house talent. There is still time to offer a
'turn' (musical or otherwise) - please contact Peter
Shepherd.

Further dates for your diary (details to follow):

Saturday 1st March

12 noon - 2pm: 'Come and be a chorister'

Saturday 8th March

1pm - 4pm: Organ Workshop - Come & Play!

Friday 18th April

Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion. Rehearsals
4.30pm, public performance 7pm.

Next Sunday - 23rd February - Sexagesima (The European Cathedral Singers in residence)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end
Luke 8.22-25

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 147
Genesis 1.1-2.3
Matthew 6.25-end

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