

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

God's Covenant of Faithful Love

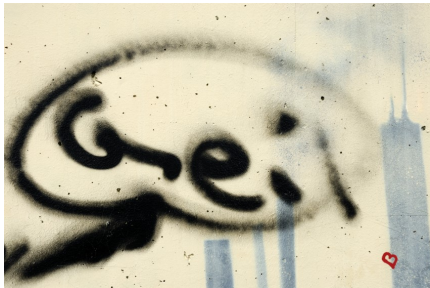
The scripture readings we have before us today speak of God's faithfulness in very different ways.

It's a reminder that God is happy to get into our shoes and to address us in terms we can understand.

I don't suppose we would respond very positively to the idea of a multiple animal sacrifice as a sign that God is with us, but for Abram it meant just that.

What would be a sign of God's loving faithfulness for us today—and for you in particular?

You might be surprised, shocked, or even scandalised by the ways God chooses to work in our age—especially if you can't see beyond the past, or beyond your own needs. God still puts himself in the shoes of those who need God's love most.



**Lent II
(16th March 2025)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

18.30 Choral Evensong & Lent Address

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 Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

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.

LENT II
CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 100

Setting: Darke in E

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Genesis Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

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

Gradual Hymn: 91 (*t.26*)

Pre-Gospel Responses: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 102

Communion Motet: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of
our hearts (Henry Purcell)

Post-Communion Hymn: 374

Hymn: 90 (*t.522*)

CHORAL EVENSONG & LENT ADDRESS

Lent Prose: 644

Responses: Stewart

Psalm(s): 135

First Lesson: Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17

Office Hymn: 94

Canticles: Byrd *Fauxbourdons*

Second Lesson: Luke 14.27-33

Anthem: *Nolo mortem peccatoris* (Thomas Morley)

Hymn: 491

Hymn: 84

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 16th March - Lent II

- For the persecuted church worldwide
- ◇ The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- ✦ *Alex Fraser; Alice Martin*

Monday 17th March - Patrick

- Parish of Sinfín Moor
- ◇ Malek Rup - Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Vera Ecclestone*

Tuesday 18th March - Cyril

- Parish of St Werburgh's Spondon
- ◇ Malindi - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Jack Andrews; George Little*

Wednesday 19th March - Joseph of Nazareth

- Parish of St Stephen's Sinfín
- ◇ Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke - The Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
- ✦ *Sylvia Hancock*

Thursday 20th March - Cuthbert

- Parish of Walbrook Epiphany Derby, St Augustine church family & St. Thomas's Community
- ◇ Manchester - The Church of England
- ✦ *John Payne; George Bossley, priest;*
June Frankland

Friday 21st March - Thomas Cranmer

- St Michael's Willington, St Saviour Foremark and St Wytan Repton
- ◇ Mandalay - The Church of Myanmar (Burma)
- ✦ *Brian Hancock; Annie Silcock*

Saturday 22nd March

- St. Werburgh's Bishop's Mission Order church community
- ◇ Manicaland - The Church of Central Africa
- ✦ *Evelyn Lewis*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

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Colin McKenna

Organist & Choirmaster:
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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
Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; David McGhie;
Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby
Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin;
Rosemary Cain; Katrina Bird; Joan
Melbourne; Trevor Crane

Wednesday 26th March

Collaborative Schools' Performance of
'Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour
Dreamcoat', 2.30pm. Tickets £5 (free for
U16s).

Saturday 5th April

Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solennelle' with The
Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir, 7.30pm.
Tickets available from the Gift Shop or from
the organisers.

Friday 18th April (Good Friday)

Come and sing John Stainer's 'The
Crucifixion'. Rehearsals 4.30 - 6.30pm,
public performance 7pm. Contact Peter
Shepherd.

Next Sunday - 23rd March - Lent III

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9
Luke 13.1-9
18.30 Choral Evensong with Lent Address
Readings: Psalm(s) 12 & 13
Genesis 28.10-19a
John 1.35-end

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