

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Second Chances

Jesus pulls no punches in today's Gospel reading. Don't hold up your hands in horror at the ways of the world, he tells his hearers. Get real and start bearing fruit before you perish.

We are not used to such brutal reminders today, and yet they are needed more than ever in an age where not just in the market-place and the pub but also very widely online people are encouraged to pass opinions and argue their views without even being present to show whether they are credible or not.

Too many words, not enough action. Jesus tells of the vineyard owner whose fig is not bearing fruit. He has no patience; and life will have no patience with us if we sit on our hands and do nothing while bemoaning the state of the world and the Church around us.

We can either sit in the last chance saloon waiting for the inevitable or we can get up and do something about it.



Lent III (23rd March 2025)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 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

Wednesday 26th March, 2.30 pm

Collaborative Schools' Performance of
'Joseph & The Amazing
Technicolour Dreamcoat'

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 III
CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 83

Setting: *Missa in Dominicis Adventus*
et Quadragesimae (Paul Nash)

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 the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Gradual Hymn: 481

Pre-Gospel Responses: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory
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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 85

Communion Motet: A Litany (William Walton)

Post-Communion Hymn: 373 (*t.ii*)

Hymn: 489

CHORAL EVENSONG & LENT ADDRESS

Lent Prose: 644

Responses: Green

Psalm(s): 12 & 13

First Lesson: Genesis 28.10-19a

Office Hymn: 93 (*t.ii*)

Canticles: Dyson in F

Second Lesson: John 1.35-end

Anthem: Wash me throughly (S S Wesley)

Hymn: 562

Hymn: 103 (*t.384*)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 23rd March - Lent III

- Thanks for the parables of Jesus, that our actions might match the values of the Gospel
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Central America
- ✦ *Andrew Smith*

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

- All children supported and cared for in the Diocese
- ◇ Maper - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *John Birks; Jack Harding; Annie Clark*

Tuesday 25th March - *The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- The Diocesan Board of Education
- ◇ Mara - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Alice Hopkinson; Winston Brown*

Wednesday 26th March - *Harriet Monsell*

- The SIAMS school inspection team
- ◇ Maralal O the Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Kate Bennet; Maureen Faulkner*

Thursday 27th March

- Our Church Schools and Governors
- ◇ Marathwada - The Church of North India (United)

Friday 28th March

- All headteachers, teachers and school staff
- ◇ Maridi - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *George Butt, Priest; Edith Peters; Matthew Revis; Henry Stockton; Derek Ecclestone*

Saturday 29th March

- Derby City Deaner Chapter and Synod
- ◇ Marsabit - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Noreen Duffill; Gladys Eames; Roy Clark*

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

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John Pinder-Packard; Revd Steven Tricklebank

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

Churchwardens: John Hague
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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 Metcalfe; Jackie
Turner; David McGhie; Shirley Francis; Olivia,
Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June
Robinson; Joe Martin; Rosemary Cain; Joan
Melbourne; Trevor Crane

✦ *Katrina Bird, RIP*

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.

Gift Shop

Mothering Sunday, Easter & Ordination cards
now in stock.

Next Sunday - 30th March - Lent IV/ Mothering Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Joshua 5.9-12

Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end

18.30 Choral Evensong with Lent Address

Readings: Psalm(s) 30

Isaiah 40.27-41.13

2 Timothy 4.1-18

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