

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Where is God Leading Us?

Jesus tells Nicodemus that those born of the Spirit can feel the Spirit like the wind: you can't identify a precise point where it is coming from or where it is going, but you definitely know it's there.



So much of our thinking about the Church concentrates on recalling the past or forming the future.

It's pretty obvious that we should be focusing on the present instead, looking for the way God's Spirit is working and taking part in the work of redeeming the world.

Some might call this opportunist or maybe even reckless. Better to call it being Christ-like—because it's just the way Jesus lived, and just the way we should follow Jesus.



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

LENT II (1st March 2026)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

18.30 Choral Evensong & Lent Meditation

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)

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.

LENT II - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 475

Setting: *Missa Aedis Christi* (William Mathias)

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 Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Gradual Hymn: 115

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows wherever it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 492 (*t.i*)

Communion Motet: Drop, drop, slow tears (Orlando Gibbons)

Post-Communion Hymn: 478

Voluntary: Prelude on *Bryn Calfaria*
(Ralph Vaughan Williams)

CHORAL EVENSONG & LENT MEDITATION

Lent Prose: 644

Responses: Ebdon

Psalm(s): 135

First Lesson: Numbers 21.4-9

Office Hymn: 590

Canticles: Sumsion in G

Second Lesson: Luke 14.27-33

Anthem: Brother James's Air
(James Macbeth Bain, arr. Ian Brackenbury)

Hymn: 344

Voluntary: *Aus Tiefer Noth schrei' ich zu Dir* op.30ii, no.7
(Flor Peeters)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 1st March - Lent II

- Those prayed for as part of Thy Kingdom Come
- ◇ The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Monday 2nd March - Chad

- The church of All Saints Dalbury
- ◇ Toamasina - The Church of the Indian Ocean
- ✦ *Charles Hunt*

Tuesday 3rd March

- The church of All Saints Hatton
- ◇ Tohoku - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- ✦ *Dennis Broomhead; Gweneth Joliffe*

Wednesday 4th March

- The church of All Saints Mackworth
- ◇ Tokyo - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- ✦ *Ray Allen; David Bowler; Barbara Morton; Mary Weire; Colin Wilbourne*

Thursday 5th March

- The church of All Saints Sudbury
- ◇ Toliara - The Church of the Indian Ocean
- ✦ *Harold Peters; Freda Windle*

Friday 6th March

- The church of All Saints Trusley
- ◇ Tonj - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Chloe Gaskell*

Saturday 7th March - Perpetua, Felicity & Companions

- The church of All Saints Turnditch
- ◇ Torit - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Ethel Nicol; Winifred Redfern*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Linda Weston; Ralph Turner; Ian Mackenzie; John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Rose Evans; Ian Barrand

Lent and Easter

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Lent Reading

The Vicar's recommendation this year is '1 Corinthians Bible Study (Bible Studies for Busy People)' by Margaret Weston. Some copies are still available in the Gift Shop, price £4.25.

Post-Mass Refreshments

Refreshments will be served in the Saints Parish Centre after Mass today. Donations to cover costs gratefully received.

Part-time Cleaner

Cleaner required for the Saints Parish Centre, 2-3 hours per week in the first instance. If interested, please have a chat with Colin.

Holy Moses!

Choristers and local school groups sing and act out the story of Moses. Wednesday 25th March 2.30 - 3.00pm. Entry £5 (U18s free)

Next Sunday - 8th March - Lent III

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-42

18.30 Choral Evensong and Lent Meditation
Readings: Psalm(s) 40
Joshua 1.1-9
Ephesians 6.10-20

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