

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

D ealing with Sin

Don't preach about sin—it puts people off coming to Church!

Well yes it probably does, yet it is sin that destroys people and their relationships; it is sin that causes hatred and destruction throughout the world; it is sin that distances us from the God by whom and for whom we are made.

So being aware of sin in ourselves is really important. This is why throughout the ages Christians have done during Lent what Jesus did in the desert, stripping away all the extras so that we can confront the uncomfortable realities of life.



Don't be afraid of talking about sin, reflecting on sin—but most of all don't forget to ask forgiveness for sin, for in Christ sin should no longer have any power over us!

LENT I (22nd February 2026)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 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
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Tuesday	Mass 09.30
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Wednesday	Holy Communion (1662)
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Thursday	Mass 17.30
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Friday	Mass 12.15
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Saturday	Mass 09.30
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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.

LENT I
CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 92 (*t.i*)

Setting: *Missa Orbis Factor*

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 5.12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Gradual Hymn: 84

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 4.1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 102

Communion Motet: Jesu, the very thought of thee

(Edward Bairstow)

Post-Communion Hymn: 114

CHORAL EVENSONG & LENT MEDITATION

Lent Prose:	644
Responses:	Ebdon
Psalm(s):	50.1-15
First Lesson:	Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-end
Office Hymn:	79 (<i>t.ii</i>)
Canticles:	Purcell in G minor
Second Lesson:	Luke 15.1-10
Anthem:	Thou knowest Lord (Henry Purcell) Verse (anonymous Restoration)
Hymn:	81

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 22nd February - Lent I

- For faith to resist the world's fleeting temptations
- ◊ The Church of Ireland
- ◊ John Hallam; Gwenneth Griffiths

Monday 23rd February - Polycarp

- For the Diocesan Mission, Evangelisation and Parish Revitalisation Team
- ◊ Texas - The Episcopal Church
- ◊ Sydney Bartle

Tuesday 24th February

- For Pioneering and new worshipping communities
- ◊ Northwest Texas - The Episcopal Church
- ◊ Elsie Blackburn

Wednesday 25th February

- For the Church House Staff
- ◊ West Texas - The Episcopal Church
- ◊ Joseph Poole; Harold Franklin

Thursday 26th February

- For the Diocesan Communications Team
- ◊ Thika - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ◊ Frank Marrian

Friday 27th February - George Herbert

- For Bishop Libby and the Bishop's Office
- ◊ Thoothukudi-Nazareth - The Church of South India (United)
- ◊ William Oldfield

Saturday 28th February

- For Bishop Malcolm on his forthcoming retirement
- ◊ Tirunelveli - The Church of South India (United)
- ◊ James Stockton; Audrey Fretwell;

Brian Mayo-Braiden (29th)

- 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.

Next Sunday - 1st March - Lent II

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
John 3.1-17

18.30 Choral Evensong with Lent Address

Readings: Psalm(s) 135
Numbers 21.4-9
Luke 14.27-33

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