

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

**You Think You Know
Everything?**

It takes a great deal of wisdom and courage to develop a little humility.

The Pharisees thought they knew it all. They could see everything—but sadly not beyond the ends of their noses or around their stifling prejudices.

Jesus does not condemn them for failing to see. He does condemn them for assuming they are right even though they can't see.

Have the humility not to judge, and don't assume you can see or understand everything about other people. In this respect, we are all born blind.



**LENT IV/MOTHERING SUNDAY
(15th 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) 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

POST-MASS REFRESHMENTS

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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday 17th February PCC, Saints 19.30

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 IV / MOTHERING SUNDAY - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 282

Setting: Harris in F

Collect Prayer

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, 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 Ephesians

Ephesians 5.8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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

Gradual Hymn: 106

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 9

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.'

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 428

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

Post-Communion Hymn: 378 (*t.i*)

Voluntary: Postlude on a Theme by Orlando Gibbons
op.105, set 2, no 3 (Charles Villers Stanford)

CHORAL EVENSONG & LENT MEDITATION

Lent Prose: 644

Responses: Radcliffe

Psalm(s): 31.1-16

First Lesson: Micah 7

Office Hymn: 103

Canticles: Murrill in E

Second Lesson: John 3.14-21

Anthem: As truly as God is our Father (William Mathias)

Hymn: 550

Voluntary: *Adagio* in E major (Frank Bridge)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 15th March - Lent IV / Mothering Sunday

- For the Mothers' Union, for family life and for all who offer a mother's care
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Brian Cooper, priest*

Monday 16th March

- The church of St Anne Ambergate
- ◇ Udi - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Alex Fraser; Alice Martin*

Tuesday 17th March - Patrick

- The church of St Chad Longford
- ◇ Northern Uganda - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *Vera Ecclestone*

Wednesday 18th March - Cyril

- The church of St Cuthbert Doveridge
- ◇ Ughelli - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Jack Andrews; George Little*

Thursday 19th March - Joseph of Nazareth

- The church of St Giles Marston Montgomery
- ◇ Ukwa - The Church of Nigeria

Friday 20th March - Cuthbert

- The church of St Helen Etwell
- ◇ Umuahia - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *John Payne; George Bossley, priest*
Sylvia Hancock; June Frankland

Saturday 21st March - Thomas Cranmer

- The church of St John Alkmonton
- ◇ Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- ✦ *Brian Hancock; Annie Silcock*
- 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; Judith Butler; Gwen Hallam

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th March in the Saints Parish Centre.

Church Electoral Roll

Not yet on the Electoral Roll? Application forms for new members are now available at the back of church.

Easter Memorial Flowers

In addition to the traditional Easter pedestals (available for sponsorship of £40), the Flower Guild will again be offering individual memorial Easter Lilies at £5 per lily, thus providing two ways to commemorate loved ones and to support the wonderful work of the Guild. Please contact Dorothy Turner on 07974 829350.

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).

Meditative Music for Good Friday

The Choir will present reflective music for the Passion at 7pm on Friday 3rd April. Free entry with retiring collection.

Choral Festival 2026

Saturday 25th April, 2pm-5pm. Come and sing Choral Evensong with choirs from Derbys, Notts & S Yorks. FFI or to join: choir@crookedspire.org, or call 01246 206506.

Other dates for your diary (details to follow):

Saturday 18th April - Chesterfield

Philharmonic Choir, 7.30pm

Sunday 19th April - APCM, 12 noon

Next Sunday - 22nd March - Lent V/Passion Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: Romans 8.6-11
John 11.1-45

18.30 Choral Evensong and Lent Meditation

Readings: Psalm(s) 30
Lamentations 3.19-33
Matthew 20.17-end

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