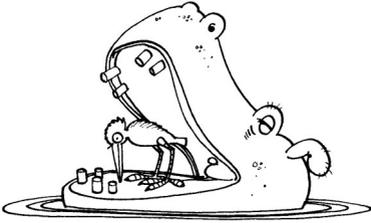


## Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

### **G**etting Up Off Your Behind

The paralytic didn't have a choice—he had to wait for someone else to get him down to the pool so that he could be healed.



If some of the others had adopted a co-operative solution and worked together rather than rushing to get to the pool first, they might all have been healed.

When it's possible, we need to get up and get on with life instead of waiting for someone else to do something. Jesus told the paralytic to take up his mat and go. If we see someone we can help, we should be ready to get up off our behind and help.

***With a combination of initiative, self-help and mutual support, the work of salvation—in body, mind and spirit—can be carried out through us today. So are you still sitting and waiting for something to happen?***

## LENT III (8th March 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

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

*Full details of events may be found at [crookedspire.org](http://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 III - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 540

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 Letter of Paul to the Romans

**Romans 5.1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Gradual Hymn: 105

### Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

#### Glory to you, O Lord

**John 4.5-42**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

- Offertory Hymn: 85 (*t.ii*)
- Communion Motet: Jesu, grant me this, I pray (Orlando Gibbons)
- Post-Communion Hymn: 373 (*t.ii*)
- Voluntary: *Aria* (Andrew Carter)

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### CHORAL EVENSONG & LENT MEDITATION

- Lent Prose: 644
- Responses: Ebdon
- Psalm(s): 40
- First Lesson: Joshua 1.1-9
- Office Hymn: 97 (*t.i*)
- Canticles: Walmisley in D minor
- Second Lesson: Ephesians 6.10-20
- Anthem: O Lorde, the maker of al thing (John Joubert)
- Hymn: 87
- Voluntary: *Herzliebster Jesu* op.122, no.2 (Johannes Brahms)

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### Today 8th March - Lent III

- The Dove and Derwent Deanery
- ◇ The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
- ✦ *Geoffrey Hare Clayton, bishop;*  
*Alfred Bates; Ethel Hayes*

### Monday 9th March

- The church of Christchurch Belper
- ◇ Toronto - The Anglican Church of Canada

### Tuesday 10th March

- The church of Christchurch Long Lane
- ◇ Trichy-Tanjore - The Church of South India (United)
- ✦ *Lily Bradford; John Thacker; Frank Andrews;*  
*Reginald Ecclestone*

### Wednesday 11th March

- The church of Kedleston Chapel
- ◇ Trinidad & Tobago - The Church of the West Indies

### Thursday 12th March

- The church of All Saints Mugginton
- ◇ Truro - The Church of England
- ✦ *Joseph Gascoyne; Shirley Band; Eileen Locke*

### Friday 13th March

- The church of St Alkmund Duffield
- ◇ Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe - The Church of Ireland
- ✦ *Dora Renshaw*

### Saturday 14th March

- Diocesan Synod meeting today
- ◇ Twik East - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Mabel Pain*

- 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

The leaflet containing information for Lent and Easter is 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).

## Friday 3rd April (Good Friday)

The Choir will present a programme of sacred music at 7.00pm

## Dates for your diary (details to follow):

Saturday 18th April - Chesterfield  
Philharmonic Choir, 7.30pm  
Saturday 25th April - Choral Festival

## Next Sunday - 15th March - Lent IV/

### Mothering Sunday

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)  
10.30 Choral Mass  
Readings: Ephesians 5.8-14  
John 9  
18.30 Choral Evensong and Lent Meditation  
Readings: Psalm(s) 31.1-16  
Micah 7  
John 3.14-21

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