



## St Edburgha's Church

Sunday 23rd March 2025

Third Sunday of Lent.

*During the distribution of Communion you are welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.*

**Hymns 2. 211. 480. 556. During Communion 308**

### **The Collect**

**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.**

**All Amen.**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9**

The LORD says this:

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,  
says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than  
your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 10.1-13*

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors  
were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were  
baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same  
spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from  
the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were  
struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not  
desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it  
is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'

<sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and  
twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the  
test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not  
complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were  
written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So  
if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing  
has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he  
will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will  
also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

### **The Gospel Reading:** *Luke 13.1-9*

<sup>1</sup>There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood  
Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, 'Do you think that  
because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than  
all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish  
as they did.

<sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?" <sup>8</sup>He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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## **Weekly Notices.**

**Services today: 10.30am Holy Communion. 6.30pm Compline**  
**Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday 10.30am**  
**6.30pm Taize**

**Advance notice Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April will be a joint service at 10.30am at All Saints, Stechford.**

**APCM. This years' meeting will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April following the Holy Communion service which will begin at 9.30am.**

**We remember those in need of our prayers:**

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys., Bill and Jo.



Thank you for your continuing support and donations to Foodbank. At the moment tins of meat, fish, fruit and rice pudding are needed. Also we offer folk any toiletries we have so any donations of these are much appreciated. Thank you.

**Easter Lilies** can be ordered from Patricia Hayes 07914 028222. As there will be no Easter Day service here, the lilies will be on display on Easter Eve at the Saturday night vigil service 19th April 7pm and at the Open Day on Easter Monday.

## St Edburgha's Yardley Events 2025

**21st April Open Church** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May** Yardley Society of Artists Exhibition

**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June** Edburgha the Reluctant Saint

**6<sup>th</sup> September** 12.00 noon Beer Festival

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September** Heritage weekend

**29<sup>th</sup> November** Christmas Quiz

For more information see our website [www.stedburghasyardley.com](http://www.stedburghasyardley.com)

or phone Enid on 0121 291 0401 for information and booking

## XPM for March: Medical Aid for Palestinians. (MAP)

**Safeguarding.** If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 Sylvia Roberts (adults) 07771 655 789

**General enquiries:** The Parish Office, Church Hall, Church Road, B33 8PD email [stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com) 783 4736 The Parish Office is normally open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 – 12.

**Electronic Order of Service.** You can access today's service sheet on your phone/tablet on the following link <https://stedburghasyardley.com/sunday-service-by-using-this-QR-code-or-the-following-link>: <https://stedburghasyardley.com/sunday-service> we can reduce the number of printed copies required, which helps to reduce our carbon footprint



**Please join us for tea or coffee after the service**

