



Welcome to St Edburgha's Church
Sunday, 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent

During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Chapel.

Collect:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading:

Genesis 12.1-4a

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Second Reading:

Romans 4.13-17

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the

adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.

Gospel Reading:

John 3.1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus 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?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where 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.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹'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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶'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.

¹⁷ '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.

Children's activities and toys are available to use at any time during the service at the top of the north aisle.

For Your Prayers

Lyn, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo
****Please contact the parish office if you would like to include someone on the prayer list****

Monthly Charity



Supporting our Community



Your donations of tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, and monetary donations are always gratefully received.

Children and Families Work:

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Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 – Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

Electronic Order of Service:



Saturday 21st March – 10:30am – 12:30pm



**ARTS & CRAFT FOR THE YOUNG
AT HEART
Thursday 5th March in Church at
2:00pm**



'Celebrating Creation' - Get Outside for Lent!

Our next **weekly outdoor session** to celebrate God's creation will be **Wednesday 4th March 10:30 am**. This will be time to enjoy being outside, time to connect with nature, and time to connect with the God who made all things good. We will meet outside church or (inside church if the weather is wet!) and spend around 30 minutes looking at nature, lamenting our failure to care for creation and celebrating all that we have been given. Followed by a cup of tea to warm us up ...! For further information, please contact **Sylvia Roberts**
Tel: 07771 655 789

LENT CHARITY LUNCH



Today **Sunday 1st March** will be our second "hunger lunches" in the Church Hall following coffee after this 10.30 am service. Home-made soup, a roll and baked potato in exchange for the cost of your normal Sunday lunch! Funds raised will support the work of CMS and the Church in Malawi. **Why not join us for lunch today.**

Fundraising Events

7th March

Traditional Afternoon Tea
In the Church Hall

Book a Table @ 0121 291 0401
£18 per head or £21 with Prosecco
Children under 12 is £8



Special Services

Today 1st March

Evensong 4:00pm

Tuesday 3rd March

Hope and Joy Service

11:30 am -12:15pm

Sunday 22nd March

Compline Service at 6:30pm

Sunday 29th March

Taisé Service at 6:30pm

Book Discussion

Tuesday afternoons in Lent

3:00pm-4:00pm

Gilby Chapel

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March

Sharing our faith with others can feel daunting.

‘What will they think?’ ‘How will they respond?’ ‘What if they’re of another faith tradition?’ ‘Will I offend them?’

All these questions can cause us to keep silent, but Jesus calls us to share the Good News!

Join Reverend Tammy on Tuesday afternoons in Lent starting from 3:00pm to 4:00pm to hear the experience of Anglicans around the world who are courageously sharing their faith with their friends and neighbours.

Each week we will read and discuss one short reflection collected from across the Anglican Communion and compiled in this year’s Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent book: *Dancing to the Heartbeat of God*.

Hallelujah, my Father

Hallelujah, my Father,
For giving us your Son;
Sending him into the world
To be given up for all,
Knowing we would bruise Him
And smite him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father,
In his death is my birth.
Hallelujah, my Father,
In his life is my life.

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Spirit of God

Spirit of God, come dwell within me.
Open my heart, O come set me free,
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord,
O fill me with living water.

Refrain:

*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Jesus, our Saviour dying for me,
And rising to save his people.*

Lord, how I thirst, O Lord I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life, and love and hope,
O fill me with living water.

Refrain:

Lord, I am blind, O Lord I can’t see.
Stretch out your hand, O Lord, comfort me.
Lead me your way in life and in truth,
O fill me with living water.

Refrain:

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Hymn numbers for today

380, 386, 557, 627