



Welcome to St Edburgha's Church
Sunday, 8th March – Third 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,
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.

First Reading:

Exodus 17.1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this

people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Gospel Reading:

John 4.5-42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The 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.)¹⁰ 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.'¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?'¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ 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.'¹⁵ 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.'¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband";¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet.'²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor

in Jerusalem.'²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.'²³ 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.'²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'²⁵ 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.'²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'²⁷ 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?'²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?'³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.'³⁵ 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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.’

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

Hymn Numbers for Today
368, 211, 469, 175

Electronic Order of Service:



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



ARTS & CRAFT FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

**Thursday 12th March in Church at
2:00pm**



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



‘Celebrating Creation’ - Get Outside for Lent!

Our next weekly outdoor session to celebrate God’s creation will be **Wednesday 11th March 10:30 am.**

There will be a **Quiet Day** at **Yardley Baptist Church** on **Saturday 28th March** from **10am – 3pm.** ‘Overflowing with Hope’ will be hosted by Rev, Ali Taylor. For further details and to request a space, email minister@yardleybaptist.co.uk

The cost of the day is £10 – please bring your own lunch.

Book Discussion
Tuesday afternoons in Lent
3:00pm-4:00pm
Gilby Chapel
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.*

Special Services

Today 8th March

Celtic Evening Prayer 4:00pm

All are Welcome!

Tuesday 10th 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