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**Sunday 18th February 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**This Week at St Peter’s**

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| **Sun 18th****Lent I**  | 8am | **Early Eucharist** |
| 10am | **Parade Eucharist** |
| 11.30 | Creative Committee |
| 6pm | S.P.U.D.S. |
| **Weds 21st**  | 10am | **Midweek Eucharist** |
| **Thu 22nd**  | 9am | Morning Prayer *with informal reflection and discussion* |
| 6pm | Start! |
| **Sat 24th** | 10am | Lent Course (in church) |
| **Sun 25th**  | 8am | **Early Eucharist** |
| **Lent II** | 10am | **Parish Eucharist** |

**Can you help?**

**We are collecting the following:**

* Food/personal hygiene items for the Churches Together Food Bank, Living Waters Church;
* *Soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, hygiene items* and more for our MU hospital hygiene packs;
* *used stamps with 1cm of paper around them* to fundraise for Multiple Sclerosis charities,
* *erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil crayons* (NOT wax, please) and *small colouring books* for our children’s hospital bags,
* and more – please see the back of church for more information!

**Notices**

**Start! Course:** Do you want to learn more about Christianity in an unpressured, friendly group? Or are you wondering generally if Christianity might be for you? Perhaps you’ve been a Christian for a while and would like a refresher in your faith – or to find the excitement again? We have a very good place for you to Start! The Start! Course will be running **on Thursday evenings at 6pm from Jan 18th – Feb 22nd** in the Church Hall.

the chance to learn something new about Jesus. The Start! Course is completely free, and no expectations on you at the end – just exploration, questions, fascinating discussions, and the chance to learn something new about Jesus. All welcome!

**Lent Course:** Let Lent be a time of deeper reflection on your faith! This year we will be following Bishop Philip’s five-session Lent Course ‘The Journey to Freedom’ reflecting on the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt. Join us at 10am on Saturdays (17th Feb-23rd March inclusive) during Lent for reflection, discussion, prayer, and as many pastries as you can eat! Completely free, but please sign up on the sheet at the back if you’re interested in coming so we can make sure there’s enough brunch for everyone.

**Lent 2024: ‘Journey to Freedom’**

This year, our Diocese Lent Course is an exploration of the Book of Exodus. Each day there is a reading with a reflection. Join in with us by picking up a booklet from church or download the full PDF: <https://buff.ly/49gTbBi> or by following us each day on Facebook or Twitter.

Remember in your prayers:

*Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and all places affected by warfare, violence or state oppression.*

***those who have asked for our prayers:***

Derek Morgan, Brenda Feeney, Eileen Downs, Sarah (Sally) Price, Beryl Diggles, Alison Feeney, Dean Haworth, Thelma Warburton, Geoff, Diane Aspinall, Keith Wallbank, the Rev’d Mo Baldwin, Debbie Cope, Stephanie Price, Robert Morgan, Joe Warburton, Hediye Kaya, Thomas Kerr, Gavin Elly

***all recently departed, especially those known to us;***

John Heyes, Derek Draper, Paul Borthwick, Jack Brennan, Canon Geoffrey Moore (priest), Dorothy Tranter

***those who we remember at this time:***

Arnold Sutcliffe, Marian Dugdale, Allyson Wright, Marion Crompton, Leslie Seed (Priest), Ronnie Pickup, Annie Miller, Edna Halton, Alfred Arrowsmith.

**To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested.**

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, or to ask to be prayed for privately, please email

**chorleystpetersvicar@gmail.com****.**

**Hymns**

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| **190** | **483** | **622, 457, 17** | **379** |

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.**

**First Reading: Genesis 9.8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

**Second Reading:** **1 Peter 3.18-22**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him**.**

**Gospel: Mark 1.9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.**’**

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

**Post-communion prayer**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,

increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.­­­­­­­­­­­­**

**The LYCiG Prayer for Church Growth**

**God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church: Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Wordle: Based on Psalm 25 v 1-9**

