

# The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley

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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

### COMING UP AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Service of the Word with Parade.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	10am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9am	Lego Church
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Youth Group

**Monthly Prayer Walk:** Join Fr Cornelius Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm as he leaves to pray through our local streets. Walking route: Willow Road, Thornhill Road, Northgate Drive, and Botany Brow.

Praying for: Sycamore Road, Birch Road, Larch Avenue, Daisy Fold and Talbot Close.

*All are warmly welcome to walk or to join in prayer.*

**Old Palm Crosses** – Please bring any old palm crosses into church by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. These will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**Ash Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> February.** There will be two services at St Peter's on Ash Wednesday, one at 10am and one at 7.30pm.

**Lent Space & Silence – every Wednesday in Lent beginning on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. 8-45-9.15am.** Take time to reflect & prepare this Lent.

**Knowing Jesus – Bishop Philip's Lent Course:**

Sessions will commence from Monday 23 February at 2pm in St Laurence's refectory or Wednesdays at 7pm in St Peter's Church. Use this link or the QR code to register:

<https://forms.office.com/e/35rnzdvPKJ>



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### 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:**

the Rev'd Mo Baldwin, Pam McLoughlin, Beryl Diggles, Dot Bolan, Debbie Cope, Jeff Morgan, Cassie Wilson, Amanda Smith, Sheila Wood, Dorothy Treadwell, Joan Baxendale, Joe Warburton, Kim and Cole Leighton & family.

#### **All recently departed:**

**those who we remember at this time:** Robert James Gray, Jessie Livesey, Patricia Fairhurst, Elizabeth Hirst, Kenneth Jolly, Margaret Mary Hall, Kenneth Kitching, Blanche Smith, Geoffrey Podmore, Joseph Lane, Robert Jones, Stuart Barrie Scurr, Lydia Bretherton, Paul Robinson, Ronnie Price.

**To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested and permission from the person named is given.**

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, please email [chorleystp.office@gmail.com](mailto:chorleystp.office@gmail.com)

### Diocesan Centenary Prayer

**Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you. Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness, generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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### Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We sit to attend to the scriptures*

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### Liturgy of the Word

#### The Reading | Romans 8.18-25

We have sufferings now. But the sufferings we have now are nothing compared to the great glory that will be given to us. Everything that God made is waiting with excitement for the time when God will show the world who his children are. The whole world wants very much for that to happen. Everything that God made was changed to become useless. This was not by its own wish. It happened because God wanted it. But there was this hope: that everything God made would be set free from ruin. There was hope that everything God made would have the freedom and glory that belong to God's children.

We know that everything God made has been waiting until now in pain, like a woman ready to give birth. Not only the world, but we also have been waiting with pain inside us. We have the Spirit as the first part of God's promise. So we are waiting for God to finish making us his own children. I mean we are waiting for our bodies to be made free. We were saved, and we have this hope. If we see what we are waiting for, then that is not really hope. People do not hope for something they already have. But we are hoping for something that we do not have yet. We are waiting for it patiently.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*All stand for the Gospel*

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#### The Holy Gospel – Matthew 6.25-end

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

“So I tell you, don't worry about the food you need to live. And don't worry about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more important than food. And the body is more important than clothes. Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns. But your heavenly Father feeds the birds. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it.

“And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the flowers in the field. See how they grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field like that. The grass is living today, but tomorrow it is thrown into the fire to be burned. So you can be even more sure that God will clothe you. Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' All the people who don't know God keep trying to get these things. And your Father in heaven knows that you need them. The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you. So don't worry about tomorrow. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Tomorrow will have its own worries.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### Post-communion prayer

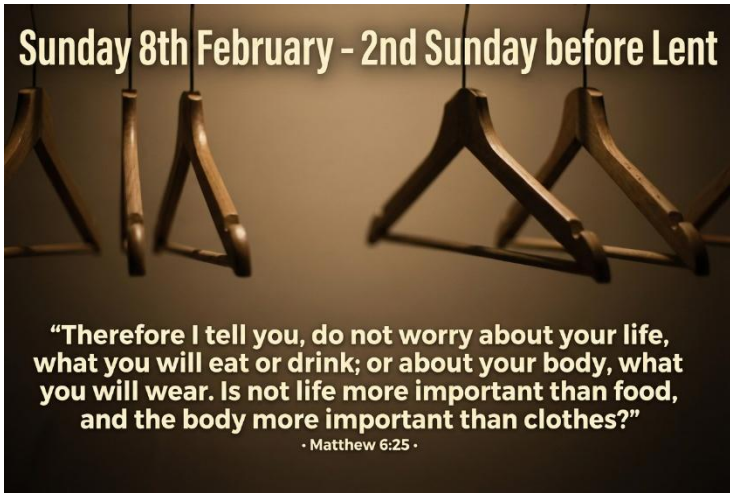
God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Please join us for refreshments after the service.**

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Sunday 8th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”

• Matthew 6:25 •