

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley

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Sunday 1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

COMING UP AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 1 st March <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Youth Group
Wednesday 4 th March	8.45-9.15	Morning prayer & silent prayer
	10am	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8 th March <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Service of the Word with parade.

Lent Space & Silence – every Wednesday in Lent. 8.45-9.15am. Take time to reflect & prepare this Lent.

Lent Course – The second session takes place this week on Monday 2nd March at 2pm at St Laurence's or Wednesday 4th March, 7pm at St Peter's.

Guild Singers Concert - 7.30pm on March 21st. Glorious choral music for the Easter season. Tickets are £12 and available on the night.

Welcomers/sidespersons – we are looking for people to help in church. If you can help, please speak to a clergy member or the church wardens.

Easter Flowers: monetary donations are welcome towards flowers which will help decorate the church for

Easter. There is a tub at the back of church for any donations.

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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: Ernest Berry, John Bibby, Jim Nightingale, Thomas Daniel Pearson (Child), Mary Jane Arnold, Cliver Mercer, Doris Pearson, William Harling, Joseph Kearsley, Don Brownley, Ian MacDonald, Frank Lathom, Kathleen Grodnicki.

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

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**

The Birthday Song – (Sung to the tune "Innocents" number 625, orange hymn book).

Comes a birthday once again, Happy Day, oh happy day. Through the sunshine, through the rain, God has brought us on the way.

Father let the New Year be, Bright and holy, sweet and true. Keep oh keep us close to thee, Day by day our whole life through.

HYMNS.

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Collect.

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

We sit to attend to the scriptures

Liturgy of the Word

The Reading | Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

All stand for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel – John 3.1-17

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post-communion prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.
