

The Parish Churches of St. Barnabas, St. Martin & St. Paul



25 February 2018
Second Sunday of Lent



Welcome to the services this morning in our three churches. Mark's story today is tipping towards Jerusalem and the cross. Jesus has asked his followers who they think he is. Peter has told him that he is the Messiah. Now Jesus tells them what that means: rejection, death and resurrection. Peter can't handle this and objects, only to be publicly slapped down. While Jesus' words to Peter were meant for the disciples, what he says next is meant for anyone who is listening. If we want to follow him, Jesus tells us, then we must be prepared to die. To follow Jesus is to side with one who rocks the boat by

speaking up for the poor and challenging the elite. Paradoxically, this path of challenge and suffering is the only way to find the life that we are looking for, the life that comes through hearing and responding to the Gospel. The Gospel is about good news of healing and freedom, radical economic sharing and peacemaking. Above all, it is about the making of a new community of hope in a world of despair. Are you up for it? So welcome, especially if you are here for the first time. Welcome whoever you are, whatever your lifestyle, whatever your background, wherever you come from.



If you use a hearing aid please turn the setting to 'T' in order to take advantage of the inductive loop in the church.

Collect for today

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
may we come to share in his glory
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Our prayer for church growth

Father God,
 you have called us to be your church
 in Heaton and Manningham.
 As we respond to that call,
 enlarge our vision,
 deepen our faith,
 fill us with your Spirit,
 and grow your church in this community.
 We pray in Jesus' name.
 Amen.

**In our prayers this week:*****Those who can't join us:***

Norman Butterfield, Meg Cooper, Gloria Dallas, Kathleen Damant,
 Irene Gomersal, Brenda Marston, Lee Tane, Dot Verity

Those who are not well:

Joyce Bean, Maureen Earl, Martha Gilbert, Terry Henry, Jenny Madden,
 Raymond Madden, Pippa Prince.

Those who have recently died:

Paul Knox, Pat Moss.

Those we remember with love and respect whose anniversary of death falls at this time of the year:

Marjory Christiansen, Richard Emmett, Harry Green, Flo Ingham,
 Flo Keighley, Hilda Triffit, Joyce Ozhus

The work of our Churches:

All those who care for the church grounds

The world around us:

For the 250-people killed in the Syria's government's bombing in the
 Eastern Ghouta area near Damascus

Today's Readings.

Old Testament

God makes a covenant with Abram to give him and his descendants the land of Canaan. God gives Abram and his wife Sarai new names, Abraham and Sarah, and promises that Sarah will bear a son.

Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

پیدایش

فصل 17

- 1 و چون ابرام نود و نه ساله بود، خداوند بر ابرام ظاهر شده، گفت: «من هستم خدای قادر مطلق. پیش روی من بخرام و کامل شو.
- 2 و عهد خویش را در میان خود و تو خواهم بست، و تو را بسیار بسیار کثیر خواهم گردانید.»
- 3 آنگاه ابرام به روی در افتاد و خدا به وی خطاب کرده، گفت:
- 4 «اما من اینک عهد من با توست و تو پدر اُمّت‌های بسیار خواهی بود.
- 5 و نام تو بعد از این ابرام خوانده نشود بلکه نام تو ابراهیم خواهد بود، زیرا که تو را پدر امت‌های بسیار گردانیدم.
- 6 و تو را بسیار بارور نمایم و امت‌ها از تو پدید آورم و پادشاهان از تو به وجود آیند.
- 7 و عهد خویش را در میان خود و تو، و ذُرّیّت بعد از تو، استوار گردانم که نسل بعد نسل عهد
- 15 و خدا به ابراهیم گفت: «اما زوجه تو سارای، نام او را سارای مخوان، بلکه نام او ساره باشد.
- 16 و او را برکت خواهم داد و پسری نیز از وی به تو خواهم بخشید. او را برکت خواهم داد و امتها از وی به وجود خواهند آمد، و ملوک امتها از وی پدید خواهند شد.»

Gospel

Jesus teaches that he will be rejected, killed and rise again on the third day. Peter rebukes him, but Jesus rejects his rebuke and tells his disciples that those who lose their life will save it.

Mark 8.31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

مرقس

فصل 8

31 آنگاه ایشان را تعلیم دادن آغاز کرد که لازم است پسر انسان بسیار زحمت کشد و از مشایخ و رؤسای کهنه و کاتبان رد شود و کشته شده، بعد از سه روز برخیزد.

32 و چون این کلام را علانیه فرمود، پطرس او را گرفته، به منع کردن شروع نمود.

33 اما او برگشته، به شاگردان خود نگریسته، پطرس را نهیب داد و گفت، ای شیطان از من دور شو، زیرا امور الهی را اندیشه نمی‌کنی بلکه چیزهای انسانی را.

34 پس مردم را با شاگردان خود خوانده، گفت، هر که خواهد از عقب من آید، خویشتن را انکار کند و صلیب خود را برداشته، مرا متابعت نماید.

35 زیرا هر که خواهد جان خود را نجات دهد، آن را هلاک سازد؛ و هر که جان خود را بجهت من و انجیل بر باد دهد آن را برهاند.

36 زیرا که شخص را چه سود دارد هر گاه تمام دنیا را ببرد و نفس خود را ببازد؟

37 یا آنکه آدمی چه چیز را به عوض جان خود بدهد؟

38 زیرا هر که در این فرقه زناکار و خطاکار از من و سخنان من شرمنده شود، پسر انسان نیز وقتی که با فرشتگان مقدس در جلال پدر خویش آید، از او شرمنده خواهد گردید.

Our Bishop's Lenten Prayer

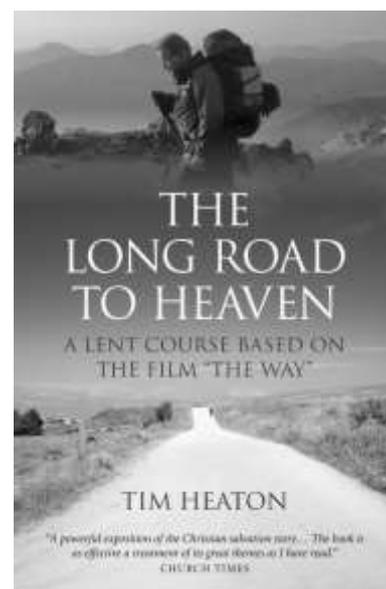
Lord God,
 through Lent open our eyes
 to see all the right and wrong that we have done.
 Help us in our loving of one another,
 to make good decisions,
 to be strong and not give up.
 Stir us, strengthen us,
 teach and inspire us to both learn
 and live the Gospel with generosity and joy,
 imagination and courage
 for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus.
 Amen.

The week ahead

Community Enterprise Event at St Paul's Church
Between 11-2pm on Tuesday 27 February the scones and samosa ladies will prepare and cook and delicious food for us all to enjoy. The Carlisle Business Centre will be organising a range of activities focusing on Community Enterprise. Why not come along and enjoy some good food.

Lent Course: Thursday 1 March

This is the second session of our Lent course. We will gather in good time at Saint Martin's Church for a **7.30pm** start. This week we will watch film clips from 'The Way' and then break into groups to discuss questions.



This Month

Flourishing City

The second of these events is being held at Bradford Cathedral 6.30pm-8.30pm **Wednesday 8 March**. A collective debate led by Civil Society futures will be take place. We will look at what a civil society may look like ten years from now.

This Month (continued)



Renewable Energy and Fuel Poverty

7pm-9pm Friday 9 March at St John's Parish Church Menston sees a debate between Philip Davies MP, Emma Bridge Community Energy England, Sam Hall Bright Blue and Andy Stephenson Narec Distributed Energy over all aspects of renewable energy. Why not go along and listen to the debate?

Mothering Sunday preparation

Come along to Saint Paul's Church **1.30pm-3.30pm Saturday 10 March** to bake biscuits and make cards in preparation for our Mothering Sunday service. Adults welcome!

The Passion

Lamps presents *The Passion* **7pm Friday 16 March** at Bradford Cathedral. Doors open 6.30pm. No tickets, donations welcome. This is a moving and memorable musical theatre production of the Easter events

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH



We are now in Fairtrade Fortnight and at St Paul's we are planning a small stall of Fairtrade goods, plus Easter cards and some recycled paper goods, for Sundays 4th and 11th March. There will be a chance to try a few different brands of Fairtrade tea and coffee. If you would like to bring your own favourite for people to try a cup, please do.

Next Month

The Bible in a Day

Come along to St John's Church Saint Street, Great Horton BD7 4AB **9.30am-3.45pm 14 April**. Led by Reverend Canon John Bavington we will explore the Big Story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Drinks are provided but please bring your own lunch.

Bingley Lectures

Dr Jane Williams will be *Exploring the Church* in her lecture at Holy Trinity Bingley **7.00pm-9.30pm 20 April**. Free tickets from www.bingley.church

Further Ahead

INSPIRE 2018: Friday, August 17, 2018 - Tuesday, August 21, 2018

This is an exciting New Wine camping event, organised by Churches in Yorkshire and the North East. It has a family feel, both for those who are young and those who are young at heart. It's the family of God gathering together, learning, sharing, having fun and worshipping Jesus.

Once again a group of us from our three churches will be attending this New Wine camp near Thirsk. **DO JOIN US: either for the whole event, or for the day on Sunday 19th August**. If you want to know more contact Chris, Sue, Joanna, or Ricky. You can book a place by going to the website: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/inspire-2018> Sue

Other news



The
Children's
Society

Following our Christingle collection at Saint Martin's Church in January we are pleased to announce that we have been able to send £140.00 donation to the Children's Society. Many thanks for your generosity

Wakefield Cathedral gets ready for Rhubarb Festival

Wakefield Cathedral is getting ready to play its part in the city's rhubarb festival this weekend – with a rhubarb inspired menu, a rhubarb trail – and our own Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Nick, here to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday with a Thanksgiving for the famous pink vegetable.

In the Cathedral Kitchen, catering manager, Ea Nielsen, is experimenting for her rhubarb themed menu –on sale each day of the festival from 10-3pm, with delicacies such as rhubarb inspired sausage rolls, hot pork sandwiches with rhubarb sauce; rhubarb scones, crumbles and tarts. Inside the Cathedral, the Welcomers are getting ready to help guide families around the beautifully restored building on the Rhubarb Trail as they hunt for Wakefield Cathedral's own bundle of rhubarb while the Cathedral also plays its part in the city-wide trail with two new characters hidden somewhere inside.

And on Sunday, our diocesan bishop, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, Anglican Bishop of Leeds, will be in the Cathedral for the 9.15am and the 11am Eucharist services when he will also say thanks for the city's famous rhubarb. For Wakefield is at the centre of the Yorkshire Triangle - an area of West Yorkshire that has grown the best quality forced rhubarb for hundreds of years. It's so good that Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb has now received protected name status alongside other famous delicacies such as Parma Ham and Champagne.

And every February the city comes alive with a vibrant celebration of rhubarb - with speciality food and drink, demonstrations from celebrity chef Jean-Christophe Novelli, street food, lively street entertainment, a family rhubarb trail, guided walks, and other rhubarb related fun.

Wakefield's Festival of Food Drink and Rhubarb - 23, 24 and 25th Feb
Cathedral Kitchen open 10-3pm each day with its rhubarb inspired menu.

Hymns at this morning's 10.30am Eucharist *Eucharist in Lent*

Opening Hymn: 48

Before Gospel: 493

Offertory Hymn: 627

Sanctus: No 2 page 15

Final hymn: Bless the Lord O my Soul (on screen)