

PSALM 22:23-31

Praise the LORD, all you who fear him! Honour him, all you descendants of Jacob! Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel! For he has not ignored the suffering of the needy. He has not turned and walked away. He has listened to their cries for help. I will praise you among all the people; I will fulfil my vows in the presence of those who worship you. The poor will eat and be satisfied. All who seek the LORD will praise him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy. The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him. People from every nation will bow down before him. For the LORD is king! He rules all the nations. Let the rich of the earth feast and worship. Let all mortals -- those born to die -- bow down in his presence. Future generations will also serve him. Our children will hear about the wonders of the Lord. His righteous acts will be told to those yet unborn. They will hear about everything he has done.

Christ Church Notices

for the week beginning Sunday 04 March 2012

Second Sunday of Lent

The Collect

**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
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

**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.**

Today's Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7,15,16

Mark 8:31-end

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

The funeral service for Revd Guy Smith will be held on Friday 9 March 2012 in Kidderminster.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	6.30pm	Neighbourhood Plan Meeting*see note below
Wednesday	12.30pm	Prayer Lunch
Wednesday	1.00pm	Meditation for Lent
Thursday	7.30am	Prayer Breakfast at URC
Friday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday	12 noon	Lent Lunch at St Thomas's

PRAYER POINTS:

Please include these items in your prayers this week.

- ▶ Children who live rough
- ▶ Our sister church of Good Shepherd
- ▶ Barnardo's & NSPCC

The three churches of this benefice as they prepare for the induction of our new team rector Revd Phillip Wootton on 28 April 2012.

The Bishop of Lichfield's Lent Appeal will this year be supporting Christian initiatives working with children and young people both overseas and here in the UK (More information at back of church). Grey envelopes are available for your donation, and can be added to the weekly collection any time up until Easter Sunday. If you cannot sign up for Gift Aid, just put a line through the declaration. Thank you .

This year I am keen, after the prompting of Norman Lewis, that we should take things out of Lent rather than add more things in. We have tried to make sure we have no business meetings for the duration and I would urge you also to try to deliberately drop some of your busy-ness. Instead we are offering two periods for Meditation each week of half an hour each: each Wednesday at 1.00pm at Christ Church and each Friday at 7.30pm at Good Shepherd. Please try and make this a priority when you can listen to what the Lord is saying. PIPPA.

Lent Lunches - Please see poster at the back of church for details of this year's Lent lunches, the proceeds from which will be donated to the Covenanted Churches' charities for 2012 - Rwanda Child, Wolverhampton Food Bank and Fare Share.

The New English Orchestra's next concert will be at Birmingham Town Hall Saturday 21 April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Town Hall - www.thsh.co.uk or phone 0121 780 3333.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL Each year the electoral roll is updated. If you are not already on the roll, and would like to be, please see Carol Key or one of the wardens. The final date for handing in forms is **Sunday 18 March.**
Mothers' Union - Make a Mother's Day

If you would like to give an alternative gift to your mother, or in her memory, this Mothering Sunday on 18 March, "Make a Mother's Day" offers ethical gifts. Catalogues can be found at the back of church.

Mothers' Union Quiz Sheets - Another quiz sheet with the theme of "Families" is available, price £1. Branch members have decided that money raised will go towards the Literacy & Development Programme & to Away From It All holidays (AFIA). Sheets are available from Carol Key or Margaret Boxall. To be returned by 31 March.

MOTHERS' UNION - Easter Eggs and Toiletries. During Lent we will be collecting Easter Eggs and toiletries for the Haven Homes. This annual gesture is very much appreciated by those who are experiencing a difficult family life. If anyone would like to contribute, there will be boxes in church. Thank you.

Transport Rota - please let Angela Williams know any dates between April/June when you will not be available please.

FAIRTRADE GOODS will be on sale at both services next Sunday. Any special requests to Ann Fulljames (tel. 425710) by Wednesday, please.

EASTER FLOWERS - THERE IS A BOX AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS.

***Castlecroft/Finchfield/Compton/Tettenhall - We want to hear your local concerns and ideas.** Two special drop in sessions for the local community to attend focusing on Highways, Transport and the Environment:- Parking, Congestion, Pedestrians, Cycling, Buses. Please drop in and give your views! Second session on Tuesday 6 March 6.30 - 8.30 pm at Christ Church Hall (Jubilee Rooms), The Holloway, Tettenhall Wood.

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