

The Third Sunday Before Lent

Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gluten Free Wafers - whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers are available.

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Sunday 16th February 2025

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SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – FEBRUARY

Sunday 16 February

10am Morning Prayer

Monday 17 February

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

Tel: 07899 945935...for if you can't find it!

Tuesday 18 February

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19 February

10am Midweek Eucharist with hymns and songs

5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 23 February

10am Sung Eucharist

All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's
at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Pray for our sick and those who care for them: Evelyn, Pat Hughes, Bob, Carol, Steph Randall, Pam, Fran and Peter, Tim Dalloway, Anne-Marie, Chris Hemsley, Angela, Winnifred Quirke, Winston Sharpe, Reagan, Carole, Jayne Timmins, Carol, John Timmins, Lainey, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Eileen Knight, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Please pray for Rebecca Jones and for the safe arrival of her baby next week.

Recently Departed: David Hughes, Sarah Andrews, Edna Smith, Helen Gregg, Norimar Kepler, Baby Cleo Eloise Stella Saini, Sheila Edwards

*Please pray for the people that live in New Bradley Hall in our parish
and for the people who care for them.*

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for February

*Loving Father, please look after each precious family, giving them comfort and
the knowledge that there is always a safe home on the
journey of life with You. Amen.*

Book – Tiddler

Church of the Ascension School

As part of our Church/School Partnership, each week we are going to be sharing some prayers from the children for you to remember during your prayer at home during the week.

These are this week's prayers that remind them to pray a **thank you** prayer, a **sorry** prayer and/or a **please** prayer.

- ❖ Dear God. **Thank you** for everything you have done for me. Amen.
- ❖ Dear God. **Please** help me to be sorry when I've been a bit naughty. Sorry for being mean sometimes. Amen.
- ❖ Dear God. I'm **sorry** for the times that I have not helped people when help is needed. Amen.

Prayer and Praise Eucharist at Fr Mel's The next meeting will be on Monday February 17th at 7pm. As usual it's at 14 Beech Tree Close DY6 7DR.

Electoral Roll Officer After many years of dedicated service Margaret Jones is retiring from being our electoral roll officer once the full revision is completed during March. Do you think God is calling you to this important ministry for the church? If you're interested or just want to know more then please speak to Margaret or Fr Adam and you would be able to shadow Margaret over the next few months!

A date for your diary from Fr Adam

Ash Wednesday 2025 - Wednesday 5th March

As you know (because I mention it every year), Ash Wednesday is a day of obligation where Christians should try their best to attend church to begin their Lent Pilgrimage. At both of our churches we also offer to ash the foreheads of those who come. We will once again be offering two services this year so that as many people can come even if it might not be to your regular church.

- **10am at Church of the Ascension**
- **7.30pm at St Mary's**

Following the morning service, Mthr Sarah and Fr Chris will be taking ashes-to-go into the wider community. Curious to find out more? Speak to Mthr Sarah.

A message from Fr Mel

PARISH WIDE LENT GROUPS will be happening this year at five venues on different days and times of day each week so you can choose a group that's most convenient to you.

Fr Mel has written a **short course of just four weeks** about **Healing and the Ministry of Christians**. This is to go along with Fr. Adam's concern that the ministry of healing takes a more upfront place in our worship gatherings. And we're talking here about a holistic view of illness – from an emotional, mental, relational, spiritual as well as physical aspect.

Five groups are on offer and details are on the big noticeboard beside the font. Fr Adam says "Please will you sign up SOON so that we know where things stand! Thanks a lot.