

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MON 16 MAR	8pm . St Mary's . Bell-ringing Practice
TUE 17 MAR	11am-12 noon . Meeting Room . Church Office 6.15pm . St Mary's . Junior Choir 6.30pm-7.30pm . Meeting Room . Church Office 7pm . St Mary's . Full Choir
WED 18 MAR	10am . St Mary's . Holy Communion 7.30pm . Salvation Army, Warrington Road . Lent Course: I, Daniel Blake
THU 19 MAR	Feast of St Joseph
FRI 20 MAR	10.30am . St Mary's . Funeral of Elaine Kilshaw
SAT 21 MAR	
SUN 22 MAR	10am . St Mary's . Sung Eucharist Mothering Sunday 10am . St Paul's . Eucharist

Morning Prayer takes place Monday to Friday at 8.15am. Evening Prayer is usually Monday to Friday at 4.15pm, but times may occasionally vary.

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SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020—THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**“The water I give
will become in
you a spring of
water gushing up
to eternal life.”
John 4.14**

The choir will sing the anthem
O for a Closer Walk with God,
by Charles Villiers Stanford,
in place of the psalm at
St Mary's this morning.

Readings

Old Testament Exodus 17.1-7
New Testament Romans 5.1-11
Gospel John 4.5-42

Readers

St Mary's 10am Sung Eucharist
St Paul's 10am Eucharist

St Mary's Geoffrey Appleton
Brenda Burgess
St Paul's David Friar

Intercessions

St Mary's David Kernick

Collect

St Paul's Revd Christopher Perrins

Almighty God, whose most dear Son
went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain, and entered not into
glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in
the way of the cross, may find it none
other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns

144 Dear Lord and Father of
mankind
584 Rock of ages, cleft for me
422 Lord, we come to ask your
healing
610 Soul of my Saviour
482 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
303 I cannot tell how he whom
angels worship

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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers:

- Deaths: Elaine Kilshaw
- Baptisms: Robin Gracie Inglesby, Ruby Inglesby

CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

To ensure everyone's health and minimise risk of infection in the current coronavirus pandemic, we have followed the Church of England's advice and put the following measures in place in the parish:

- Sidespersons will spray your hands with antibacterial gel as you enter the church (a bit like entering the restaurant on a cruise!)
- We will use the low altar for Holy Communion, and we will stand to receive the bread (the rail will not be in place). We will receive Communion in one kind only, ie, the bread, and although the wine will be consecrated, it will not be consumed. Please note that the Church has historically taught that to receive in one kind is to receive both the body and blood of Christ, so it is no less spiritually nourishing
- There will be no physical contact during the Peace—simply say 'Peace' or 'Peace be with you' to those either side of you, without shaking hands
- The collection plate will not be passed around, but you may drop something in the plate as you leave at the end of the service
- There will be no refreshments after the Eucharist
- St Paul's Lunch Club is cancelled until further notice
- St Paul's Coffee Morning continues on Thursdays, but we'll make alternative provisions for the serving of drinks and snacks, in keeping with guidelines

NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNER: David Kernick, no. 42 (Saturday 7 March).

THANK-YOU to the gifted volunteers who helped Kim with this week's Experience Easter, sharing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection with children from Prescot School, Our Lady's Catholic Primary School and St

Mary and St Paul's CE Primary School. The young people of the Deanery Youth Group will also experience the different stations on Sunday evening, and you are welcome to spend a few moments walking around St Mary's after the service to experience Easter for yourself.

THE FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER on Friday 6 March raised a very welcome £400 towards the 16th Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts (Friday 19-Sunday 28 June 2020). The next Friends of the Festival meeting, including AGM, is on Tuesday 21 April at 6pm in St Mary's. All are welcome to hear news, share views and volunteer their time and skills. Visit www.prescotfestival.co.uk, for more information about the 16th annual festival and other events.

WE ARE NOW IN THE SEASON OF LENT. Important dates for your diary are Mothering Sunday (22 March), Palm Sunday (5 April), Maundy Thursday (9 April), Good Friday (10 April) and Easter Day (12 April).

EASTER FLOWERS: If you'd like to give a donation in memory of a loved one, print their name(s) on a sealed envelope containing your gift and give it to Georgina (Flower Guild) or Norine (Verger). Thank you.

THE LENT COURSE continues this Wednesday, 18 March, at 7.30pm. Sessions take place at the Salvation Army on Warrington Road. Discussion is based on the film *I, Daniel Blake*. All are welcome.

THE COUNCIL are re-seeding the grassed areas between the church and the meeting room. Please avoid running over them when parking. Please also remember to park between the church and the Meeting Room *only* if you have a disability or infirmity, as space is limited.

SHARe KNOWSLEY: A huge thank you to everyone who continues to support SHARe Knowsley with toiletry donations. If you are wondering what specific items to donate, over the past few months there has been a shortage of shampoo and conditioner. Please see Kim if you can help.

SHARe KNOWSLEY TRUSTEE POSITION: SHARe Knowsley are looking for new trustees to assist in the governance, management and administration of the Prescot-based charity, which helps refugees and asylum seekers in the local area. If you are interested, email shareknowsley@gmail.com for an application form and more info.