

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MON 9 MAR	8pm . St Mary's . Bell-ringing Practice
TUE 10 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 11 MAR	10am . St Mary's . Holy Communion 7.30pm . Salvation Army, Warrington Road . Lent Course: I, Daniel Blake
THU 12 MAR	St Mary's . Schools' Experience Easter (Times TBA) 6pm-8pm . Rooted (Teens Lent Course—see Revd Kim for information)
FRI 13 MAR	St Mary's . Schools' Experience Easter (Times TBA)
SAT 14 MAR	
SUN 15 MAR Third Sunday in Lent	10am . St Mary's . Sung Eucharist 10am . St Paul's . Eucharist 7pm-8.30pm . St Mary's . Deanery Youth Group: Experience Easter

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.

DEDICATION

Fondest memories of Cliff Naylor,
from Pauline & family

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SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020—SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**“Very truly, I
tell you, no
one can see
the kingdom of
God without
being born
from above.”
John 3.3**

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion
10am Sung Eucharist
St Paul's 10am Eucharist

Preachers
St Mary's Mavis Harris
St Paul's Revd John Taylor

Hymns
626 Take up thy cross
84 Breathe on me breath of God
19 All my hope on God is founded
517 O love that will not let me go
44 As pants the hart for cooling
streams
598 Sing for God's glory

The choir will sing the anthem
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
by David Evans, arr. Richard
Shepherd, in place of the psalm at
St Mary's this morning.

Readings

Old Testament Genesis 12.1-4a
New Testament Romans 4.1-5,13-17
Gospel John 3.1-17

Readers

St Mary's Myra Grimshaw
Ann Capewell
St Paul's Isa Boadey

Intercessions

St Mary's Val Sugden

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.**

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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.**

For your prayers:

- Deaths: Elaine Kilshaw
- Anniversaries: Derek Watkinson, Cliff Naylor

NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNER: Karen Williams, no. 9 (Saturday 29 February).

THANK-YOU to all who attended Friday's festival fundraiser, with soprano Danielle Louise Thomas and the Gilbert Scott Singers. We will announce the grand total soon. Visit www.prescotfestival.co.uk, for more information about the 16th annual festival and other events.

THANK-YOU to everyone who has signed up to help with Experience Easter. There will be a short meeting by the font for volunteers immediately after the service at St Mary's today (Sunday 8 March).

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.

THIS YEAR'S LENT COURSE continues this Wednesday, 11 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.

ARCHDEACON'S REVIEW: Part of the information we submitted for the Archdeacon's Review in November was an analysis of our planned giving levels, ie, envelopes, standing orders and Parish Giving Scheme. For both churches in Prescot Parish, 57% give up to £30 per month. During the archdeacon's visit he commented that the average for the total Liverpool Diocese was actually between £30 and £100 per month. Food for thought?

THE COUNCIL are re-seeding the grassed areas between the church and the meeting room. Please avoid running over them when parking.

AS A PRECAUTION IN LIGHT OF THE CORONAVIRUS RISK, the Church of England has asked communicants not to dip the wafer in the wine at Communion, as this increases the chance of spreading infection. Receiving the Sacrament in one form only (eg, the bread or the wine only) is also perfectly acceptable.

URGENT REQUEST—PLANTS WANTED: Last year a number of you were kind enough to lend us your plants, rocks, etc. for three weeks in order to build the Garden of Gethsemane in Experience Easter. If you would be willing to do so again, it would be so appreciated, and we promise to take good care of them. If you are able to lend us your plants, etc, could you either bring them along to the Wednesday Eucharist, drop them into the Meeting Room before Wednesday, or email Kim at revkimberleymannings@gmail.com if you require someone to come and collect them. It really did make such a difference last year in making the event look so realistic. Many thanks in advance!

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.

ST PAUL'S COFFEE MORNING takes place 9am to 10am every Thursday during term time. Please drop in to enjoy a cuppa and socialise, or see Sue Priestley or the Revd Kim Mannings if you'd like to be a volunteer.

SERVING TEA & COFFEE is an invaluable ministry at St Mary's—you cannot overestimate the value of a warm welcome and a chance for people to sit and socialise after the Sunday service. Please consider volunteering from time to time. See Liz Taylor or the Vicar.