



ST EDWARD'S
CHEDDLETON

Pew Sheet

Sunday 22 February 2026

11am Parish Eucharist
The First Sunday of Lent

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need, and please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'. If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

Today's Team

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Hymns

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Communion Chant

You, Lord, are in this place.

Your presence fills it; your presence is peace.

Thoughts & Prayers

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families, and the wider school community, as they return from their half-term holiday.

Prayers have also been asked for **Deb, Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Lyn, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe, Ester Young**, as well as those on the prayer list at All Saints.

We pray, too, for **Malcom Cunningham, Gaynor Wilson, Alan Walwyn** and **Sheila Jacques**, who have died recently.

Please pray, too, for PCC meetings in both parishes this week.

Collect

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Readings continued

Genesis

2.15-17; 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

[...]

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Psalm

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- 1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.
- 2 **Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**
- 3 For I held my tongue;
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all the day long.
- 4 **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and my iniquity I did not hide.
- 6 **I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are a place for me to hide in;
you preserve me from trouble;**
you surround me with songs of deliverance.
- 9 **'I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**
- 10 'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.'
- 11 **Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans

5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Matthew

4.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

What's On @ St Edward's

Monday 23 February	Morning Prayer 8:30am Community Café: 10am–12noon ALL SAINTS: Prayer & Pastries 10:30am ALL SAINTS: Evening Prayer 5pm
Tuesday 24 February	Morning Prayer 8:30am ALL SAINTS: Evening Prayer 5pm
Wednesday 25 March	Morning Prayer 8:30am ALL SAINTS: Holy Communion 12:30pm
Thursday 26 February	Choir Rehearsal 6pm
Friday 27 February	Morning Prayer 8:30am Funeral: Gaynor Wilson 10:30am Holy Communion 5pm ALL SAINTS: Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Saturday 28 February	//
Sunday 1 March	Joint Parish Eucharist 11am [!]

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 8 March	Joint Parish Eucharist (venue tbc) 11am
Sunday 15 March	Mothering Sunday Service 4pm <i>(Note: there will be no Eucharist at St Edward's today)</i>
Sunday 22 March	Parish Eucharist 11am <i>followed by APCM</i>
Wednesday 25 March	Choral Evensong 3:30pm
Sunday 29 March	Palm Sunday Eucharist 11.15am!

Notices

Come & Sing: Choral Evensong

This Spring, the choir are setting out on a new venture, and we'd love YOU to be part of it. In March, we'll be offering a service of Choral Evensong on a weekday afternoon: on **Wednesday, 25 March (3.30pm)**. We're hoping that families might drop in to this service on their way home from school, and we're inviting one-and-all to sing with us for this special service: whether you're a seasoned singers, and have always fancied giving it a go. Rehearsals will be on 26 February and 23 March (6pm). All welcome!

Please speak to Mary or Henry to find out more.

Parish Retreat

Make sure not to miss our joint parish retreat to Mirfield (25–28 June). Whilst on retreat, we'll be joining the resident monastic community for their daily round of worship, and there will be a number of opportunities for us to reflect on our faith, seeking to discern where God might be leading us as a church family in this season of change.

Please do speak to Henry if you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to come but are concerned about finances.

APCM

Please note that this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday, 22 March, after the 11am Eucharist.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Details for Holy Week & Easter Services, at St Edward's & All Saints, are now available in our special flyers.

Do pick one up from the table at the back after the service.

Why not also pick up one of the Church of England's little **Lenten booklets**, to inspire you through this season of renewal.

Fancy a Cuppa and Some Good Company?

Why not come along to our weekly Community Café in the Choir House: every Monday, 10am–12noon. All are welcome!

A message from our Church Warden, Mary

Thank you to Henry for hosting the wonderful party for my birthday and to everyone for coming and making it such a very special time. It was wonderful. Thank you all and for all the presents and cards too. You are all so very kind, thank you, Mary.