



ST EDWARD'S  
CHEDDLETON

# Pew Sheet

Sunday 8 March 2026

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11am Parish Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Lent

President & Preacher – Reverend Maureen Tideswell

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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# H y m n s

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## Communion Chant

*You, Lord, are in this place.*

*Your presence fills it; your presence is peace.*

# T h o u g h t s & P r a y e r s

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, Alan Walwyn Sheila Jacques**, and **William Thompson** who have died recently.

## Collect

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.**

# Readings

## Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying,

'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

# Readings continued

## Psalm 95 cont...

7 For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**8 O that today you would listen to his voice:**

**'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,**

9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my works.

**10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,**

**"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."**

11 'So I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## Romans 5.1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Readings continued

## John 4.5-42

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who

# Readings continued

## John 4.5-42 cont...

worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# What's On @ St Edward's

Monday  
9 March

*No Morning or Evening Prayer*  
Community Café: 10am–12noon

Tuesday  
10 March

*No Morning or Evening Prayer*

Wednesday  
11 March

Morning Prayer 8:30am  
**ALL SAINTS:** Holy Communion 12:30pm

Thursday  
12 March

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Friday  
13 March

Morning Prayer 8:30am  
Funeral: Malcom Cunningham 11am  
Holy Communion 5pm  
**ALL SAINTS:** Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Saturday  
14 March

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Sunday  
15 March

Mothering Sunday Service **4pm**  
*(Note: there will be no Eucharist at St Edward's today)*  
**ALL SAINTS:** 11am Choral Eucharist followed by APCM

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday  
22 March

Parish Eucharist 11am  
*followed by APCM*

**Wednesday**  
25 March

**Choral Evensong 3:30pm**

Sunday  
29 March

**Palm Sunday Eucharist 11.15am!**

**Tuesday**  
31 March

**Easter Garden Making 11am at All Saints**

**Maundy Thursday**  
2 April

Supper 5:30pm  
Eucharist, Footwashing & Watch 7pm (until 9pm)  
**at All Saints**

**Good Friday**  
3 April

In the Steps of Jesus 10am (**meet at church**)  
Good Friday Service 6:30pm (**at St Andrew's**)

## **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.

The APCM at All Saints will take place the previous week, on 15 March.

## **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!

## **Mid-Week Eucharists at All Saints**

Please note that there will be a mid-week Eucharist at All Saints on Tuesday, 17 March (St Patrick's Day), at 2pm. There will be no Eucharist at All Saints on Wednesday, 18 March.