

**THE PARISH OF LETCHWORTH
ST MICHAEL & ST MARY'S WEEKLY**

3rd March 2019 | SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT – QUINQUAGESIMA

St Mary the Virgin
9am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

St Michael the Archangel
10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 4 *Feria*

Tue 5 *Feria*

Wed 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

Thu 7 *SS. Perpetua & Felicity*

Fr 8 *Feria*
[Edward King]

Sat 9 *Feria*

Sun 10 **The First Sunday of Lent**
9am **PARISH EUCHARIST** - St Mary's
10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST** - St Michael's

No Services Today

9am **MORNING PRAYER** - St Michael's

9.30am **EUCHARIST WITH ASHING** - St Mary's

7.30pm **SUNG MASS**

WITH ASHING - St Michael's

9am **MORNING PRAYER** - St Michael's

18.45 **EVENING PRAYER** - St Michael's

19.10 **MASS** - St Michael's

9am **MORNING PRAYER** - St Michael's

9.30am **MASS** - St Michael's

7pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - St Michael's

No Services Today



Welcome! We hope that you will find something of God's love here as you take part in today's liturgy and fellowship.

Of your charity, please pray for:

¶ For the keeping of a good and holy Lent ¶ Those preparing for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation ¶ Those serving through leadership ¶ Those looking for forgiveness
¶ The Queen and her government ¶ All who are hungry.

In our local community: The Glade, Gorst Close, Greenways, High Avenue, Highfield

For the sick: Nick Goddard, Keith Goddard, Joan Pain, Angela Anderson, Hayley Cutmore, Katie Khan, Jessica Horner, Judith Beese, Br Kentigern John, Anthony Tilden, Sheilah Howard, John Howard, Elizabeth Stevens, Mary Holifield, Russell Jones, Rev'd Barry Pate, Margaret Payne

Years Mind: (24th) Florence Cheetham, Richard Baxter, (25th) Ellen Crickmer, (28th) Jack Burrows, (29th) (Pat) Constance Hudson,

·You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you' (Psalm 86).

READINGS & HYMNS

Sun 3

THE SUNDAY NEXT TO LENT - QUINQAGESIMA

Introit (Ps 25.16,18)

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering
and take away all my sins, my God.

Readings

1 Kings 8.22-23,41-43; Ps. 96;

R: Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

Galatians 1.1-12; Luke 7.1b-10.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loves the world so much that he gave his only Son
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon (Ps 17.6)

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Hymns

New English Hymnal

Processional 237 Gradual 445

Offertory Sheet Communion 294 Thanksgiving 394

THIS WEEK'S LECTIONARY READINGS

Mon

Ecclus. 17.24-29; Ps. 32.1-8; Mark 10.17-27

Tue

Ecclus. 2.1-11; Ps. 37.3-6, 27-28; Mark 9.30-37

Wed 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17; Ps. 51;

R: Have mercy on me, O God.

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21.

Thu

Deut. 30.15-end; Ps. 1; Luke 9.22-25

Fr

Isa 58.1-9a; Ps. 51.1-5, 17-18; Matthew 9.14-16

Sat

Isa. 58.9b-end; Ps. 86.1-7; Luke 5.27-32.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sun 10

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Ps. 91.1-2,9-end;

R: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.

Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13.

THE COLLECTS & POST COMMUNION

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

BCP Collect

O Lord, who hast taught us
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth;
Send thy Holy Ghost,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee.
Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Trusting in your compassion, O Lord,
we come eagerly with our offerings to your sacred altar,
that, through purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mystery we serve.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

We ask you, almighty God: that we who have received this heavenly food,
may be defended against all adversities.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Living God's Love Prayer

*Living God, draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your love
with generosity and joy, imagination and courage;
for the sake of your world
and in the name of Jesus.
Amen.*

PEW SHEET NOTICES

(to the Parish Office in writing by midday on Tuesday)

BIRTHDAYS: (4th) Kate Roberts, (9th) Rosaline Greenaway

This Wednesday the Church keeps Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. There is a 9.30am service at St Mary's and a 7.30pm service at St Michael's. Please make an effort to attend.

The Pancake/Coffee morning on Friday 22nd February was a huge success and raised £172.50 for parish funds.

Thank you to the congregation at St Mary's for answering an appeal to help towards the extraordinary printing costs both in December and to boost funds in readiness for Easter printing. I received £175—enormous thanks. Marlene.

A full renewal of the electoral roll is taking place this year **between the Sunday 10th March and the Sunday 23rd of March**. The enrolment form and the ethnicity form are available at the back of each church. Please pick one up, fill it in and return to Marlene, our Electoral Roll Officer, asap. You must be a member of the Electoral Roll to attend and take part in **the Annual Parochial Church Meeting** to be held on **Sunday 7th April**.

Sixty Plus Club—will meet on Friday 15th March for a Lent Lunch at 1.30pm at the Parish Hall. For details please contact : Elizabeth Elkady on 07929079307 or for transport : John Gray 01462 236207. All over 60 welcome.

Lent Groups: Tuesday evenings at 7pm at the Rectory & Thursdays at 12 pm at St Michael's for 5 weeks during Lent beginning on **12th & 14th of March** respectively. We will be reading and reflecting on *The Merciful Humility of God* by Jane Williams (approx. £7.40).

The Letchworth Christian Bookshop will be celebrating world book day on Saturday 9th March. There will be storytelling and crafts from 11am to 12 midday in the shop. Also children's books to buy for £1. Come and have fun—all welcome.

Parish Office is open this week: Tuesday 1.45—4.15pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30—12.30pm.

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