*Ways to Give - this week Gift Aid!*

Gift Aid is just that a gift from the Government to church! If you pay tax then we can reclaim gift aid on all of your donations to church. The easiest way to do this is to give by standing order (so it goes out of your bank each month automatically) and complete a gift aid form. If you give by cash regularly then why not ask about stewardship envelopes (and again the gift aid is claimed automatically once you’ve completed a form). If you give on a less regular basis then do use the yellow envelopes in the pew. (Please can we ask that if you are not able to gift aid that you either don’t use the yellow envelopes as they are an expense, or if you feel you have to then not to seal them so we can use them again!). Thanks to all those who give to church - let’s see if we can make any more of our gifts give even more through gift aid!

*School Admissions*

Parents who intend to apply for a place for a child at any Church Aided school are reminded that it is important to sign the worship attendance sheet every time they attend church. Please note that the schools’ admission criteria only recognises parental attendance at worship (or the child’s for St Michael’s) and only they may sign in. Issues with school admission policy should be taken up with the relevant school.

*Safeguarding*

This is taken seriously here. If you have any concerns, then please contact Revd Jo Smith.

**If anyone has notices to include in this sheet, please email them to euxtonchurchnotices@yahoo.com by noon on Wednesday 10th Feb.**

*The Diocesan Vision Prayer*

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders.  Give us eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

 

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| EUXTON PARISH CHURCH | | |
| Week beginning Sunday 8th March 2020 | | |
| **Sunday 8th March** | 8.00 am  10.00 am  11.15 am | Holy Communion  Family Parade Service  Coffee Morning (Community Centre) |
| **Monday 9th** | 9.30 am | Toddler Group (Community Centre) |
| **Wednesday 11th** | 9.10 am  10.00 am  2.00 pm  7:30 pm | Early Birds  Holy Communion  Open Church until 4pm  Mothers' Union - 'Prayer through the senses' |
| **Thursday 12th** | 5.45 pm | JAM club (Community Centre Annexe) |
| **Sunday 15th March** | 8.00 am  10.00 am  11.15 am  3.00 pm | Holy Communion  Holy Communion  Coffee Morning (Community Centre)  Lent Service (Euxton Methodist Church) |

The 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.

Bishop’s Memory Verse:

**Making Disciples - Matthew 15.8**

These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

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| *Readings* |  |  |  |
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| ***Today*** |  |  |  |
| Genesis 12:1–4a | (p.13) |  | Organisations |
| John 3:1–17 | (p.1065) |  |  |
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| ***Next Week (15th March)*** |  |  |  |
| Exodus 17:1-7 | (p.75) |  | Anne Wallbank |
| Romans 5:1-11 | (p.1132) |  | Doreen Goulding |
| John 4:1-42 | (p.1066) |  | Vicar |
| Offertory |  |  | Tom & Audrey Wallbank |

**Notices**

*Health and Safety*

Do you have any health & safety experience? If so, Jo & the wardens would love to hear from you and have a conversation with you (you’re not committing to anything by having a conversation!).

*Pastoral Visiting*

If you or someone you know (with their permission) would appreciate a visit from the pastoral team then please contact Jean Lewis on 411834 or Jo Smith 262102.

Lent…

*Knowing the Scriptures better*

It’s not too late to join in our lent challenge of reading through John’s gospel. There are still some booklets available at the back of church.

*Lent Service - Sunday 15th March, 3pm*

Our Churches Together in Euxton Lent Service is taking place at Euxton Methodist Church. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Lent Talk - Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm*

The Churches Together in Euxton Lent Talk is being held at St Mary's Parish Centre. Our speaker this year is Rev James Gwyn-Thomas from Buckshaw Village, and his topic is "Jesus Through Fresh Eyes". This promises to be a lively and thought-provoking evening, & I do hope that you'll be able to attend

*Upcoming dates…*

*Mothering Sunday - 22nd March*

Our 10am Service will be an All Age service (a change to our normal pattern), where the whole church family is welcomed to join together. We’ll also be welcoming 2 new members of the Mother’s Union. NB. TOAST & Morning Prayer will now take place on the 29th March.

*Cleaning Morning - Saturday 29th March from 10am to 12noon*

Bring your cleaning stuff, come in your cleaning clothes and together let’s give church a spring clean before Easter. We will have jobs for all ages and abilities. Even if you can only come for 30 mins we’d love to see you. Refreshments will be provided.

*Opportunities to join in…*

*JAM CLUB (JESUS & ME)*

Group for primary aged children (5-11year olds), meets fortnightly to learn about following Jesus through games, crafts, stories and loads of fun. Feel free to just turn up or for more information please contact Anne at [Anne\_Howard1957@hotmail.com](mailto:Anne_Howard1957@hotmail.com) or Tel: 07952410570

*Music Group*

Do you enjoy learning new songs or play an instrument? Then why not join in? A chance to learn new songs and use the gifts God has given you! From March the music group meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7.30pm to 9pm in Church. (By coming you are not committing to playing in a service, but you’d be more than welcome to).

*All Age Team*

If you’d like to be part of the team that plans our All Age services, then please speak to Jo. (NB there is no requirement of doing anything upfront!).

*8am Readers*

It would be great to share out the reading of the Bible at this service this week.  If you would be happy to be part of a team of readers to go on a rota (or ad-hoc) then please sign the list at the back of church.