

# Parish Service Sheet

## The Sunday next before Lent

Hymns	SJ	SG
Entrance	373	220
Gradual	19	175
Offertory	428	277
Communion		289,502
Recessional	610	206

### Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Amen

### Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Amen

### Today

9:30am Parish Communion (SJ)  
 11am Parish Eucharist (SG)  
*The Revd Judith Ware will preside at both services*

### \*\*\* Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Ash Wednesday \*\*\*

7pm (SG) *The Revd John Faraday will preside*

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March, The First Sunday of Lent

9:30 (SJ) 11am (SG)  
*The Revd Raymond Morris will preside at both services*

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, The Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 (SJ) 11am (SG)  
*The Revd Hilda Wild will preside at both services*

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, The Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 (SJ) 11am (SG)  
*The Revd Hilda Wild will preside at both services*

### \*\*\* Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Tuesday \*\*\*

11:30am Lenten Lunch (SG)  
 7pm (SG)

### \*\*\* Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Maundy Thursday \*\*\*

7pm (SG)

### \*\*\* Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Good Friday \*\*\*

10am (SG)

### Notices

#### World Day of Prayer Service

Mossley Methodist Church  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2pm

#### Mellor's Pancakes in the Church room (SG)

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am to 11:30am  
 Pancake and drink £1.50 (Junior Church funds)  
 Chocolate Tombola 50p prize every time (Church funds)

#### Mothers' Union (SG)

The regular monthly meetings will recommence on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Church room

#### Murder Mystery Night (SG)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March **5:00pm (not as previously advertised)**  
 Actors needed!!! See Kathryn  
 Cost is a donation and there will be a raffle

#### Offertory Envelopes (SG)

Will be available for collection in April  
 If you would like a pack, please speak to Karen (Gift-Aid Co-ordinator) or Carol W. (Treasurer)

### **Exodus 34.29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

### **2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### **Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,]

**Next Sunday's readings:** Exodus 34.29-35, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]

*We aspire to be a welcoming and inclusive Christian community built on the understanding that God accepts us equally, irrespective of gender, sexuality, race, social standing, belief, age or ability - and believing that God calls us equally to share that unconditional love with all people, without exception.*