



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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As we begin our Lenten journey we are reminded again of Jesus' own fast of forty days in the desert and of the temptations he endured. So we pray that, following his example, we might faithfully resist the lure of sin and grow in holiness through our Lenten discipline.

132 O for a heart to praise my God
121 Forty days and forty nights
628 Father of heaven, whose love profound
702 Lead us, heavenly Father

The Angelus follows the blessing:

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
**That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

A prayer follows and all respond, **Amen.**

NOTICES

Welcome to Saint Paul's. This morning's service can be followed in the green booklets you were given as you came in, with hymns from the red hymn book.

Father Paul is doing double duty again this Sunday, and will be leaving promptly after Mass to get to Saint Peter's, Wolverhampton, for their 11.15am Eucharist.

Unfortunately **Darquise's concert** at Saint Peter's has been cancelled due to events beyond her control.

This week at Saint Paul's:

Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.
Coffee Pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am.

Please join us for our **Lent Programme** at the Vicarage following the mid-week Eucharist, starting this week.

Coven Mothers Union will be holding a **Cuppa and Cake** fundraiser for The Haven and other charities, in church, Saturday 7 March, 12.00pm to 4.00pm. All welcome.

Pauline Appleby has been awarded the Saint Chad medal by the bishop in recognition of her long service to Saint Paul's, which will be presented to her at a special Evensong in the Cathedral next Sunday at 3.30pm.

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Ethan, Megan, Nikki; for the recently departed; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brain Goddard, John McBennett, Ethel Rose, Harold Spruce, John Phillips, Barbara Bird, John Hall.

Saint Paul's, like any parish of the Church of England, relies on the generosity of those who worship here. Please leave your offering on the plate or donate by bank transfer to: St Paul's Parochial Church Council, Coven, AC 02115540, Sort code 30-99-83.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

First Week of Lent

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18
Saint Polycarp	Matthew 25.31-end
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11
Lent weekday	Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-end
Lent weekday	Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Esther 14.1-5, 12-14*
Lent weekday	Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28
Lent weekday	Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-end
Lent weekday	Matthew 5.43-end
Next Sunday	Genesis 12.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.8-10
Second Sunday of Lent	Matthew 17.1-9

*from the Apocrypha