

# St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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**15<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Sunday next before Lent  
Sunday and Weekday Service**

*Welcome!*

## **The Collect**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hymns**

62 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

87 Breathe on me, Breath of God

775 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

563 How great thou art

## **First Reading, *Exodus 24.12-end***

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## **Second Reading, 2 Peter 1.16-end**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## **Gospel, Matthew 17.1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'  
8And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

## **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.

## **Intercessions**

**The World:** For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

**The Church:** The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Archdeacon Pete. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

**The Diocese:** Lowton and Golborne Team Ministry: St Thomas Golborne, St Luke Lowton, St Mary Lowton, St Thomas Golborne, St Mary Primary Lowton, St Luke Lowton, St Peter Newton Le Willows, All Hallows Allerton, All Saints Childwall, St Mark Childwall Valley, St Aiden Speke, All Saints Speke, Liverpool All Souls Springwood, St Mary Grassendale, Gateacre Team: St Stephen, St Mark Childwall Valley.

**For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit:** Ailsa McAlees, Hewie, Eileen Maguire, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Carl Lee, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington.

**For the departed remembered at this time:** John Orme, Dorothy Howson, Blanche Fielding, Beatrice Parker, Charlotte Lord, Ronald Gorman, Colleen Foster, Joseph Jones, Wilfreda Bing, Dorothy Baker, George Bretherton, William Baker.

## **Benefice Lent Courses**

We are running two courses in the benefice during Lent:

'Hear my prayer': a five-week course on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm, held at St Mary's - this will explore different approaches to prayer, and finish with an opportunity to write some prayers of our own for use at Easter. Week 1 - Introduction to Prayer; Week 2 - Collects; Week 3 - The Psalms; Week 4 - Intercessions; Week 5 - Composing Prayers for Easter.

'Draw Near': a five-week course on Monday evenings at 6.30pm, held at St Faith's - this will explore how we can cultivate habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. Week 1 - Sharing in Prayer; Week 2 - Sharing the Scriptures; Week 3 - Sharing Communion; Week 4 - Sharing in Service; Week 5 - Sharing the Good News.

During Lent, we will also be offering a weekly meditative service of Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm, at St Faith's; this will be preceded by a weekly service of Holy Communion using the liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer at 5.30pm, also at St Faith's.

Please see our new 'Upcoming Services and Events' section below for further information about dates and times - and please keep checking this new section as future worship and community occasions are announced (including our planned activities for Holy Week).

### **Upcoming Services and Events in the Benefice/Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm at St Mary's - Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, followed by Quiz.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am at St Mary's - Eucharist for Ash Wednesday (with the imposition of ashes).

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at St Faith's - Eucharist for Ash Wednesday (with the imposition of ashes) .

Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, 2.30pm at St Mary's - Lent Course 'Hear my prayer'.

Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, 6.30pm at St Faith's - Lent Course 'Draw Near'.

Wednesdays 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 5.30pm at St Faith's - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

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<b>Services at St Mary's</b>	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist <b>The Sunday next before Lent</b>	Louis Johnson
Wednesday, 10:30am <b>Eucharist (with Imposition of Ashes)</b>	Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist <b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	Steve Hall

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