

# St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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**22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**  
**Sunday and Weekday Service**

*Welcome!*

## **The Collect**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hymns**

202 40 days and 40 nights

422 Lead us heavenly Father

34 Amazing Grace

811 What a friend

## **First Reading, *Genesis 2.15-17***

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

## **Second Reading, *Romans 5.12-19***

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For

if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Gospel, *Matthew 4.1-11***

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## **Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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:** St Hilda Hunts Cross, St Nicholas and St Mary Halewood, St Mary Halewood, St Nicholas Halewood, St Anne Aigburth, St Barnabas Penny Lane, St Michael Garston, St Matthew and St James Mossley Hill, St Peter Much Woolton, Bishop Martin Woolton.

**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 Murray, Susan Bartlett, Norman Couch, Mona Lloyd, Dorothy Roberts, Eva Wolfenden, Iris Hendry, Norah Hockenhall, William Llewellyn, Edith Grice.

## Notices

**Compline:** In addition to our other extra services and activities in the benefice during Lent, there will also be a regular weekly service of Compline (Night Prayer) at St Faith's at 6pm on Sundays.

**Tuesday Club:** AGM on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm - St Mary's Meeting Room.

### 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:

Sundays: 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March, 6pm, St Faith's – Compline.

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 First Sunday of Lent</b>	Steve Hall
Wednesday, 10:30am <b>Eucharist</b>	Janet Bissex
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist <b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>	Louis Johnson

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