



# ST MARY'S

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## **Pew Sheet for 1 March 2026**

*A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services*

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

#### **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Hymns:**

<b>CP380</b>	At the Name of Jesus
<b>CP309</b>	Let All mortal flesh keep silence
<b>CP127</b>	When I survey the wonderous cross
<b>EWS165</b>	There is a Redeemer
<b>CP538</b>	O Jesus I have promised to serve thee

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

# Readings

## **Romans 4 1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## **John 3 1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night

and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one

can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Post-communion prayer:**

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Dates for the diary**

**Making Sense of Lent - A series of reflective evenings In the Church Hall**

Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March

7.30 pm – tea and coffee for 7.45 pm start. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

## **Special Services during Lent**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 am

**PALM SUNDAY EVENING** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

6.00 pm Stainer’s Crucifixion

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES (Monday–Wednesday)**

8.00 pm each evening – Holy Communion

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

8.00 pm Commemoration of The Last Supper with foot washing

**1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY TO 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** - The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place between 1st February and 1st March. If you did not fill in a Roll form last year and wish to be on the Electoral Roll blank forms are available at the back of church. Completed forms should be returned to Paul Nowak.

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH** 7.30pm & **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** - 10.30am - **KNIT & NATTER** in the Leverton Room.

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH “MOTHERING SUNDAY” - HOMEMADE SUNDAY**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** - There will be a quiz night at 7pm in the Hall. Mark Hodge will be the quizmaster, and a hot meal will be served. Tickets £12 on sale now!

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 6.00 pm Evensong** – Ripieno Choir at St Marys Church

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY - ST MARY’S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS** will be held after 9.30 am service.

Church activities reports need to be with Rod Clarke by March 29<sup>th</sup>

**27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - Confirmations will take place at St Mary’s, hopefully led by Bishop Paul - we welcome anyone who wishes to be confirmed to register with Rev Joshva.