

ST JAMES CHURCH CLIFTON

THE VIEW FROM LISTER STREET



Temptations of Christ *Basilica of San Marco, Venice c1100-1150*

Dear Friends

This week we begin our journey into Lent, accompanying Christ as he enters the wilderness for forty days. Our Gospel reading reminds us of the temptations Jesus faced there.

I remember learning about these as a child and finding them difficult to relate to; they felt ethereal, lofty, and far removed from my own life. But with age comes the realization that these are the very temptations we all face: **physical desire, ego, and the lure of power.**

Lent offers us a **sacred pause**—an opportunity to step back and reflect on how these forces shape our lives and impact those around us. It is not just a season of "giving things up," but a season of waking up to who we are called to be.

As we enter this desert together, may we find the courage to be honest with ourselves and the grace to seek God's strength where our own falls short. Wishing you all a holy and transformative Lent.

With prayers and blessings,
Mthr Caroline

P.S. Our service this Sunday will be in the Church Hall due to heating issues.

Dates for your Diary

- 23 February - 2pm Whiston Lent Course
7pm PCC in the Church Hall
- 24 February - 9.30-11.30am Warm Space
11am Weekday Eucharist
- 25 February - 1.30pm St Cuthbert's Lent Course
6pm St James' Lent Course (at Sharon's)
- 15 March - 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service
- 29 March - 10.30am Palm Sunday
- 2 April - Mandy Thursday at St Cuthbert's (time TBC)
- 3 April - 2pm Good Friday
- 4 April - 10am Church Cleaning
- 5 April - 10.30am Easter Day with Easter Egg hunt & Bring-and-Share Lunch

This year's Lent course will be on 'The Lord's Prayer'. There are three opportunities to meet starting the week beginning 23 February: Monday's at 2pm at Whiston, and Wednesday's at 1.30pm at St Cuthbert's and 6pm at Sharon's from St James'.

Readings

Click below to read the passages

[Genesis 2.15-17, 3:1-7](#)

[Psalm 32](#)

[Romans 5.12-19](#)

[Matthew 4.1-11](#)

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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.

Please pray for:

We pray for all those considering and preparing for baptism and confirmation

For all those who will be leading Lent groups in the coming weeks.

For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit

For the appointment of a Community Worker

If you would like us to pray for someone or something in particular, send an email to Mthr Caroline to add to the list (*please ensure you have the person's permission*)

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