

**ST MARTIN'S**  
Brighouse  
**Sunday**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Celebrant / preacher**  
Rev Paul / Rev Stephen  
**Reader**  
Helen Atkinson  
**Prayers**  
Tony Empson

**THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR**  
King Charles and Queen Camilla, our link Parish of St Paul, Bugwema, and their Priest Rev Osije; Bishops Toby and Smitha; Rev Paul and Rev Stephen; the staff and pupils at St Andrews Junior and Infant Schools, the residents of Cross Place  
**and for**  
Graham Davies, Adam Ayres, Margaret Bancroft, Christine Palethorpe, Roy Williams, Nigel Ashworth, Alan Sparks and for all those caring for them.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Ellis, Celia Stevens,  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ethel Davies, Gwen Grindrod,  
25<sup>th</sup> Nathan Stables, Derek Thornton, Joseph Cowan,  
26<sup>th</sup> Mary Hill,  
27<sup>th</sup> Bryan Balmforth,  
28<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Walsh, Joyce Guilfoyle,  
Alison Harding (nee Matthews)  
Alison, daughter of Canon Matthews, died on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**BIRTHDAYS**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Anne Wright  
25<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Lawley

**Reader**  
Susan Waterhouse  
**Prayers**  
Susan Empson

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## **SOUPER SUNDAY**

**Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, is Souper Sunday when a simple meal of bread, soup and cake will be served after the service.**

**All are welcome**

## **LENT CLUB** A Time for Reflection

**Wednesdays at 3.20pm**  
**St John's Academy, Clifton**  
**Starting 25th February**  
**(Please come to academy office at 3.15pm.**  
**School, Church and Community - all welcome)**

**Thursday at 10am and 6.30pm**  
**St Martin's Church, Brighouse**  
**Starting 26th February**

**For more information**  
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## **THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST**

**There is a simple Eucharist every Thursday at 10.00am.**  
**This is followed by tea/ coffee, cake and general chit chat.**  
**Everyone is welcome.**

## **FRIENDS OF THE RYDINGS**

The next speaker will be David Glover who will speak to us on the subject of "Mackintosh's Halifax".  
1.30pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Brighouse Library

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

**Our very small band of church cleaners (only 2 at the moment) would clearly like some help. If you can help on Friday mornings from about 9.30am to do some light vaccing or dusting, please see Colin at church (or just turn up)**



## February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lent 1

### 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 our Lord, **Amen**

### First Reading – Isaiah 58:6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

### 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.

### Prayer after Communion

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**