

St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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1st March

**The Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday and Weekday Service**

Welcome!

The 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

309 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
334 I heard the voice of Jesus say
772 Thy hand, O God, has guided
19 All my hope on God is founded

First Reading, *Genesis 12.1-4a*

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Second Reading, *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17*

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. 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 violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he 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.

Gospel, *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 apart from the presence of God.' 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 a 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

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.

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: Charles Ellis, Hubert Taylor, Ivy Taylor, Sally Ellis, John Ellis, Frances McEwen, John Birch, John Whitlow, David Newton, Jack Jarvis, George Bartlett, Millicent Marshall, Thomas Hunt, Olive Hindmarch, Thomas Harvey, Alan McLinden, Charles Griffin, Eric Eglen, Rita Pedley, John Pate, Alexander

Mathieson, Rose Mathieson, Francis Bailes, Douglas Moncrieff, Kenneth Walmsley, Gladys Connolly, Norman Kerr.

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.

Charity Fundraising Event: St Faith's are holding their first Charity Fundraising Event after the service on Sunday 8th March. If you would like to join us for soup and a sandwich, the cost will be £6. Please contact Barbara on 07967 495 364 if you are able to come and if you have any dietary requirements.

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

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

Mondays: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, 6.30pm at St Faith's - Lent Course 'Draw Near'.

Wednesdays: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 5.30pm at St Faith's - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

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Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Lent	Louis Johnson
Monday, 4:00pm Evening Prayer	Louis Johnson
Wednesday, 10:30am Eucharist	Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist The Third Sunday of Lent	Peter Walker Janet Bissex

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