

✠ 5th Sunday in Lent ✠
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 22nd MARCH
PASSIONTIDE

COLLECT

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel: (37.1-14)

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign Lord, you alone know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord."' So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live."' So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. Then he said to me: 'Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off." Therefore prophesy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans: (8:6-11)

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who

raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

(John 11:1-45)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha; so the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.' When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days-----

-----'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept. Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.' Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

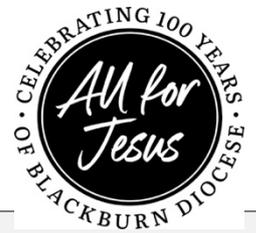
Lord God, receive these gifts we bring. As you breathe life into dry bones and raise us to new hope in Christ, make this offering a sign of our trust in you. By your Spirit, fill us with your life and your peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**



✠ ALL SAINTS' CHORLEY ✠



Our hymns:

84 It is a thing most wonderful

439 Praise to the holiest

Please remember in your prayers:

From our parish:	Our school of All Saints', Mrs. Partington, the staff, and children.
For the sick:	Paul Catterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard, Michael Baxendale, Pam & Michael McLachlan, Linda Carrara, Sandra & Mike Downey, Anita Campbell, Norman & Brenda Riley, Joyce Jolly, Audrey Clark; and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House.
Recently departed	Philip Clark, Mildred Cole
Years Mind:	Norman Ikin, Colin Heath, Ellen Taylor, Fred Succamore

REGULAR SERVICES:

SUNDAY - Family Eucharist, 11.00am Closer, 4.00pm

THURSDAY - Said Eucharist, 10.30am

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

YOUTH WORKER – today please welcome Pete Gaskell our new Parish Youth Worker, who begins his ministry among us from tomorrow. Please pray for him as we look forward to seeing more of him around the parish.

THE NAIL – Wednesday 1st April 7:30pm here in church.

You are invited to witness the events of Good Friday through the eyes of the six main characters: Peter, Pontious Pilate, Caiaphas, Judas, the Centurion & Mary Magdalene. Each character tries to explain why the death of Jesus isn't their fault. (Characters are played by John & Glenys Bradley, Simon Wilson, Fr Jordan, Elizabeth Wilding and Lorraine Smith. Rev Peter Smith will narrate.) (Bring your hankies!)

ALPHA COURSE - 7:30pm every Thursday at All Saints' vicarage. Led by Fr Jordan. This course will include a meal and time together; watching a video, and asking the big questions about faith. Everyone is welcome!

CONFIRMATION 2026 – this year St George's will join with All Saints' at our church for the confirmation service on Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm. Anyone interested please contact Fr Jordan for more details. Adults too are welcome to be confirmed at the same time.

MORNING PRAYER – EVERY FRIDAY – please come along at 9:15am to St George's Church. We have a core group of about 8-10 attendees, but would love to have more!

THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2026 - is a legal document, and we are required to follow national church policy in its establishment and subsequent maintenance. This month, before the APCM on April 28th is held, an annual review of the roll will be conducted, and a display notification of the review will appear on March 15th. Revision and preparation of the roll will take place between April 7th and April 11th and be compiled and displayed on April 12th. Some non-residents may not meet the attendance criteria to remain on roll which could lead to non-attenders being removed unless there are mitigating circumstances. The roll will then be published on May 1st. It is important to remember that not being on the Electoral Roll does not mean that you are not part of our church family, it does however mean that you are not eligible to seek election for certain roles e.g. PCC Member or Synod Member and you are not eligible to vote at the APCM.

You will find the Electoral Roll (Names only version) displayed on the internal notice board of each Parish Church.

Sara Shingler – Electoral Roll Officer.

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