



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well is remarkable both because of her race and her sex. Yet Jesus gradually draws her from talking about her immediate needs to a discussion about where God is to be found, and to faith in him as the source of true refreshment.

664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
669 I heard the voice of Jesus say
116 Be thou my guardian and my guide
629 Father, hear the prayer we offer

The Angelus follows the blessing:

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...
And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
**That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

A prayer follows and all respond, **Amen.**

NOTICES

Welcome to Saint Paul's. This morning's service can be followed in the green booklets you were given as you came in, with hymns from the red hymn book. A collection will be taken during the second hymn.

Many thanks to all who supported yesterday's Mothers Union Cuppa and Cake event.

We are planning a **church cleaning morning** for this Tuesday, 10 March, beginning at 10.00am. Please join us if you can – many hands make light work!

This week at Saint Paul's:

Church cleaning morning, Tuesday, 10.00am.
Easter choir in church, Tuesday, 7.00pm.
Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.,
followed by Lent Programme at the Vicarage.
Coffee Pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am

Bishop Michael, our diocesan bishop, has announced his intention to retire at the end of September.

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Ethan, Nikki; for the recently departed, Josh & Amanda James; and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Mollie Wall, John Jones, Frank Jukes.

Saint Paul's, like any parish of the Church of England, relies on the generosity of those who worship here. Please leave your offering on the plate or donate by bank transfer to: St Paul's Parochial Church Council, Coven, AC 02115540, Sort code 30-99-83.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Third Week of Lent

Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15
Lent weekday	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Song of the Thee 2, 11-20*
Lent weekday	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1-9
Lent weekday	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28
Lent weekday	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-end
Lent weekday	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6
Lent weekday	Luke 18.9-14
Next Sunday	1 Samuel 16.1-13; Ephesians 5.8-14
Fourth Sunday of Lent	John 9.1-41

* from the Apocrypha