

The Parish of St John and St Paul

Within the Ramsgate and Edenfield Team Ministry



A very warm welcome to St Paul's on this First Sunday of Lent

1 Peter 3.18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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.
Amen

Mark 1.9-15

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

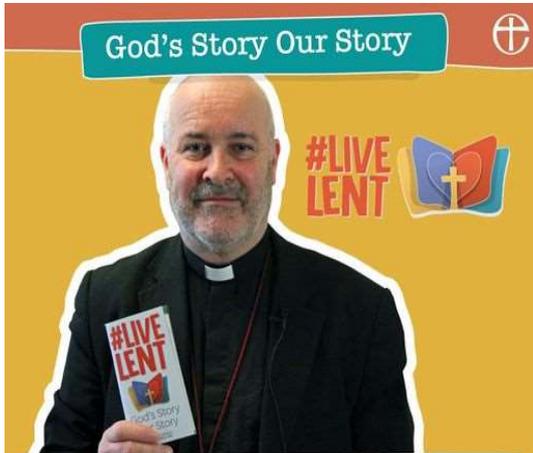
⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Fingers crossed, 

with everything moving forward, and positivity slowly creeping back into our lives; we may soon be reopening our churches..... **watch this space !!!**



“As Christians we have been given the most wonderful story of all. A story which on the one hand is like our own – it’s about people like us. But, on the other hand, it tells us about a God we can hardly grasp. The invitation of this year’s #LiveLent to all of us is to participate in God’s story.”

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Are you looking at life differently for Lent ?
Or are you giving up the usual things (chocolate, alcohol), or perhaps thinking about it in a different way since the outbreak of covid.... Doing something extra whether for others or our community, can be just as good as giving something up. It can be a way of reconnecting us with the things that should matter most, by ‘re focusing our lives’.

God certainly keeps us on our toes; but it is how we react and how deeply we believe in him that makes us who we are...As we prepare for what is to come (Easter); let us remember ‘God’s love surrounds us always’.

A Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord,
I know You receive what is in my heart. Let me be inspired by Your words and by the actions of Your son, Jesus. Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self-denial and with greater attention to You and to those around me. Help me to believe that You will grant me this because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me.

Amen.

Don't forget, if you need to keep your mind off the things you have given up for Lent, you can always keep busy by completing a 'jigsaw'.

The jigsaw festival will be swiftly approaching once life starts to re-emerge...we need your help to once again, build a jigsaw mountain. Any queries please contact the jigsaw committee.



AND YOU CAN BE REIGNITED LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

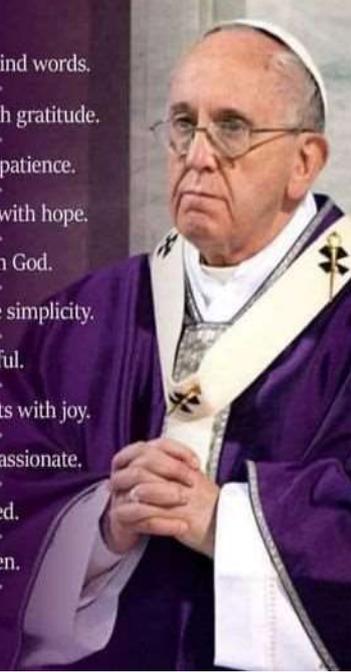


If you need to contact a member of the clergy, please ring: 07436 887760
Or email: retmchurches@gmail.com

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Letting someone know that you are thinking of them, or praying for them, can mean more than you think.



'Words to take with us on our Lenten journey'

Don't forget this week **23rd February**, is the start of our **'Churches Together'** Tuesday evening Bible study.

Each week, the different preachers will be putting together some thoughts and questions following their sermons on Sundays.

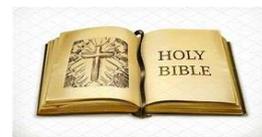
Join us via **zoom at 7.30pm** every Tuesday until the **30th March**.

The zoom invitation will remain the same for the 6 weeks and is:

Meeting ID: **856 8461 7096**

Passcode: **Rammy**

0800 804 8044
DailyHOPE
 A free phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers



"The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles" William Penn

Team Rector : Andy Lindop

Associate Ministers: Les Hallam
Sue Wood

Church Warden: Sue Holdway
Verger: Joyce Griffiths



Team Motto

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13a)

Jennet Wainman's funeral is to be held this Wednesday at 1.00pm at East Lancashire Crematorium.

As numbers are restricted, if anyone would like to pay their respects the details for the streaming service are as follows:

www.wesleymedia.co.uk

In the pop-up screen it will ask you if you are here to view a webcast? Click on the, 'Please click here'. This will take you to another screen which asks you to login to the webcast by entering the following:

Order ID (which is: 79468)

Password (which is: vdfvshxf)

You then click on Login In (after ticking the box for terms and conditions) and it will take you to Jennet's webcast.

Jennet was very much an integral part of St John's; and from the time that St Johns closed, she was certainly taken into the hearts of many at St Paul's.

Her knowledge and guidance will be greatly missed.