

First Sunday of Lent February 18th 2018

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Praise Service with Holy Communion (Reading: Mark 1:9-15)

Call to worship We have been brought by love through the waters of baptism, from dark death to glorious life, and into the life of God's kingdom. The time is fulfilled, the kingdom comes near. Come, gather together as God's people, repent and believe the good news of Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession Lord of suffering, you knew imprisonment – have mercy on us now. We are imprisoned by our desires, our fear, and our needs. We are imprisoned by the expectation of others, and by the burdens put upon us. We long to know your freedom. Meet us in our frailty, and free us to live in your holy ways for the glory of your kingdom. **Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

Response: I put my trust in you.

Sending out prayer Send us out, Lord Jesus, to travel with you joyfully, to follow you faithfully, and to speak of your love to everyone we meet. **Amen.**

For Your Prayers This Week

Blessed be the Lord who bears our burdens day by day, for God is our salvation. Ps 68

The sick: Barbara Mercer, Derek Broome, Michelle Callon, Lynn Mottram, Alice Griffiths, Lorraine Lowndesborough, Irene Rogers, Lin Collins, Roni Hellier, Keith Molyneux, Ron Stellfox, Nick Wells, Barbara Wilson, Joanna Lowry, Anne MacDonald, Geoff Arden, Geoff Pollitt, Ken and Anne Andrews, Ken Hall, Edna Holden, Ollie Watkinson. **The recently departed:** Derek Houghton, Thomas Marten, Joseph Walker, Christine Gaynor and **from our Memorial Book** Edith Kent & the families of all those who remember the anniversary of a loved one.

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The Week Ahead

Monday 19th February

9am Stanley Bear Club in church
2pm School Ash Wednesday Service

Tuesday 20th February

9pm School Assembly (PCC Welcome)
2pm Communion at Cedric House NH
3:30pm Confirmation Preparation in Church
8:30pm Praise Planning Vicarage

Wednesday 21st February

12noon Midday Prayer
7pm Communications Committee
8pm Lent Course in Church

Thursday 22nd February

9:30am Holy Communion order 1
8pm Baptism Preparation at St James'

Friday 23rd February

12:30pm Lent Lunches Hosted by St Anns

Saturday 24th February

9:30am Morning Prayer for Lent

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Holy Communion with Platform 2 in the Millennium Centre
Followed by Hot Pot friendship lunch in the Millennium Centre
12:15pm Baptism

Hot Pot Friendship Lunch in the Millennium Centre, after the 10:30am Sunday service on 25th Feb. All welcome. Sign up at list at back

Pray for St Helens. You can join a 12month prayer campaign to celebrate St Helens 150th Anniv.

Leaflets at back or sign up at prayerforsthelens.org

Socials Meeting – After 10:30am Service

Lent Lunches start this Friday. A reflection on a theme taken from last year's centenary of the Reformation.

Followed by a frugal bread and cheese lunch with donations in aid of Christian Aid

Lent Course begins this Wednesday in church at 8pm following USPGs Lent resources. All welcome.

This Weeks Daily Readings

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| Mon Ps 11, Gen 41:25-45; Galatians 3:23-4:7 | Thurs Ps 42, Gen 42:18-28; Galatians 5:2-15 |
| Tues Ps 44, Gen 41:46-42:5; Galatians 4:8-20 | Fri Ps 22, Gen 42:29-end; Galatians 5:16-end |
| Weds Ps 6, Gen 42:6-17: Galatians 4:21-5:1 | Sat Ps 63, Gen 43:1-15; Galatians 6 |

