

St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth – Sunday 21st February
First Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

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.**

Psalm 25.1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust; •
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, •
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, •
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, •
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, •
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions, •
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; •
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right •
and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth •
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Genesis 9.8-17

- 8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
⁹As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you



and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Mark 1.9-15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'



Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:

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teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES:

At the end of the service please place your service booklet in the box provided at the back of church and take this sheet home with you.

To comply with NHS Test & Trace we ask you to fill in the contact sheet and place this in a separate box at the back of church. Please do not fold the sheet. For the time enter the time of the service you are attending. If you are using the NHS app the QR code is displayed at the back of church and in the porch.

Forthcoming services:

28th February The Second Sunday in Lent
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

7th March The Third Sunday in Lent
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
11.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

14th March Mothering Sunday
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

21st March Passion Sunday
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
11.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

28th March Palm Sunday
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Please note the revised pattern of services as we near the end of Lent. Services may change at short notice due to the current situation.

Lent

Due to current restrictions we shall not be offering a Lent course this year. The Church of England has prepared a simple Lent leaflet with a short bible passage for each day accompanied by a reflection and a prayer.

This is available online via the CofE website, as an app for Android and iOS, or as a printed leaflet. The printed material has been ordered but you can download the app for free.

#Live Lent – God's Story Our Story.

Chester Cathedral Bible Talks 2021

A series of speakers on Wednesday 1.10pm – 2.00pm

24th Feb The Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson
Archdeacon of Chester
St Michael

3rd March Prof William Horbury
University of Cambridge
Ideas of 'The Saints': from the Psalms and the Calendar to Everest 1924

10th March Prof Loveday Alexander
University of Sheffield
'Love bade me welcome'
George Herbert & Nicholas Ferrar

17th March Prof Philip Alexander
University of Manchester
St Patrick

24th March Dr Robert Evans
University of Chester
Easter Day

Zoom meetings may be booked through deansoffice@chestercathedral.com

