



"You are light of the world ..." Matthew 5.14

This morning's music

767 Thou, whose almighty word

79 Blest are the pure in heart

556 O Jesus I have promised

251 God of mercy, God of grace.

91 Brother, Sister, let me serve you

This morning's readings and prayers

Isaiah 58.1-12 (reader: Diane Wynn); Psalm 112

I Corinthians 2.1-16 (reader: Pam Race)

Matthew 5.13-20 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh)

Intercessor: Jenny Black

Prayer in the silence after communion

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Collect for Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

Post Communion: 3rd Sunday before Lent

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Next Sunday, Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1.1-2.3 (reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 136; **Romans 8.18-25** (reader: Abhi Masih);

Matthew 6.25-34 (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine); Intercessor: Helen Reid

Tea and coffee are served in the Community Hall after the Sunday morning service

Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets, provided raffle prizes or contributed to the appeal for a baby change in the Hall; £117.10 has been raised.

This week and further ahead

Tuesday 11 February 7.30pm in the Hall: Cheese and Wine and Raffle, all welcome
Wednesday 26 February 10.00am at St Chad's: Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday
7.30pm at St Paul's: Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday
These arrangements are provisional; any comments to Mark please.
Friday 28 February 7.30pm at St Nick's: Rector's 50th Birthday Quiz Night. Doors open from 7pm (till 10pm).
£3 per person. Teams of up-to six welcome; if anyone wishes to come alone, teams will be found! There will be a bar with soft drinks available.
Tuesday 10 March 9.30am Manchester University students arrive to help maintain our grounds. Volunteers needed to welcome them with hot drinks, cake, biscuits, Talk to Judy or Helen
Saturday 21 March 7.30pm Inaugural recital on the restored organ given by Paul Hale, formerly Cathedral Organist at Southwell Minster. Refreshments afterwards.

Lent groups for 2020

2.00pm on Tuesdays in St Nick's Rectory, beginning 3 March:
Discussion group based on the film *Rocketman*. According to one review, the star Taron Egerton is "... better at the tiaras than the tantrums."

These arrangements are provisional; any comments to Mark please. 7.30pm on Wednesdays at St Paul's, beginning 26 February:
A Journey through the Eucharist, taking a fresh look at what we say, do and believe

5.00pm Sundays 8, 15, 22 March at St Chad's: Contemplative Prayer Group

From the notice sheet for the Third Sunday before Lent in 2014:

"Success always depends, in part, on activists. But once the Church starts to exist for the benefit of activists alone, it ceases to be a Church, and becomes a sect." *Professor Linda Woodhead in this week's Church Times*