

## Second Sunday before Lent 4 February 2018



"... through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven..."

Colossians 1:20

**This morning's music** Hymns from 2015 349 Immortal, invisible, god only wise

74 Father of heaven, whose love profound

767 Thou, whose almighty word

62 Be still for the presence of the Lord

627 Praise to the Holiest in the height

Maurice Greene: Diabason Movement

This morning's readings and prayers
Proverbs 8.1,22-31 (Reader: Barbara Purvis);

Psalm 104; Colossians 1.15-20 (Reader: Judy Fletcher); John 1.1-14 (Gospeller: Opal Walsh)

Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

Prayer in the silence after communion

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Collect for Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Today's Eucharistic Prayer: B

Post Communion: Second Sunday before Lent

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross.

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

Next Sunday, Second Sunday before Lent

**2 Kings 2.1-12** (Reader: Craig Ward); Psalm 50; **2 Corinthians 4.3-6** (Reader: Opal Walsh); **Mark 9.2-9** (Gospeller: Colin Powell), Intercessor: Jenny Black

6.30pm today Hymns & Psalm

**Evensong** 321 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds Psalm 65

463 Lord Jesus Christ 52 At the name of Jesus

**Readings** Genesis 2.4b-25 Luke 8.22-35

Yesterday Lesley and Peter Bowers and family would like to thank all who helped make yester-

day's service such an appropriate and wonderful memorial of Grandpa Philip Bethell.

Next week and further ahead

Monday 5 February 10.00am Morning Prayer (in the Community Hall)

Tuesday 6 February 7.30pm in the Hall: Open meeting to discuss remodelling our church building. Bring

this notice sheet + your own ideas, suggestions and questions to the meeting. Heather Ford, one of the Diocesan officers who helps parishes with plans for re-

modelling, will be with us for the evening.

Wednesday 7 February 7.45pm in the Hall: Science and Religion evening with David Rydeheard

Thursday 31 January 10.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 18 February 8.00pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday 21 February Based at St Chad's: a major event for groups of students from Manchester Univer-

sity doing voluntary work around Ladybarn. More details from Judy Fletcher or Lewis Oliver. To support this we are holding an un-wanted Christmas gifts raffle –

draw after church this morning so its your last chance to buy tickets.

Monday 26 February

– Sunday 11 March
Fairtrade Fortnight

Saturday 10 March 10.30am Fairtrade coffee morning & stalls at St Nick's

"Thanks to Fair Trade I have been able to educate my children. The youngest one is now a policeman, my daughter is also a graduate and this is what I want for my granddaughter."

Florentina, member of Coobana, a Fairtrade banana co-operative in Panama.

## Lent groups

Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm beginning 21 February using the book "Let me go there" by Paula Gooder Friday afternoons at 1.15pm beginning 16 February based on film "The King's Speech"