



We welcome the Revd Alan Simpson to preside and preach this morning

Gospel acclamation Reader: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Response: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

This morning's music

- 526 New every morning is the love
- 687 Take my life and let it be
- 706 The God of Abraham praise
- 689 Take up the cross, the Saviour said
- 834 Will you come and follow me

This morning's readings and prayers

Genesis 17.1-7,15,16 (Reader: Robert Nichols);
Psalm 22; **Romans 4.13-25** (Reader: Kathleen Mulligan); **Mark 8.31-38** (Gospeller: Helen Reid),
Intercessor: Opal Walsh

This morning's Eucharistic Prayer: E

Prayer in the silence after communion

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Next Sunday, St Chad's Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16 (Reader: Judy Fletcher); Psalm 84; **2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2** (Reader: Jenny Black); **Matthew 9:35-end** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh), Intercessor: Leslie Fletcher

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

Thanks

To all who helped look after student and staff visitors on Wednesday for National Student Volunteer Week: 27 students worked at St Chad's or in Ladybarn Park.

Next week and further ahead

Monday 26 February

10.00am Morning Prayer (in the Community Hall) *Both of these also on Tuesday and Wednesday*
10.30am – 2.00pm Hive Cafe at St Paul's Withington

Tuesday 27 February

8.00pm Needlecraft group meeting

Wednesday 28 February

7.30pm in church: Lent group, using Paula Gooder's book "Let me go there".

Thursday 1 March

10.00am Holy Communion

Friday 2 March

2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St Chad's. Refreshments afterwards. More details from Jenny and Helen or <https://www.wwdp.org.uk>
6.30pm in church: Setting up for tomorrow's big day. Any help welcome!

Saturday 3 March

2.00pm – 4.00pm Open afternoon to spread the message about remodelling the church building to our neighbours and community. Help needed to meet and greet visitors, serve refreshments, explain more about what we would like to do, Offers of help to Judy or Jenny. Food for thought overleaf!

Monday 26 February

Saturday 10 March 10.30am Fairtrade coffee morning & stalls at St Nick's.
Contributions to the cake and bric-a-brac stalls to support the Fair Trade movement very welcome.

– Sunday 11 March
Fairtrade Fortnight

"I would ask people in the UK to carry on buying Fairtrade fruit. Because there are a lot of people, men and women, who work very hard in the hope that over there, the market buys our fruit."

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