



Second Sunday before Lent 16 February 2020



"We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now ... "
Romans 8:22

This morning's music

160 Eternal Father, strong to save

481 Lord, thy word abideth

767 Thou, whose almighty word

413 Just as I am, without one plea

19 All my hope on God is founded Samuel Wesley: Voluntary in A minor

This morning's readings and prayers

Genesis I.I-2.3 (reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 136;

Romans 8.18-25 (reader: Abhi Masih);

Matthew 6.25-34 (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine);

Intercessor: Helen Reid

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.

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.

Join us in the Community Hall after the service for tea, coffee plus Fairtrade brioche buns to mark Fairtrade Fortnight

Next Sunday, Sunday before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18 (reader: Leslie Fletcher); Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21 (reader: Esther Masih);

Matthew 17.1-9 (Gospeller: Helen Reid); Intercessor: Opal Walsh

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Tuesday 18 February	7.30pm Evening Prayer, followed at 8.00pm by Book Group meeting in the Hall				
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				
Friday 28 February	7.30pm at St Nick's: Rector's 50 th 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 3 March	Delivery of chippings for Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden. Can you spare an				
·	hour to help move them where they are needed? Talk to Judy or Helen.				
Sunday I March 10.00am Parish Eucharist & Parish Lunch to celebrate St Chad's Day.					
-	St Nick's congregation join us to celebrate our life together				
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.				
	2.00pm on Tuesdays in St Nick's Rectory, beginning 3 March:				
Lant analysa	Discussion group based on the film <i>Rocketman</i> . According to one review, the star Taron				
Lent groups	Egerton is " better at the tiaras than the tantrums."				
for 2020	7.30pm at Holy Innocents, beginning 4 March:				
	God's Creation & Environmental Care, explored through a different poem each week.				
These arrangements are	·				
provisional; any comments	7.30pm on Wednesdays at St Paul's, beginning 26 February:				
to Mark please.	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				
Ecintrada Eantricht	 Fairtrade brioche buns with coffee/tea this morning, 				
Fairtrade Fortnight	Traidcraft stall next Sunday				
24 Feb - 8 March	 Joint Fairtrade coffee morning at St Nick's on Saturday 14 March 				