



Second Sunday of Lent 25 February 2024



"Let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34

This morning's hymns

526 New every morning is the love

706 The God of Abraham praise

834 Will you come and follow me

72 Beneath the cross of Jesus *Communion*

689 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

This morning's readings and prayers

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (Reader: Abhi Masih);

Psalm 22; **Romans 4:13-end** (Reader: Jenny

Black or Diane Wynn); **Mark 8:31-end** (Gos-

peller: Mark Hewerdine), Intercessor: TBA

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.

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**

Collect for Ash Wednesday, used throughout 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.

Next Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent, Feast of St Chad

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-24 (reader: Robert Mataka); Psalm 67; **I Timothy 6:11b-16** (reader: Pam Race); **Luke 14:7-11** (Gospeller: Helen Reid); Intercessor: Judy Fletcher

Tuesday 27 February	10.00am in the Hall: Holy Communion 11.00am – 12.30pm Chatty Tuesday – all welcome
Wednesday 28 February	3.00pm at St Paul's, in the church: Second meeting of Lent Group, based on <i>The Things He Carried</i> by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell. It is a joint group with St Paul's with sessions alternating between the two locations. Pick up a flyer for more details.
Friday 1 March	7.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Didsbury: Service for the World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical event held on the first Friday in March each year. The service is shaped and its materials prepared several years in advance by Christian women from a particular country of the world; the focus this year is the people of Palestine.
Saturday 2 March St Chad's Day	3.00pm Great Sacred Music concert in church to celebrate St Chad's Day 4.30pm Compline
Sunday 3 March Celebration of St Chad	10.00am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong
Food Bank	... urgently needs cereal, UHT milk & juice, tinned soup, curry & pasta sauces (but not pasta for now), tinned meat, baked beans, sugar & coffee, nappies & baby wipes.

Big changes in mission and ministry in Ladybarn, Withington and Didsbury

You may have heard about a “team ministry” bringing together Emmanuel and St James, Didsbury, St Paul's Withington, St Nick's and St Chad's. After years of discussion and planning each PCC is to be consulted about the changes. Assuming all agree, the team ministry will become a reality, hopefully with the next few months.

The parishes will continue with their own churchwardens and PCCs but will not have their own rector in the way

they have in the past. The five churches will be served by three full-time priests plus, from time to time, one or more curates (apprentice priests). Changes to service patterns are inevitable.

We have already seen a trial run of this at St Chad's with Cate Allison here two Sunday's ago and Josh Gaskell last week. This will be the pattern for the next few months but further changes are likely after that.