

Daily Bread

Feria of 1st Week of Lent

Monday, 19th February

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18;
Matthew 25: 1-46

Tuesday, 20th February

Isaiah 55: 10-11; Matthew 6: 7-15

Wednesday, 21st February

Jonah 3: 1-10; Luke 11: 29-32

Thursday, 22nd February

Additions to Esther 14: 1, 3-5, 12-14;
Matthew 7: 7-12

Friday, 23rd February

Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Matthew 5: 20-26

Saturday, 24th February

Deuteronomy 26: 16-19;
Matthew 5: 43-48

Sunday, 25th February

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16;
Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25;
Mark 8: 31-38
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 10am

Announcements

Next Sunday, 25 February: There will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday, 25 February. There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10am. All are welcome.

Lent Group: There will be a Lent course starting **Monday 19th Feb** at **St Serf's** at **3pm**. All are welcome. For more details please ask Revd Tess.

Vestry Meeting: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 21 January** at **St Serf's** at **7.30pm**. All items for discussion for the agenda should be notified to Trudy Hill by today.

Bishop's Lent Appeal: This year's Lent Appeal is for Friends of the Holy Land, who work to support the lives and witness of Christians living in the Holy Land through prayer and practical project, recognizing that their presence in the land where Jesus once walked in an important witness to all Christians. You can find more about the work and mission of Friends of the Holy Land on their website. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for your donation.

Days Off: Revd Tess takes **Thursday and Friday** as days off.

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(Incorporating St John's,
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,
Dennistoun and St Serf's,
Shettleston)

1st Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024

Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms crossed over your chest.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Lectionary

Genesis 9: 8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Psalm 23 (24)

R Lord, let me know your ways

1. Lord, let me know your ways,
Teach me your pathways, Lord.
Teac me to walk in the truth of your
ways, you are my saviour, Lord.

R

Show me your mercy, Lord,
in love remember me.
Show me the love we
have known from of old,
now, in your goodness, Lord.

R

Yahweh is king and true,
guides those who go astray,
shepherds the humble
along the right path,
teaches the poor his way.

R

1 Peter 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of

God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1: 9-15

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name.

Intercessions

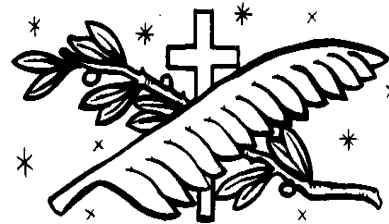
Please pray for:

Those who are sick or in hospital:

Dorotheea, David, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Isabel, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Mick, Irving, Janet, Bishop Kevin, Linda, Christina, Robert, John and Ferne.

Faithful departed anniversaries:

James Philipps, Horace Mole, Aileen Kincaid, Jacqueline Rocks and Evelyn Forrester.



7 Day Votive Candles

St John's

This candle burns in memory of James Philipps.

Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds.

The miracle of inner change is possible.

History and literature are full of examples:

Paul on the road to Damascus, Charles Dickens' miser Scrooge. Something happened inside each of these, and they became new people.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline. You have to command over yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth.

May you also renew each of us, so that we may be able to celebrate Easter in newness of mind and heart.

