

St JOHN THE EVANGELIST

10th MARCH 2019

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Vicky is taking our service and we warmly welcome Sally Carter Esdale to preach. Sally is talking about the work of the charity 'The Leprosy Mission' which we are supporting for our lent appeal this year.

Everyone is very welcome at this service.

If you have very young children there are busy bags with activities in you can pick up near the welcome table to use during the service if needed. If your child gets restless you are welcome to take them to the children's quiet area where there is a bit more space for them and books and paper and crayons for them to use.

HYMNS

Opening: 188 Guide me O thou great redeemer

Gradual: 145 - Forty days and forty nights

Offertory: Love will be our Lenten calling – on sheet

Final: 73 Brother, sister, let me serve you

During this hymn a collection is taken. If you are a UK tax payer you can donate by Gift Aid and for every £1 you give, St John's gets an extra 25p. Please put your donation in one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the back of the seats, adding your name and address. If you would like to give regularly by Gift Aid please see Jo Need. Thank you very much for your support.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

DEUTERONOMY 26.1-11

"After you have occupied the land that the LORD your God is giving you and have settled there, each of you must place in a basket the first part of each crop that you harvest and you must take it with you to the one place of worship. Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, 'I now acknowledge to the LORD my God that I have entered the land that he promised our ancestors to give us.'

"The priest will take the basket from you and place it before the altar of the LORD your God. Then, in the LORD's presence you will recite these words: 'My ancestor was a wandering Aramean, who took his family to Egypt to live. They were few in number when they went there, but they became a large and powerful nation. The Egyptians treated us harshly and forced us to work as slaves. Then we cried out for help to the LORD, the God of our ancestors. He heard us and saw

our suffering, hardship, and misery. By his great power and strength he rescued us from Egypt. He worked miracles and wonders, and caused terrifying things to happen. He brought us here and gave us this rich and fertile land. So now I bring to the LORD the first part of the harvest that he has given me.'

"Then set the basket down in the LORD's presence and worship there. Be grateful for the good things that the LORD your God has given you and your family; and let the Levites and the foreigners who live among you join in the celebration.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 4.1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

COMMUNION: *Everyone is warmly invited to receive communion or a blessing.*

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BAPTISM WELCOME to Leo Connell

Leo, there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Leo's baptism candle is lit from the Easter candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Leo, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

**PLEASE STAY FOR
REFRESHMENTS
AFTER THE SERVICE**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for those who are ill
and those in particular need of prayer**



Among them Ann Cooper, Caroline Hellicar, Phil Harvey,
Florence Hicks, Helen Keates, Stanley Ball, the Hallidan
family, Ruth and Lee Clift, Alan and Sue Bennett, Bill and
Luanne Higgins, Fiona Boulton and Aleksandra.

And for those who have died.

Reading for next Sunday: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18,
Luke 13.31-end

ANNUAL MEETING – this will be during the 10am
service on Sunday 28th April.

ELECTORAL ROLL This year we start again with a new
roll. Everyone who is part of the church community is
encouraged to join the roll. Please fill out a form before
31st March. There is a table at the back with more
information. This happens every 6 years.

St JOHN'S NOTICES AND NEWS

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SERVICES

MARCH

Sun 17th 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

9am Holy Communion,
10am Sacred Space with Children's Church

Sun 24th 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

Sun 31st Mothering Sunday

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

APRIL

Sun 7th 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

10am All Age Communion

Sun 14th PALM SUNDAY

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

THIS WEEK

12th Lent Course Session 1 7.30pm

15th Lent Course Session 1 10am

16th Community Café 10am-12 noon

KIDS JUMBLE SALE Do join us on 30th March for a special
morning where we will be holding our first Kids Jumble sale
selling pre-loved toys, books and clothes etc. Book a table
for £10 by contacting Stephanie 07877 258133.

The **TEAM OUTING** this year will be to Wintershall to see
the **Life of Christ on 22nd June, 10am-3.30pm.**
Hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an
open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside.
If you'd like to join for this (£9.50 children, £20 adults)
please talk to Vicky or add your name to the sign-up sheet.
We'd like to order tickets by the end of February.
<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/>

**The All Saints – Kingston University 'Finding ideas in
surprising places' Book Group** looks at *Eleanor Oliphant
is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Monday 18 March –
7:00 to 8:30pm, drinks from 6:30pm. Kingston University
Penrhyn Rd Building Rm 0031. Information from Leslie
Packer lgpacker123@gmail.com

Lenten Quiet Weekend: There are some spaces available
for our Lenten Quiet Day at St Michael's Convent in Gerard's
Cross on Saturday 23rd March from 10.30-4.30 (£15).

There is also the opportunity to stay the Saturday night
(£45) and join the sisters for their Sunday service and for
Sunday lunch. To book a place please contact me.

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HYMN:

**Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.**

**Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.**

**Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.**

Tune: Picardy Words: Elizabeth Smith