



Burntwood Chase Team

The Church of England churches serving the communities of
Burntwood, Chasetown, Hammerwich, Chase Terrace & Boney Hay

CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SERVICES:

Sunday 15th March 2020

8.00am – HOLY COMMUNION

10.30am – HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm – EVENING WORSHIP

Readings:

Romans 5: 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4: 5-42

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33

So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour."

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give us what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Please note the notice on the board in Fairwell Lane states that the Church is in vacancy not a vacancy for an administrator.

A special thank you for all those that donated to our Anniversary 2020 bottle we made another £78 this month!

We have been advised to be alert for an individual entering Churches and asking for money. As a precaution the Wardens have instructed anyone on their own in Church not to answer the door. If you need to enter Church and have forgotten your keys or do not have keys, then please phone the Church phone to say you are on your way. It is still important that you lock the door, take the key out, and not bolt it if you are in Church alone.

WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES

The weekly giving envelopes are in the porch ready for pick up.

DONATIONS OF STAMPS

The Social Team are compiling an invitation to send out lots of invitations to advertise our Saturday extravaganza June 13th. If you could help by giving a book of second class stamps it would be much appreciated. A box will be provided at the back of the Church.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

The plan for decorating the Church for Easter is at the back of Church. On Easter Saturday 11th April there is a wedding so there is limited time to decorate church. We need to be cleared up and out before 10.30 am then the church will be available any time after 2pm.

Hope this doesn't cause too many problems.

Thank you, Chris Brown.

LITTLE ANGELS BABY AND TODDLER SERVICE

Wednesday 18th March 1pm – 2.30pm

Look forward to seeing you all there!

LENT COURSE

Our Lent course will start on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm and will run for four weeks until Wednesday 8th April. All are welcome to come.

RABBITS GUESS THE NAME

This will start this Sunday 15th March where you can guess the name, all those who have already guessed the name will still be included. All proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Charity.

HELP FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY DAFFODILS

Please note we will be making the customary bunches of daffodils to give out on Mothering Sunday on Saturday morning 21st March in the Vestry starting 9 30am. Any help will be very much appreciated.

APRIL LITTER PICK

There will be another Spring Clean Litter Pick on Monday, April 6th.

This time, we shall meet at the church lych gate at 9.15 am, then walk along St Matthews Road as far as the gated section of Abnalls Lane. Here, we shall turn round and pick up litter as we walk back to church where we can attend the Cameo Café.

Please wear sturdy gloves and bring along any grabbers or sticks which you may find to be helpful. Large plastic bags will be provided.

Janet and Ieuan Davies

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th May - Spring Fayre 2-4pm

200th Anniversary of Christ Church Burntwood

13th June Celebration day at Christ Church 11pm - 4pm (details soon)

16th June Celebration Service. (7.00pm)

18th June W.I. Choir Concert 7 pm

Strawberry Tea - 11th July

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear Colleagues,
Coronavirus COVID-19

We are writing to inform you that we have updated our guidance in relation to suspension of the Common Cup and other practical steps in response to Coronavirus Covid-19. The full guidance is online, but the relevant update is as follows:

It is our view, in light of the continued increase of Covid-19 cases in the United Kingdom, that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands".

We therefore advise that all priests should:-

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;
- suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.

We hope the guidance is clear and self-explanatory.

From today, when we preside at the Eucharist at Lambeth Palace and at Bishopthorpe Palace, we are going to give communion in one kind only (the bread) and will not share the peace nor lay on hands for blessings. This is an important issue but it is only one of the very many matters that you will be considering at this demanding time.

We want to assure you all of our prayers and thoughts as across the country, communities consider what steps they can take to care and support one another. We are certain that plans are being made around the country to care in particular for the elderly, vulnerable and the isolated; it is crucial that we give attention to those most at risk.

We are all in this together and we all must be alert to the challenges and the demands that we might face. We are seeking national advice regularly and are very grateful to all those who are working with us. Clearly, none of us knows precisely how the current situation will develop so we need to pray and work to be prepared for all reasonable eventualities.

Thank you again for all you are doing up and down the country to encourage one another, to care for one another and to provide resources to enable people to respond appropriately in these uncertain times.

May we also pray for all those working in our health service and in leadership roles. We are grateful for their dedication, expertise and hard work.

As we journey through this season of Lent we are all aware of the challenges that face us day by day. Now we need to continue to work together and to pray for each other, showing compassion and resilience and above all, caring especially for those who are marginalised in our societies.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby & The Most Revd & Rt Hon John Sentamu

Please be aware that around Christ Church you will find hand gel and hand soap to freely use within the Church.

If anyone has to self-isolate please can you let the Church wardens or the PCC know so we can help in anyway.



WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Please ring Pauline Ingram for Baptism bookings on 01543 685455. For Weddings please contact Vicky Scandrett on 01543 642187 or Ricki on 01543 670777.

PRAYER CHAIN

Christ Church is blessed with a very active prayer chain. If you, or anyone you know, feel that they would like others to pray for them, please speak to Barbara on 01543 674352 or Adrienne Black on 01543 684383.

HOME COMMUNION

Do you know anyone who is housebound or too ill to attend church and would like to receive Communion at home? If so, have a word with our Wardens or Sue Jackson our Pastoral Team Co-Ordinator.

CHURCH WARDENS CONTACT DETAILS

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OTHER CONTACTS

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NEXT SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2020

8.00am – HOLY COMMUNION at St. John's

10.30am – Morning Worship

6.00pm – Celtic Holy Communion

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