

Notices
Ecumenical Lent Group

Tuesday 26th March: Becoming Friends of Jesus. GDS Saltyard, 158 Dalry Rd; 7pm – 9pm. Informal café style worship.

Wednesday 3rd April: Encountering God. St Cuthbert's Church; 7pm Walking the Stations of the Cross.

Wednesday 10th April: Receiving Fresh Strength. St Michael's Church; 7pm – 9pm. Reflecting on our experiences in song, prayer and action

Maundy Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm Celebrating Communion and foot washing for those who wish to partake.

Good Friday 19th April at 10.30 Short Service of Reflection joining march of witness at 11.10am.

Newsletters are ready for collection.

Quiet Space will be on Saturday 6th April and Saturday 4th May in the meeting room, downstairs in St Martin's. We'll begin at 09:45 for approx. 1 hour. This includes Tea and Coffee afterwards.

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31st March 2019 Mothering Sunday
Lent 4

10.30am **Celebrating Communion**
Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

Readings: Joshua 5. 9-12
 2 Corinthians 5. 16-21
 Luke 15. 1-3. 11b-32

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Lent 3
Sunday 24th March 2019

Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Hymns HON 120, 484, 261, 231

Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

Merciful Father, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: when we are discouraged by our weakness, give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Read by: Roderick MacKenzie

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63. 1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

When I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

Read by: Roderick MacKenzie

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you

that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Chalice: Stuart Robertson: Frank Alexander**Gospel:** Luke 13: 1-9

Read by: Felicity Murdanaigum

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"