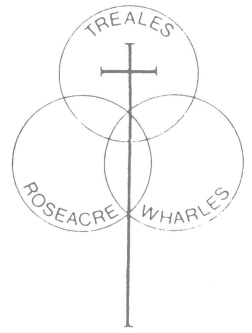


Parish Press

March 2025



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

LENT

Sunday Services for March

2	9	16	23	30
11 am Holy Communion	11 am Morning Prayer	11 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion
Sunday before Lent	Treales Praise	2 nd Sunday of Lent	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Mothering Sunday
Readings Exod. 34:29-35 2 Cor. 3:12- 4:2 Luke 9:28-36	Readings Luke 4:1-13	Readings Gen.15:1-12 & 17-18 Phil. 3:17-4:1 Luke 3:31-38	Readings Isa .55:1-9 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Readings Exod. 2:1-10 2 Cor. 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35
	Refreshments after the service		Refreshments after the service	

READERS for Sunday Morning Service

Maureen Parker Brian Crossley	Cheryl Gilbertson	Gill Wearing Peter Roberts	Susan Morley Harry Barton	Sue Witts Mhairi Mitchison
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Sides Persons for Sunday Morning Service

Kathy and Marshall Towers	Mhairi & Nick Mitchison	Brian Crossley Harry Barton	Beverley Hargreaves Susan Morley	Maureen Parker Sue Witts
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OTHER SERVICES at Treales Church

Mondays	3-3.30	School Service (check with school)
Ash Wednesday 5 March	12 noon	Holy communion

Donations for church funds

Whilst we have a collection plate at the back of church, we also now have a new facility to accept contactless card donations and QR code notices to accept donations directly from your mobile phone. For regular donations we have also now joined the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).



Thank you for your support

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Friday 7 March

A service for everyone!

Holy Family R.C. Church
Lytham Road
Freckleton
PR4 1AD

2pm

All welcome

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

LENTEN SOUP



Each Sunday during Lent, (starting on Sunday 9 March)
after the morning service,
we stay for a lunch of soup and bread.



A small donation for the soup is given and the proceeds are
sent to support Christian charities in Africa.

If you would like to join us you are very welcome
(I promise the soup is delicious)

Save the date



Strawberry Tea



5 July 2024



Lent Group

Monday morning 10-11 am

at the back of church beginning on 10 March

(then on 17, 24, 31 March & 7 April)



We will be using Bishop Philip's new 'Hear our Prayer' course which has five sessions. It examines the prayer lives of five Old Testament figures, how that relates to the prayer life of Jesus and by doing so, we can reflect on our own prayer lives.

ALL WELCOME

Join us on
Sunday 30th March
At 11.00 am

To celebrate

MOTHERING SUNDAY



All welcome

Letter for March

Dear Friends,

March this year sees the beginning of Lent and we shall be having our usual Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes at 12.00 noon on 5th March.

All of a sudden, I feel much more positive and confident about fasting during Lent, and I'm going to share with you the reason for my optimism so that you too may enter the season of Lent this year confident that you will be able to find the will power to stick to fasting for the full forty days of Lent.

My epiphany moment came when I was browsing idly through St Augustine's Prayer book. This is an accompaniment to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, and is therefore very traditional. Imagine my delight when I stumbled upon the definition of Lent fasting viz: 'no more than a light breakfast, one full meal and one half meal'. 'My goodness!' I thought: as I don't eat breakfast and have only one meal a day, I'm home and dry. So there you have it. Lent fasting is easy-peasy unless of course you are accustomed to a full English breakfast every morning in which case you would have to ditch it in favour of muesli.

Some say that being a Christian is a cradle to grave guilt trip. We are forever being exhorted to follow in the footsteps of the saints or emulate the spartan disciplined lives of those in monasteries and convents. But actually, the true Christian message is one of love and joy, not doom, gloom and self-imposed hardship. There is much to commend doing something a little different during Lent, be that an informal bible study course or doing without a little luxury, because that can re-focus our minds and take us away from our busy, busy lives; but for heavens sake let us not mistake dour discomfort for holiness, or perhaps even worse, think that it is sinful to be happy. Jesus himself was a party animal. Jewish society in the time of Jesus was held together and reinforced by social interaction just like our recent lovely get together for our church's 170th anniversary.

So this Lent and throughout the year let us spread the gospel with happiness and, through the example of our lives, bring the joy of Christ to those we meet. So here's our starter for ten.

A man walked into a pub in Ireland and ordered three pints which he quickly downed. He did this every night for a week. The intrigued landlord asked why he did it. 'Well I have two brothers who have emigrated to America and Australia and we promised each other we would always buy each other a drink whenever ordering our own' he explained. The landlord shared this nice story with the village community and everyone thought it was a lovely thing to do. Then one

evening he came in and ordered just two beers. Believing, one of his brothers must have died, the community felt they should express their condolences to the man. They had a collection and bought a card which they offered to the man with their commiserations at the loss of his brother.

'Both my brothers are in fine fettle' he said. 'Why did you think I'd lost one?' 'Because you ordered only two beers,' they explained. 'Ah well,' he replied, 'I've given up drink for Lent.'

Cheers,

Jerry

New Church Electoral Roll

This year a new electoral roll is required instead of the usual revision process (this full review occurs every 6 years).

This will mean that everyone who wishes to remain on the church electoral roll will need to reapply. We currently have nearly 100 people on the roll.

Forms are at the back of church and they have to be submitted before the
10th of April 2025.

Confirmation

As some of you will already know, Bishop Jill has agreed to come to Christ Church on Sunday September 14th to Confirm our candidates. The confirmation service will replace our normal 11.00 Communion.

We currently have three candidates (all children), but anyone else who wishes to be confirmed, whether adult or child, can be added to the list at any time, so please contact the vicar (07989931909) if you want to add a name.

The process is painless and not at all embarrassing. On the big day, the bishop will place her hands on the head of each candidate and say these or similar words, 'Defend O Lord this Your child with Your heavenly Grace, that she/he may continue Yours for ever and daily increase in Your Holy Spirit more and more until she/he comes into your kingdom.'

PARISH COUNCIL AND TRW SOW AND GROW GROUP

OPEN SPACES REPORT

As I write, the skies are grey, and the air remains cold, but nature is already hinting at the brighter days ahead. Snowdrops have begun to emerge, and the crocuses on the Memorial Green—flowers that last year waited until early March—are already showing hints of colour.

This year, crocuses should also flower for the first time at Saswick and Hogarth Crescent, adding to the beautiful display, followed later by the delicate white variety of snake's head fritillaries. Thanks to last year's planting efforts, we can also look forward to cowslips, bluebells, and wild garlic (whose edible leaves you are welcome to pick) appearing in new places around the Parish this Spring for the first time.

A heartfelt thank you to those who are supporting these efforts by delaying mowing the verges, allowing these spring flowers the chance to bloom and thrive.

Your help is very much appreciated, and together, we can ensure our Parish bursts into life with colour and beauty this season.

We hope to obtain a grant from LCC to create a small community orchard on the Parish field in commemoration of the King's coronation.

We are considering new areas for planting so if you can identify a grass verge/area please let us know.

The Parish Council will also be applying for a "green grant" from the Lancashire Environmental Fund and if successful this can be used to cover the cost of bulbs and wildflowers.

As soon as the weather allows the base of The Orchard wall and baskets in the middle of Treales will be planted with colourful begonias which are being sponsored by a resident in memory of Steve Cairns who loved both the flowers and the village.

Jane Barnes

The Children`s Society Boxes

Thank You

We have raised £360.96 this last year so many thanks to everyone who donated.

Denise Wilkins and Maureen Parker.

Thank You

A big thank you

to Peter and Karen Rickson

for the generous donation of two trestle tables for the church and school use.

These tables are newer than our existing tables and are easier to put up and down. Look out for them the next time you stay for refreshments after the service.

We hope the Rickson family are settled and happy in their new home.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

4 May 2025 at 12.30pm

The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held
after the morning service.

Please come along

and hear what has been happening in the church over the past year.

All are welcome



But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

– They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Final thoughts

by Rev Munawar Din, Area Dean of Burnley Deanery and Vicar of Brierfield St Luke (in plurality with) Burnley St Cuthbert

Taken from: communicate@blackburn.anglican.org

Our Fundamental need

Mark 2:1-12

What is your most fundamental need? I guess food, shelter, health and security are the primary needs of all and we work hard to meet our needs.

However, all humanity longs to meet a much deeper need which we can't earn with hard work. This need is eternal security which means eternal life. The bad news is we are sinners and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

Sin is our disobedience to God. It is like a disease hidden inside us. It separates us from God and without God there is no life. We cannot earn forgiveness of sins. We need forgiveness and only God has the prerogative to forgive.

The good news is God has sent his Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. In our reading we see Jesus heals a man who was paralysed. But before Jesus heals this man, he says to him, 'son, your sins are forgiven'. Here Jesus deals with the hidden and deep-rooted disease first. Because he knows that sin is the most dangerous illness which kills for eternity.

We all have a hidden and deep-rooted disease of sin and Jesus offers the forgiveness of sins to all. Just like he forgave the paralysed man he has the same power today. Jesus is God and he has the authority to forgive sins. In the present world sin has become irrelevant. It is not taken seriously by many. Many believe that this is a thing of an old and rotten culture and religion. People say, 'I don't sin' and therefore, 'I don't need any forgiveness'. But the Bible says sin is real and hidden inside each human being. When we encounter Jesus, our sinful nature is revealed. Jesus not only exposes our hidden and deep-rooted disease of sin but also deals with it. He sacrificed his life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have you ever looked inside yourself? Have you ever identified your most fundamental need? If not, then come to Jesus. He has the power to expose our hidden disease and to heal it through his power and authority to give life eternal. Our eternal security of life is only available in Jesus. Whoever you are you just need to make yourself available to Jesus; come to Jesus, confess your sins, repent and believe in him for eternal life.

Who's Who in the Parish

Vicar	Rev'd Terry Scholz	07989931909
LLM (Licenced Lay Minister)	Janet Roberts	690023
Churchwardens	Janet Roberts Pat Walsh	690023 690545
Deanery Synod Representatives	Peter Roberts	690023
PCC Secretary	Chris Noad	690556
PCC Treasurer, Vice Chair, Stewardship & Data Protection (GDPR)	Peter Roberts	690023
PCC Members (additional to those already listed)	Harry Barton, Maureen Parker; Mhiari Mitchison; Denise Wilkins; Beverley Hargreaves; Cheryl Gilbertson, David Pickervance; Marshall Towers	
PCC Electoral Roll	Brian Crossley	683275
PCC Safeguarding officer; Parish Press	Susan Morley	07973307190
Organist	Janet Roberts	690023
Mother's Union Enrolling Member		
W.I. President	Heather Jagger	684596
Treales Football	David Pickervance	683122
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School: Headteacher Chair of Governors Vice Chair of Governors	Lisa Hill Katherine Greenhalgh Elizabeth Pickervance	684678
Friends: Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer Secretary	Suzanne Sugden Bekki Bowman Juliet Southwood Lauren Sutcliffe	684678
Parish Defibrillators: Treales School and Treales Telephone Box to access dial 999		



POLICE: Call 101 or 999 in an emergency

Police contacts for the Parish:

PCSO 7360 Becca Didsbury becca.didsbury@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Wesham & Treales MOTHERS' UNION



Friday 14 March at 2pm

Christ Church, Wesham

W. I. NEWS



Thursday

13 March

**7.30 Boys Brigade
'Painting the North'**

Speaker: Richard Catmore

Hostesses: M.Bass, M.Mather, M.Parker, L.Southwood

VOT & SHH: W.Fieldhouse, C.Wordsworth

Raffle: D.Hyde

Competition: An egg you have decorated for Easter.

LIFELONG LEARNING GROUP

Meetings held at Kirkham Community Centre
Coffee/Tea served from 09.50 am Meeting from 10.30

Thursdays

March 6th

Travelling Safely

Lancs County Council

March 20th

The Romans in Kirkham

Adrian Long

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

- 1 St David's Day
- 4 Shrove Tuesday
- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 7 World Day of Prayer, 2pm Holy Family RC Church Warton PR4 1AD
- 10 Lent course starts in church 10-11am
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 30 British Summer Time starts – clocks go forward one hour
- 30 Mothering Sunday

April

- 13 Palm Sunday
- 20 Easter Day

Please hand your items for the **April** Parish Press to
Susan Morley or email: morleysusan@hotmail.com

By **Monday 17 March 2025**