

## The following people have asked for your prayers:

Read on **Sundays and Communion:** Barbara Jones, Carol Smith, Mason Taylor, Christine Billing, Gerry & Rosemary Robinson, Doreen Lunt, Audrey Foster, Nicky Wood, Jean & Christian Ollier.

Read at **Morning Prayer:** Jean Watson, Phil Taylor, Norman Gaughan, Joyce & Peter Barry, Pat Lockett, Renee Samways, Ian Littlewood.

## Prayers for the families of the departed:

Gillian McIntyre, Ronald Hitchen, Marian Wood.

**Prayers for the parish:** Maisteron Court, Alvaston Road, Monks Orchard, Millstone Lane.

## Prayers for groups and activities:

Parish Office, Flower Arrangers, Friday Nite Live.

**Baptism:** Lucas Scahill.

**Mission Support:** Foodbank - for everyone who comes for help and food to stave off poverty and to provide for the basic needs of their families in difficult times.

**Mission Support Lent Appeal** - We have some money from our budget still to be allocated to new projects as one-off donations. If you have some suggestions please let Bernard know.

Please pray for **Rob Icke, Paul North and Dot Woods** who will be ordained on **Sunday, 30th June** and begin curacies in the diocese - Rob Icke at Stockport St. Thomas & Latchford St. James (incumbent - Rev. Michael Ridley); Paul North (from 1st September) at Wistaston St. Mary (incumbent - Rev. Mike Turnbull); Dot Woods at Wrenbury St. Margaret with Baddiley St. Michael & Burleydam St. Mary & St. Michael (incumbent - Rev. Alison Fulford).

**Encounter, today, 7.15pm.** Another opportunity to share in an indoor **labyrinth prayer walk** for Lent using Bernard's canvas labyrinth in the Upper Hall. Bernard will introduce and lead the session and will also bring his small wooden finger labyrinths for any who prefer to remain seated throughout. All are welcome, we would love to see you there. Refreshments will be served from 6.45pm.

The **Church Shop** is now open for business - with Mothering Sunday and Easter cards as well as gifts and books. Please come, browse and enjoy a hot drink.

Our **Lent Course** continues on Tuesdays, the same course running in the afternoon (2pm) and evening (7.30pm), joint with the Methodist Church in the Methodist Church Coffee Lounge. We are using part of the Pilgrim Course (an 8-part course produced by the Church of England) studying the Beatitudes. How can we build our lives on the teaching and example of Jesus? We will explore the Christian vision for the world, including openness to God, thirsting for what is right, peace-making and living as citizens of God's Kingdom. If you wish to attend please add your name to the sheet at the back of church.

**Plastic Free Nantwich** Campaign Launch, **Wednesday, 20th March**, 7.30pm at the Leopard pub. Call 07729 979641 for more details.

**Mayor's Charity Quiz - Friday, 22nd March** - quiz, raffle, fish & chip supper. Tickets for teams of 6, £10 per person from Nantwich Civic Hall (628633).

The next **Ladies' Breakfast** will be on **Saturday, 23rd March**, 8.30am at The Crown Hotel. Speaker: Dot Roxby "Variety is the Spice of Life". Sign up in Church or e-mail [nantwichladiesbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:nantwichladiesbreakfast@gmail.com)

You are warmly invited to a **Celebration of Baptism** on **Saturday, 23rd March** at 2.00pm in Church. This will be followed by a celebration cake, tea and coffee in the Parish Hall. A social time for grown-ups with toys available for the young ones. Do come along and catch up with all that's on offer at St. Mary's and meet our new Children's Worker, Susie Boxhall.

**Royal School of Church Music Come & Sing Faure's Requiem - Saturday, 23rd March** in St. Mary's Church. Rehearsal 2.45pm, performance 6.30pm. Cost £5 inc. refreshments. Cheques payable to "RSCM Chester Area" with your name, address, phone, e-mail, voice part and if you need a copy to Simon Russell c/o St. Mary's Parish Office, Church Walk, Nantwich CW5 5RG. Contact Simon ([srussell@rscm.com](mailto:srussell@rscm.com) or 07909 886997).

**Mothers' Union** seek donations of greenery to make up with the daffodils to give out on Mothering Sunday,

also any volunteers to help with this. They will be in Church from 10am on **Saturday, 30th March**.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, 24th April**, 7.30pm. There will be several vacancies for the Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms will be issued in due course, but interest is welcome now. If you wish to know more about what is involved please speak to a member of the Clergy or one of the Churchwardens.

**Breakfast Date:** Men, ladies and young people are all invited to the Breakfast on **27th April**. Susie Boxhall will be sharing some thoughts with us.

**Church Fete - Saturday, 6th July.** There is a large team of willing volunteers but we need someone to co-ordinate the event. There are people who can guide with this who have undertaken the role before. If you think you could take on this role please speak to one of the Churchwardens or the Rector.

## CAP Job Club "Steps towards Employment"

course is now running on **Tuesday mornings**, 10am at Market Street Church. Practical, friendly support to help you step confidently into employment. More details from Angie Bartlett or ring 07398 434397.

**Sue, Jane and William Munks** would like to thank everyone for all the cards and messages of sympathy following John's death. Your kindness and support are so much appreciated.

The next issue of the **Bible Reading Fellowship notes** are available in the pew postal system for current subscribers along with a letter requesting this year's subscription. If anyone else is interested in subscribing to the notes which assist daily Bible reading, then please contact Beth Roberts (07703 126163). There are spare copies of both Guidelines and New Daylight available should anyone wish to try these notes which assist daily Bible reading. Please contact Beth for more information.

**Chester Diocese** publishes an **e-bulletin**, sent by e-mail fortnightly, with news and information about events in the diocese. It is available on the diocesan website where you can also subscribe to receive the e-mail.

## What's on This Week (18th - 24th March 2019)

### Monday

9.00am Contemplative Prayer in Church

### Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer in Church  
9.30am Nantwich CAP Job Club at Market St. Church  
10.00am Mums and Toddlers in the Parish Hall  
2.00pm Lent Course at the Methodist Church  
7.30pm Lent Course at the Methodist Church

### Wednesday

11.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday

8.30am Morning Prayer in Church  
10.00am Little Fish in Church  
1.00pm Funeral of Marian Wood in Church  
2.15pm Drop-in Listening Service in Church  
7.00pm Bellringing practice in the Tower

### Friday

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.15am Churchwardens' Meeting in the Rectory  
12noon Soup Lunch in the Parish Hall  
7.15pm Choir practice in Church

### Saturday

8.00am Morning Prayer in Church  
8.30am Ladies' Breakfast at The Crown Hotel  
9.30am Rector's Surgery in the Parish Office  
2.00pm Celebration of Baptism in Church  
2.45pm RSCM Come & Sing in Church

### Next Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Worship  
10.45am Parish Communion  
6.00pm Evensong

### Readings for Sunday, 24th March:

Isaiah 55: 1-9 (8am) (p.742)  
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (p.1151)  
Luke 13: 1-9 (p.1046)

6pm  
Genesis 28: 10-19a (p.30)  
John 1: 35-51 (p.1064)

The **Electoral Roll** is to be completely renewed this year. **Please complete an application form by 27th March.** If you are already on the roll you'll receive an envelope containing a form. Forms are also at the back of church. If you're aged 16+, baptised and either resident in the parish or have attended St. Mary's for 6 months or more, you're eligible to be on the roll. Please return forms to the Parish Office, Churchwardens or Clergy. This is an important record of St. Mary's people and completing the attached consent form will be a great help in keeping in touch.

**New to St. Mary's?** Want to know more about the Church and our many activities? Contact Kath Slater (katheslater@outlook.com or 07776 238208) who will happily visit or meet up with you for a coffee with any information you need.

Please note that this notice sheet, and some of the Sunday sermons, are available on the church website.

*If parents or carers take photos of children or adults other than their own, these can be used for personal use only, and should not be displayed in any publicly accessible space, including social media and the internet.*

*Toilet and baby changing facilities are available at the back of the church.*

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## Sunday, 17th March 2019 The Second Sunday of Lent

*Welcome to all attending our worship today*

### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Readings:** Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 (p.15)  
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 (p.1180)  
Luke 13: 31-35 (p.1047)

*Hot Drinks are available after all morning Services:  
8am at Costa; 9.30am & 10.45am in the Parish Hall.*

### 9.30am Family Worship

### 10.45am Parish Communion

**Readings:** Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 (p.1180)  
Luke 13: 31-35 (p.1047)

**Hymns:** 488, 603, 683, 709 (A&M)

**Voluntaries:** Choral Prelude "Wer weiss, wie nahe mir mein Ende" - Max Reger (1873-1916); Choral Prelude "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" - Max Reger

### 2.30pm Baptism

### 6.00pm Evensong

**Readings:** Jeremiah 22: 1-9, 13-17 (p.780)  
Luke 14: 27-33 (p.1048)

**Hymns:** 281, 629, 135, 510 (A&M)

**Psalm:** 135: 1-14

### 7.15pm Encounter in the Parish Hall

**Collect:** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**