

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS IN LENT

1ST AND 8TH MARCH 2026

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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Collect, readings & hymns for 2nd Sunday in Lent, 1st March

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.**

Readings:

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a
Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17

Gospel:

John 3: 1 – 17

Hymns: *Mission Praise*

501 O Jesus, I have promised
533 Oft in danger, oft in woe,
582 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Lent prose (words on sheet)
51 Be thou my vision,

Collect, readings & hymns for 3rd Sunday in Lent, 8th March

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.**

Readings:

Exodus 17: 1 – 7
Romans 5: 1 – 11

Gospel:

John 4: 5 – 42

Hymns: *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

138 We sing the praise of him who died,
113 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
118 Firmly I believe and truly
Lent prose (words on sheet)
336 All my hope on God is founded; (omit v2)

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Bruce Thompson, Craig Bell, Catherine, Roger, Fiona, Roya, Amy, Rachel

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Pam MacKenzie, Sue Simpkin, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 1st March: Bob Stroud (priest), Audrey Hall, Thomas Walker, Lilian Cuthbertson, Joe Hobin

Week beginning 8th March: Mary Keen. Pat Barrass, Ronald Pearce, William Ossleton. John Milbourne, Evelyn Ducker, Grace Reed, Nora Gray, Mike Sartoria, Cath McCourt

Prayer intentions for week commencing 1 st March		
Sun 1	2nd Sunday in Lent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 2	Of the day	<i>Our Treasurer</i>
Tue 3	Of the day	<i>RSPCA</i>
Wed 4	Of the day	<i>Marie Curie Centre</i>
Thur 5	Of the day	<i>Lent Reflections St Paul's</i>
Fri 6	Of the day	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>
Sat 7	Of the day	<i>Spiritual cinema</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 8 th March		
Sun 8	3rd Sunday in Lent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 9	Of the day	<i>Walking With</i>
Tue 10	Of the day	<i>Fellowship Group</i>
Wed 11	Of the day	<i>Those who are lonely</i>
Thu 12	Of the day	<i>Percy Main Baby Bank</i>
Fri 13	Of the day	<i>Bellingham Deanery</i>
Sat 14	Of the day	<i>Study of Gospel passages during Lent</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

Morning Prayer at St Paul's: Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's: Saturday at 9.30am
St Paul's open for private prayer: Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 1 st Mar	2 nd Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm <i>In memory of Dr Terry Mason in recognition of his many years as St Paul's Organist and Director of Music.</i>
Wednesday 4 th Mar		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 8 th Mar	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Taizé service 6pm
Wednesday 11 th Mar		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 15 th Mar	Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Healing service 6pm

Dates for your diary

Lent course with St Peter's and St Mary's	Thursdays 5 th , 12 th , 19 th and 26 th March 7.30pm (<i>see notices for venues</i>)
Lent at St Paul's	Saturdays 7 th , 14 th and 21 st March 10am
St Paul's Monday Group	Monday 2 nd March 7pm for 7.30pm
St Paul's Fellowship Group	Tuesdays 10 th and 24 th March 7pm
Lent Soup and Roll Lunches	Saturdays 7 th , 14 th and 21 st March 12 noon to 2pm
Contemplative prayer group	Friday 6 th March 2.30pm
Spiritual cinema	Saturday 7 th March 7pm
St Paul's APCM report published	Saturday 7 th March
Gardening morning	Friday 13 th March 10am
St Paul's APCM	Sunday 22 nd March 11.30am

Lent Soup and Roll Lunches

will continue to be held on Saturdays 7th, 14th and 21st March 12 noon to 2pm.

The PCC's chosen charities this year are:

SWEP, The Bay Foodbank, The Rainbow Trust and the RNLI.

Notices

St Paul's APCM report: The annual report will be published on Saturday 7th March and will be emailed out. A limited number of paper copies will be available in church. Anyone who is not currently on St Paul's distribution list and would like to be added so as to receive the report and fortnightly newsletters please see Mary Evans or a Churchwarden to add your email details.

Lent Services and Reflections together with St Peter's and St Mary's

Monkseaton: This year we will be exploring the 7 Penitential Psalms (Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143). All welcome!

Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm at St Paul's Whitley Bay

Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm at St Mary's Monkseaton

Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm at St Peter's Monkseaton

Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm at St Paul's Whitley Bay

Lent at St Paul's: Every Saturday during Lent we will continue to meet at 10am at the back of church to reflect together around the Gospel passage for each of the Sundays of Lent.

St Paul's Fellowship Group: next sessions Tuesdays 10th and 24th March, 7pm in the Parish Centre, looking at the Ten Commandments.

Donations towards the purchase of the Paschal Candle: Donations welcome towards the purchase of a Paschal Candle that will be blessed and lit during the Easter Vigil. The cost will be £55. Thank you for your generosity.

St Paul's Ladies' Monday Group. Our next meeting will be on Monday 2nd March, 7.00 for 7.30 in the Upper Room when representatives from the RNLI will talk about the organisation. New members and visitors welcome.

Spiritual cinema: Saturday 7th March at 7pm. We will watch together the film: '*Of Gods and Men*' a French film from 2010 that explores the themes of atonement, sacrifice, service and love for a community of monks in Algeria. All welcome.

Contemplative Prayer at St Paul's: from Friday 6th March the group will move to meeting on the first Friday of every month at 2.30pm.

Gardening morning: please join us at 10am on Friday 13th March (weather permitting) to help tidy the church grounds in readiness for spring. There will be tasks for all skills and abilities so everyone is welcome. Speak to Linda Johnson for more information.

Walk of Witness: WB&DCT are planning a Good Friday Walk of Witness in Whitley Bay. Further details to follow

St Paul's PCC: among other things discussed at the recent PCC meeting, thanks were given to Cynthia Games, Shirley Foster, Margaret Marshall, Harrison and Linda Johnson as their Deanery Synod and PCC terms of office end. Updates were given as to the proposed accessibility plan and the progress of the associated Faculty.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans by 6pm on Friday 13th March 2026, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com