

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT AND 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

2ND AND 9TH MARCH 2025

*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 Sunday next before Lent, 2nd March

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Exodus 34: 29 – 35
2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2

Gospel:

Luke 9: 28 – 36

Hymns: *New English Hymnal*

271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
494 Christ is the world's true Light,
343 Bright the vision that delighted,
308 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour,
thee
377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

Collect, readings & hymns for 1st Sunday of Lent, 9th March

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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:

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11
Romans 10: 8b – 13

Gospel:

Luke 4: 1 – 13

Hymns: *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

56 Forty days and forty nights
113 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
123 Jesu, lover of my soul,
507 Lent prose
231 O for a closer walk with God,

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

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

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Sarah Coxon, Jane Park, Cathy West, Hazel Welsh, Lucy Proctor, Barbara Hepworth, Karl Routledge-Wilson, Alison Jackson, Fr Gavin, Rabija, Catherine, Roger.

Wednesday Prayer list: Rocco Allan, Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Pat Eilback, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony

The recently departed: David Grundy, Kathleen Robinson, Leonard Skinner

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 2nd March: Stanley Lamb, Audrey Hall, Megan Lacey, Thomas Walker, Lillian Cuthbertson, James Syson, Joe Hobin

Week beginning 9th March: Mary Keen, Pat Barrass, Ronald Pearce, Grace Reed, William Osselton, John Milbourne, Eveline Ducker, Nora Gray, Mike Sartoria, Cath McCourt, Jan Soulsby

Prayer intentions for week commencing 2nd March		
Sun 2	Sunday next before Lent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 3	Of the day	<i>Monday Group</i>
Tue 4	Shrove Tuesday	<i>Mission and Ministry</i>
Wed 5	Ash Wednesday	<i>Penitence</i>
Thur 6	In Lent	<i>Lent course: Reconciliation and self</i>
Fri 7	In Lent	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>
Sat 8	In Lent	<i>Lent Bible study and discussion</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 9th March		
Sun 9	1st Sunday in Lent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 10	In Lent	<i>Marie Curie Centre</i>
Tue 11	In Lent	<i>Bellingham Deanery</i>
Wed 12	In Lent	<i>Victims of modern day slavery</i>
Thur 13	In Lent	<i>Lent course: Reconciliation and God</i>
Fri 14	In Lent	<i>Bay Foodbank</i>
Sat 15	In Lent	<i>Lent Soup and Roll Lunches</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
Contemplative Prayer group Friday at 2.30pm
St Paul's open for private prayer: Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 2 nd March	Sunday next before Lent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday	Eucharist and ashes 10am Sung Eucharist and ashes 7pm
Sunday 9 th March	1 st Sunday of Lent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Taizé service 6pm
Wednesday 12 th March		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 16 th March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Healing service 6pm

David Grundy

Funeral service at St Paul's on Tuesday 4th March at 2pm.
 Followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 3pm.

Dates for your diary

St Paul's Monday Group	Monday 3 rd March 7pm for 7.30pm
Pancakes and Mission Action Plan	Tuesday 4 th March 7pm
Lent course	Thursdays 6 th March to 10 th April 7pm
World Day of Prayer	Friday 7 th March 2pm at Baptist Church
St Paul's Lent Bible Study	Saturdays 8 th March to 5 th April 10am
Soup and Roll Lent Lunches	Saturdays 8 th March to 5 th April 12 noon
St Paul's APCM	Sunday 23 rd March 11.30am

St Paul's Lent Soup and Roll Lunches charities 2024

The charities chosen this year are:

The Bay Foodbank
Changing Lives

St John's Baby Bank
SWEP

Further information about the charities will be available at the lunches.

Notices

Pancakes and Mission Action Plan: Tuesday 4th March (Shrove Tuesday) at 7pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing the Mission and Ministry of our Church and enjoy pancakes as we prepare for the beginning of Lent.

World Day of Prayer: service 2pm Friday 7th March at the Baptist Church.

Lent Course: *Reflections about Reconciliation.* Joint Lent Course with St Peter's and St Mary's Monkseaton. We will explore different aspects of Reconciliation during 6 sessions held each Thursday at 7pm in Lent. Light refreshments will be served at the end of each session for some time of fellowship. Everyone welcome.

6th March St Mary's Monkseaton

Reconciliation and self

13th March St Paul's Whitley Bay

Reconciliation and God

20th March St Peter's Monkseaton

Reconciliation and Justice

27th March St Mary's Monkseaton

Reconciliation and the Environment

3rd April St Paul's Whitley Bay

Reconciliation and Family

10th April St Peter's Monkseaton

When you cannot reconcile

Saturday 12th April at 12noon Eucharist at St Paul's Whitley Bay followed by 'bring and share' lunch.

Lent Bible Study at St Paul's: every Saturday during Lent we will have a group discussion/Bible Study on the Gospel readings for each Sunday during Lent at the back of church from 10am to 11am. All welcome.

St Paul's Ladies' Monday Group will meet on Monday 3rd March, 7.00 for 7.30 in the Upper Room when our Alan Duffy will give a talk entitled "Make do and mend". Visitors and new members welcome.

Flowers in church in the week beginning 23rd February were donated by Dorothy Little in memory of her husband Richard.

International Women's Day bell ringing: on 8th March the bells will be rung throughout the day by women from St Paul's bellringers and from the local area – you will have heard the "Belles of St Paul's" practising in preparation after the services on Sunday mornings.

Lent soup and roll lunches: During this Lent we will be having our traditional Lent lunches to raise funds for the chosen charities: Saturday 8th March until Saturday 5th April from 12noon to 2pm in the Parish Centre.

St Paul's APCM: the Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 23rd March following the 10am service. The APCM report will be available from 8th March: copies will be emailed out and a limited number of printed copies will be available in church. Please stay for the meeting when there will be election for a new churchwarden and new members of the PCC and the accounts, reports of the PCC and church organisations will be presented.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans by 6pm on Friday 14th March 2025, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com