

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

MOTHERING SUNDAY AND 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

30TH MARCH AND 6TH APRIL 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 Mothering Sunday, 30th March

Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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:

1 Samuel 1: 20 – 28

2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7

Hymns: Mission Praise

396 Just as I am, without one plea,

329 In Christ there is no East or West,

89 Come down, O love divine,

Lent Prose

Gospel:

Luke 2: 33 – 35

631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord

Collect, readings & hymns for 5th Sunday of Lent, 6th April

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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:

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

Philippians 3: 4b – 14

Hymns: New English Hymnal

95 When I survey the wondrous Cross,

82 Drop, drop slow tears,

461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

501 Lent prose

Gospel:

John 12: 1 – 8

84 It is a thing most wonderful,

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, Cathy West, Hazel Welsh, Lucy Proctor, Karl Routledge-Wilson, Alison Jackson, Sue Bale, Joan Trainor, Ava Kennedy, Fr Gavin, Elma, Catherine, Jan, Roger.

Wednesday Prayer list: 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:

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 30th March: Karl Games, Mary Bewick, Albert Bewick, Ann Sisterson, David Chapman, Mary Elliot

Week beginning 6th April: Elizabeth Brown, Margaret Armstong, Catherine Allen, Arthur Classen, Emma Walker

| Prayer intentions for week commencing 30 th March | | |
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| Sun 30 | Mothering Sunday | <i>The Parish</i> |
| Mon 31 | In Lent | <i>Our Bellringers</i> |
| Tue Apr 1 | In Lent | <i>Link Diocese of Møre</i> |
| Wed 2 | In Lent | <i>The recently departed</i> |
| Thur 3 | In Lent | <i>Lent Course: Reconciliation and Family</i> |
| Fri 4 | In Lent | <i>Percy Main Baby Bank</i> |
| Sat 5 | In Lent | <i>Lent Bible Study</i> |

| Prayer intentions for week commencing 6 th April | | |
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| Sun 6 | 5th Sunday in Lent | <i>The Parish</i> |
| Mon 7 | In Lent | <i>World Health Day</i> |
| Tue 8 | In Lent | <i>Our new PCC</i> |
| Wed 9 | In Lent | <i>Journalists</i> |
| Thur 10 | In Lent | <i>Lent Course: When you cannot Reconcile</i> |
| Fri 11 | In Lent | <i>Save the Children</i> |
| Sat 12 | In Lent | <i>Reconciliation</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

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| 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 |

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| Sunday 30 th March | 4 th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday | Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Evening Prayer 6pm |
| Wednesday 2 nd April | | Eucharist 10am |
| Sunday 6 th April | 5 th Sunday of Lent | Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm |
| Wednesday 9 th April | | Eucharist 10am |
| Saturday 12 th April | | Eucharist for end of the Lent course 12 noon <i>followed by bring and share lunch</i> |

Holy Week at St Paul's 2025

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| Sunday 13 th April | Palm Sunday | Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Procession & Eucharist of Palm Sunday 10am Compline 7pm |
| Monday 14 th April | | Eucharist 10am Compline 7pm |
| Tuesday 15 th April | | Eucharist 10am Compline 7pm |
| Wednesday 16 th April | | Eucharist 10am Compline 7pm |
| Thursday 17 th April | Maundy Thursday | Eucharist of the Lord's Supper <i>followed by</i> The Watch 7pm |
| Friday 18 th April | Good Friday | Stations of the Cross 10am Walk of Witness 11.15am <i>leading to</i> Prayer Service at 12 noon Liturgy of Good Friday 2pm |
| Saturday 19 th April | Holy Saturday | Easter Vigil 8pm |
| Sunday 20 th April | Easter Sunday | Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am |

Dates for your diary

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| Lent course | Thur 3 rd & 10 April 7pm & Sat 12 th 12 noon |
| St Paul's Lent Bible Study | Saturday 5 th April 10am |
| Soup and Roll Lent Lunches | Saturday 5 th April 12 noon |
| Fiesta WB volunteers meeting | Wednesday 2 nd April 6pm |
| The Gate published | Sunday 6 th April |
| Monday Group | Monday 7 th April 7pm for 7.30pm |

Notices

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.

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| 3rd April 7pm | St Paul's Whitley Bay | <i>Reconciliation and Family</i> |
| 10th April 7pm | St Peter's Monkseaton | <i>When you cannot reconcile</i> |
| 12th April 12 noon | St Paul's Whitley Bay | <i>Eucharist followed by bring and share lunch</i> |

Lent Bible Study at St Paul's: the final Lent group discussion/Bible Study on the Gospel readings for each Sunday in lent will be held on Saturday 5th April at the back of church from 10am to 11am followed by the last **Lent soup and roll lunches** to raise funds for the chosen charities.

The Gate: St Paul's magazine: the new edition of *The Gate* will be published on Sunday 6th April and will be on sale after the service at the back of church, just £1 per copy. If you have paid by subscription, your copy will be ready for you to collect or will be delivered or emailed to you.

Easter flowers: there will be a box at the back of church from now until Easter for donations towards the cost of Easter flowers. Thank you

Monday Group: the next meeting of St Paul's Ladies' Monday Group will be on Monday 7th April 7.00 for 7.30 in the Upper Room when John will talk to us about his visit to the Greek Monasteries. New members and visitors welcome.

Fiesta WB volunteers meeting: Wednesday 2nd April at 6pm in the Parish Centre. A time to share fellowship with all the volunteers from Fiesta WB. Everyone welcome.

Walk of Witness. In addition to the other Good Friday solemnities, WB&DCT is organising a Walk of Witness, culminating in a short service in St Paul's grounds. The walk will begin at 11.15 from three different locations (Whitley Lodge shops, Whitley Bay Baptist church and Hillheads church). Each group will walk behind a cross through Whitley Bay, meeting as they walk through the town. St Paul's cross will leave from Hillheads Church. Everyone is welcome to join the walk at any point.

Shepherd's Dene: The Parish Retreat will take place between Friday May 2nd and Sunday May 4th at Shepherd's Dene, where the theme will be "Prayer" We may be able to take some more people if anyone is interested; please speak to Rev Mairi if you would like to join in.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 1st April 2025*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com