

All Saints' weekly email: First Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends.

Bishop Jonathan's recent *ad clerum* included the following paragraph which I'm sure resonates with many of us as we embark on Lent:

The coincidence of the coming forty days with, pray God, the final phase of the strict lockdown, gives this Lent the feel of the final lap of a long race of endurance, one in which we have already been sorely tested. While I would certainly encourage you to keep Lent as a time marked by prayer, self-examination, and the deeper study of the Word of God and other sacred writings, I think we can be forgiven for entering this year's penitential season with our hearts and minds fixed, above all, on the hope of the Resurrection. That is after all the primary purpose of every Lent: to prepare ourselves for the paschal feast. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and the reminder of our mortality: 'Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return.' It ends in the Lord's victory, in which we share by virtue of our baptism, over death, suffering and sin. May every day of this coming Lent be one of grace and blessing, so that our hope in the risen Lord may sustain and strengthen us as we journey towards Holy Week and Easter.

Amen to that!

Fr Michael

p.s. Stations of the Cross will be offered this evening and on all the Fridays of Lent on our usual YouTube channel, at 6pm.

Fr M

Click on the following links for Sung Mass on SUNDAY at 11am:

<u>Propers for First Sunday of Lent</u> YouTube link for live stream

LENT APPEAL 2021

Proceeds from this year's Lent Appeal will be divided between:

American Church Soup Kitchen in Tottenham Court Road

towards the costs of their mental health worker

Anglican Communion Fund

supporting communities throughout the Anglican Communion often in the poorest and most dangerous parts of the world.

Bishop of London's Lent appeal

focussing on Youth Violence - supporting three charities working in different ways with young people.

How to donate

Please give generously by visiting our donation page.

Or you can send a cheque to the Parish Office, made payable to: "Parochial Church All Saints (Lent Appeal)". If you qualify for Gift Aid, please write 'Gift Aid' on the back of the cheque.

Lent Boxes will not be issued this year.

You can now read the latest newsletter from Churches Together in Westminster.



Prayer list

Prisoners and captives:

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Ismaeil Maghrebinejad, Nasrin Sotoudeh, Mussie Eyob, Maira Shabhaz.

The sick:

David Fettke, Joan Cooper, Vallery Tchukov, Sara Vice, Katherine Lee, Nicky Yeo, Lorna Smith, Beth Klausing, Hilary Porter, Bruce Ross-Smith, Benjamin Woolf, James Shrimpton, Tony Rodger, Rachel Pereira, Victor Sharp, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Chris and Carole Radley, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Rosemary Orr, Andrew Rodger, Martin Berka, Bishop Mano Rumalshah, Barbara Schiefer, David Aspenal, Margaret Feaviour, Sybil Priestnall, John Mather, Joan Anna SLG, Tim Little, Elizabeth Dennis, Lorna Sargaison, Phil Gibbs, Poppy Harris, Sam Ellis, Sheila Wood, Jennifer Spreckley, Sue Yesnick, Stewart Lyon

Those known to us recently departed:

Graham Prowse

Ralph Spreckley

Audrey Williams

Miles Nelson

Anniversaries of death:

21st - Guida Crowley, Joan Williams

22nd - John Sanders Vickery

23rd - William Butterfield, Thomas Skeffington-Lodge

24th - James Keen

25th - Eleanor Alaway, Derek Beavan, Diana Stonebanks, Yoskyl Brackley

26th - Ian Searle

27th - Lionel Ryan, Catherine Thomas



Supporting All Saints

Parish Giving Scheme:

Thank you to all who give in various ways to support the work of All Saints. While we regret that the previous online registration facility for the <u>Parish Giving Scheme</u> is no longer available, our Treasurer recommends that this remains our preferred option for giving: it allows contributions to be anonymous and deals with GiftAid, which saves our office a lot of time.

It is not possible at present to register for the scheme online.

There are two options, for each of which you need the parish code: 230623075.

You can join the scheme either

by phoning 0333 002 1271 and quoting the code

or

by requesting a form from the parish office.

The following link will take you to a page which explains how the scheme works: www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works

<u>Donations for general Church purposes:</u> To give by BACS please use the following details, advising the Administrator to collect Gift Aid:
PCC All Saints (*Charity* # 1132895)
Sort Code 60-09-15
A/C 04559452

Parish Legacy Policy We are always delighted to hear from anyone who wants to support us with a donation. Our PCC Legacy Policy encourages people to leave bequests specifically to one of our two related charities to be used for purposes of lasting value (rather than day to day costs):

All Saints Choir & Music Trust (Charity # 802994) or The All Saints Foundation (Charity # 273390).