

Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9

Post Communion

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for March

***God, You give us Your love, even when things go wrong. Fill these parents
with Your peace, even when things don't go to plan. Amen.***

Book: Handa's Surprise

***Please pray for the people that live in Wyncroft Care Home in our parish
and for the people who care for them.***

**Gluten Free Wafers - whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free
wafers are available.**

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SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – MARCH

Sunday 23 March – Church of the Ascension Closed

10am Team Service at St Mary's

Monday 24 March

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Group at Fr Mel's – 14 Beech Tree Close

Tuesday 25 March

2.30pm Lent Group at Jill's – 30 Stallings Lane

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 26 March

10am Midweek Eucharist with Hymns and Songs

5pm Evening Prayer

6.15pm Lent Group @ Church of the Ascension

Thursday 27 March

10am Mainly Music

1pm Eileen Knight Funeral Service

2.30pm Lent Group at Jane's – 25 Foundry St, Wall Heath

7.30pm Lent Group at Jenny's – 17 Clover Lane, Wall Heath

Sunday 30 March – Mothering Sunday

10am Café Church

All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Pray for our sick and those who care for them: Evelyn, Pat Hughes, Bob, Carol, Steph Randall, Pam, Fran and Peter, Tim Dalloway, Anne-Marie, Chris Hemsley, Angela, Winnifred Quirke, Winston Sharpe, Reagan, Carole, Carol, Lainey, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner, Liz Cross, Sarah, Denise, Harold.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Helen Gregg, Carol Cartwright, Eileen Knight, Diane Smith, Pauline Heathcock, Thomas Smith.

Memory book We will be updating the memory book at Church of Ascension If you would like a loved one put in there's a list at the back of church.

Please put their name and the date you would like them remembered and also your name and contact number please. You can also email sara.horton@blueyonder.co.uk or me on phone 07813 350115. Sara

Fr. Mel's Prayer Meeting will become a Lent Group at 7.30pm - the next one is this coming Monday on March 24th and the final one on 31st. Back to the fortnightly meetings from April 14th at 7pm.

Our Mothering Sunday Service on 30th March will be café church. Please join us for pastries, discussion and worship in the hall before we come together to share Eucharist.

Funerals

- **Eileen Knight – Thursday 27 March** at Church of the Ascension at 1pm followed by refreshments in the hall
- **Pauline Heathcock – Tuesday 1 April** at Church of the Ascension at 10.30am, Gornal Wood Crematorium at 11.40am followed by refreshments at the Dudley Arms

Annual Meetings

- The annual meeting for Church of the Ascension will be on **Tuesday 29 April at 7.30pm** in church. Please do your best to attend this important meeting.
- Our annual parish meeting will then be on **Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm** in church. Again, please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Festivals which shape our lives and discipleship The next big set of services come during Holy Week. Holy Week is a journey, a pilgrimage with Jesus and I really encourage you to get the big dates in your diary now and come and experience one of the most profound and important weeks in human history. All the details are on postcards at the back of church but the big ones to try and attend are Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and then Easter Day. These days have inspired my faith every year since I started doing them all and I absolutely commend them to you – a journey with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Free to a good home!

Quingo scooter - in good working order.

Please contact Jill on 07503 993691 or 01384 273814

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