

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on the 14th February this year. As usual we will hold two services that day at 11am (said) and at 7.30pm (sung). Each will be a Communion service and each will have the opportunity for Ashing. Ashing is an outward sign of the penitence we express as we come to God, but may also be seen as an expression of the commitment of God to us, the shape of the cross on our forehead the promised seal of God's spirit on us.

All are welcome to either of these services. Ashing is offered but is not compulsory.



Promises! Promises!

For Lent this year, we will be focussing on the set readings for the Sunday Morning from the Old Testament. Each of these focuses in a different way on promises God made, to Noah, to Abraham, to God's people through Moses etc etc.

There will be two groups, one the regular Reflections group which meets on a Monday afternoon 1.45-3pm and one on Thursday evening 7.30-9pm which will meet in the Lady Chapel.

There will also be a booklet for the whole of Lent enabling people to do some reflecting at home. It would be good however if people did come along to one or other of the groups if possible. If you can only attend for an occasional session that is fine.

Priscilla

For Visitors and those not in the Planned Giving Scheme:

If you intend to make a contribution to our collection today and you are an Income Tax payer, please maximise your giving by using one of our **Gift Aid** envelopes which are located in the pews. **It is important that you give your name and address, and sign and date the envelope.** Thank you.

The Parish Church of St. Faith and St. Laurence Harborne

Sunday 11th February 2018

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

A welcome to everyone especially if you are here for the first time or you haven't been to church for a while. A special welcome to Henry, his family and friends at the 10am service. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10 am service, so please do stay.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

<i>Readings:</i>	2 Kings 2.1-12	<i>Old Testament p 342</i>
	2 Corinthians 4.3-6	<i>New Testament p 177</i>
	Mark 9.2-9	<i>New Testament p 42</i>

10.00 am Morning Praise and Baptism

Special Order of Service

6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

Readings as at 8am

<i>Hymns</i>	377	Angel voices ever singing
	37	The Lord will come
	308	Just as I am
	392	Bright the vision

Gluten free wafers available. Please ask the Warden before the service begins if you would like one.

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Collect
 Holy God,
 you know the disorder of our
 sinful lives:
 set straight our crooked hearts,
 and bend our wills to love your
 goodness and your glory
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion
 Holy God,
 we see your glory in the face of Jesus
 Christ: may we who are partakers at his
 table reflect his life in word and deed,
 that all the world may know his power
 to change and save.
 This we ask through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer points - please include these in your personal prayers

For Church and Diocese

The Anglican Church of Canada
 The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz
 Primate of the Anglican Church of
 Canada

Archbishops Justin and John.
 For Bishop David and Bishop Anne.

**For the World, for Peace and
 an end to Poverty.**

For children in South Sudan and
 Burkina Faso who are dying from
 hunger. They are bearing the brunt
 of the ongoing conflict and climate
 change.

**For our work with Children
 and young people.**

Please pray for Stay and Play, Messy
 Church Sunday Club and for the
 continuing contact with the school.

For those who are ill

Pauline Sitford, Catherine Hyde, Frank
 Bird, Summer Tennant, Emma Peasland,
 Carol Barnwell, Evelyn Williams, Derek
 Fuller, Jean Perks, Betty Mason and Debbie
 White.

*As the sick list is long, to concentrate our
 prayer we will for a time have two lists
 and pray fortnightly for each person.
 Please do continue to add people to the
 list for whom we should be praying.*

**For the Families and Friends of those
 who have died.**

A Love Your Neighbour Prayer

Loving God, who created human beings in
 your own image, you sent your son Jesus
 Christ to walk with us on this fragile plan-
 et. We thank you for his miraculous pres-
 ence which turns confusion into hope, an-
 ger into gratitude and fear into joy.
 Strengthen us through the power of your
 Holy Spirit to follow in the footsteps of
 Jesus. Open our eyes to see your image in
 the faces of all our neighbours, open our
 hearts to feel your compassion for all you
 have created and lead us day by day to love
 and serve you in the world. We ask this in
 the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus
 Christ. Amen.

**Morning Prayer will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Thursday and Saturday of this week in the Lady Chapel at 8.15 am**

Tue 13	6.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	
	7.15 pm	PCC Meeting	Committee Room
Wed 14		ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday	Church
Thu 15	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 16	12.30 pm	Wedding of Bobby Capper and Mykela Preston	

Please remember Bobby and Mykela in your prayers

Next Sunday February 18th– First Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Mon 19	1.45 pm	Lent Reflections	143 Balden Road
Tue 20	10.30 am	Queen Mother Gardens Service	
Wed 21	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
Thu 22	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
	7.30 pm	Lent Reflections	Lady Chapel

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Emails: The Vicar's email is priscillawhite.harborne@btinternet.com
 Items for the pew sheet need to reach Peter Stokes by **Wednesday** of each week.
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