

## FAITH AND LEARNING

This month continues with the theme of prayer and looks at some different approaches to prayer. A chance both to share what works for you (but only if you want to) and to experience one or two new prayer practices.

All are welcome Please do come and encourage others to do so.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

The new Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection today. Please note that these run until the end of December. From 2018 the envelopes will run in line with the calendar year. **Jackie Taylor**

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LENT APPEAL Please read article in March Magazine

## FOODBANK

We are asking for donations of tinned tomatoes, instant mash potato and dried pasta for the Foodbank as these items are in high demand . At present a lot of large families are among our clients. **Brenda Stott.**

## 80th Anniversary Weekend - Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th June

As part of the decoration in church for this special weekend, we should like to have the decades represented at the six pillars, namely: 1940s; 1950s; 1960s; 1970s; 1980s and 1990s. We are looking for volunteers to take on a display, either individually or in a group. The display just needs to depict an event or style representative of the decade concerned. Two volunteers have already come forward to do 1940s and 1980s - so I am looking for volunteers for the four other decades. Please contact me, **Celia Wilkie** on 427 3304 or [hughandcelia.harborne@btinternet.com](mailto:hughandcelia.harborne@btinternet.com) if you would like to be involved.

### The Community Garden

Do take a stroll round the Community Garden, with a cup of coffee in hand, as the Spring bulbs, along with the primroses, are beginning to come through. As mentioned in the February magazine, the *Daphne* is now showing its scented pink blossoms - worth a look!

If you're shopping online this week, please sign up to support F&L Church with easyfundraising.

It doesn't cost a penny extra and you'll be helping to make a difference.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfaithandstlaurence](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfaithandstlaurence)

**Parish Website:** [www.saintfaithandsaintlaurence.co.uk](http://www.saintfaithandsaintlaurence.co.uk)



### 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 19th MARCH 2017**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to everyone especially if you are here for the first time or you haven't been to church for a while.  
Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10 am service, so please do stay.

## TODAY'S SERVICES

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**Special Order of Service**

**10.00 am Family Communion**

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**6.30 pm Evensong**

Psalm 40

Joshua 1.1-9

*Old Testament page 199*

Ephesians 6.10-20 *New Testament page 192*

**Hymns**

368 All my hope on God is founded

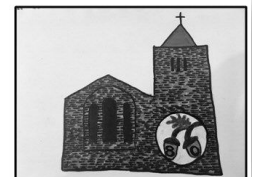
571 Soldiers of Christ, arise

416(ii) Father, hear the prayer we offer

468 I danced in the morning

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

**Large print available    Hearing loop**



## 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.**

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord,  
 grant your people grace to withstand the  
 temptations  
 of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
 and with pure hearts and minds to follow  
 you, the only God;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer points - please include these in your personal prayers

#### For Church and Diocese

Mbale (Uganda)  
 The Rt Revd Patrick Gidudu  
  
 Archbishops Justin and John.  
 For Bishop David and Bishop Anne.

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

Pray that the nationwide ceasefire  
 between Syrian government  
 forces and rebel groups may hold,  
 and for the people of Mosul.

#### For the Junk Easter

Please pray for Junk Easter and  
 for Messy Church and Sunday  
 Club, pray for our developing  
 contacts with families and young  
 people and for all those involved  
 in putting these groups on.

#### For those who are ill

*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

Mon	20	1.45 pm	Reflections	<i>143 Balden Road</i>
Tue	21	2.00 pm	Parish Safeguarding Meeting	
Wed	22	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	<i>Committee Room</i>
		11.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
		3.30 pm	Junk Easter	
		7.30 pm	3D Course	<i>Committee Room</i>
Thu	23	9.30 am	Stay and Play	<i>Hall</i>
		6.00 pm	Choir Practice	<i>Church</i>
Sat	25	10.30 am	Diocesan Synod Plus Conference	

## Next Sunday March 26th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
**10.00am Family Communion**  
**6.30 pm Evensong**

Mon	27	1.45 pm	Reflections	<i>143 Balden Road</i>
		7.30 pm	Socials Task Group Meeting	
Tue	28	2.00 pm	Lenches Trust Service	
		7.30 pm	Faith and Learning-Expanding our prayer	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
Wed	29	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	<i>Committee Room</i>
		11.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
		3.30 pm	Junk Easter	
		7.30 pm	3D Course	<i>Committee Room</i>
Thu	30	9.30 am	Stay and Play	<i>Hall</i>
		6.00 pm	Choir Practice	<i>Church</i>
		7.30 pm	Anniversary Group Meeting	
Sat	1	10.30 am	Messy Church	<i>Hall</i>

## Junk Easter

This began on March 15<sup>th</sup> and continues on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in school  
 with a presentation on the 5<sup>th</sup> April at church of which more later. Useful  
 things for this time would be old (clean) socks, grey and black wool. Polystyrene  
 tiles, clean yoghurt pots, kitchen roll insides or wrapping paper ones (not toilet  
 paper rolls) Ice cream cartons, Sponges and Lollipop sticks.

Donations can be left in the Narthex. Many thanks.

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 Email: [peterstokes@talk21.com](mailto:peterstokes@talk21.com)