

WINDOWS CONCERT -18th MARCH.

As part of our 80th anniversary, Simon Palmer is producing a concert based in part around the stained glass windows in the church. During the interval we will offer refreshments, and to that end, if anyone could bake or offer a cake for us to serve it would be much appreciated. If you can help please contact David Glanvill or Vicky Miller. Thank you in anticipation, **David Glanvill**

SIGNPOSTS COURSE

Please see poster at back of church

LENT APPEAL STARTS TODAY

Please read article in March Magazine

THANK YOU

For over seven and a half years I have been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in my left leg. Last week I was told that it has been downgraded to a much less worrying benign tumour. The damage that has been done remains, there are problems that will still throw me off balance, and it is still possible that I may lose my leg as it continues to grow. But now I know that it will never spread and will not become life threatening.

Over these years I have had a lot of support from the folks of St Faith and St Laurence in your prayers, in comforting words, and in your understanding. It is difficult to find words to express how grateful I am for that support and I hope that you will find this message acceptable.

Thank you very much.

David Tippin

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

Parish Website: 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 5th MARCH 2017

FIRST 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

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

*pew Bible p.2 Old Testament
pew Bible p.151 New Testament
pew Bible p. 3New Testament*

10.00 am Family Communion

Special Order of Service

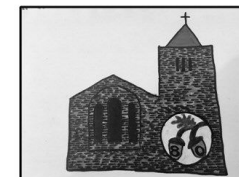
6.30 pm Evensong Psalm 50

Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-25 *pew Bible p. 170 Old Testament*
Luke 15.1-10 *pew Bible p. 75 New Testament*

Hymns 369 All people that on earth do dwell
386 Be thou my vision
587 The God of love my shepherd is
523 My God, how wonderful thou art

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

Large print available Hearing loop



Collect

Heavenly Father,
 your Son battled with the powers of
 darkness,
 and grew closer to you in the desert:
 help us to use these days to grow in
 wisdom and prayer that we may
 witness to your saving love in Jesus
 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord God,
 you have renewed us with the living bread
 from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,
 increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
 teach us always to hunger for him who is the
 true and living bread, and enable us to live by
 every word that proceeds from out of your
 mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer points - please include these in your personal prayers

For Church and Diocese

Marathwada (North India)
 The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab.

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

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.

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

For encounter with the children
 in the school and for a really
 helpful way of telling the story of
 Holy Week and Easter.

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

Mon 6	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
	7.30 pm	RSCM Safeguarding Meeting	Church
	7.45 pm	Women's Fellowship	Committee Room
		'The Escape of Charles I'	
Tues 7	8.00 pm	Team Meeting	
Wed 8	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	7.30 pm	3D Course	Committee Room
Thu 9	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
	7.30 pm	FGP Task Group Meeting	

Next Sunday March 12th - Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

Mon 13	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
	2.30 pm	Funeral of Ann Hall	Lodge Hill
Tue 14	10.30 am	Queen Mother Gardens Service	
	7.45 pm	PCC Meeting	Committee Room
Wed 15	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	3.30 pm	Junk Easter	
	7.30 pm	3D Course	Committee Room
Thu 16	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
Sat 18	10.30 am	Marriage Preparation	
	7.30 pm	Choir Concert-Our Windows	Church
		Details in Parish Magazine	

Lent Leaflet.

Copies of our Lent Leaflet are now available to be used individually
 day by day or in small groups. Please take these as an opportunity to
 delve more deeply into the Gospel readings over Lent and so to be
 inspired on your Lenten journey.

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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