

THE PARISH OF JARROW AND SIMONSDIE

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Our Parish of Jarrow and Simonside aims to share our faith, hope and love in God with all, through our worship, witness and service.

15 MARCH 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to all to our Worship today. Children are most welcome at all our services. There are colouring sheets, books and toys available for younger worshippers

TODAY – 4.00pm. – Stations of the Cross – St. John's

Our prayers are asked:

For Paul our Bishop, Bishop Sarah;

For all suffering as a result of natural disasters, terrorism or warfare;

For the healing of divisions in our national life, for the Prime Minister and the Cabinet;

For the sick, the troubled, the anxious, and for all who mourn.

For all working in our Health Service and in leadership roles.

9 o'clock Coffee Stop - 9.00am – Thursdays in term-time at St. John's. All are welcome to drop in for coffee and chat. Bring friends with you. Children's play area provided.

NB. Helpers needed. More helpers are needed on Thursday mornings for a couple of hours in term time. The more volunteers we have, the easier the work load. Anyone willing to volunteer, please contact Carol Cowen on 07875204451.

Please Note: Extraordinary meeting for PCC members on Thursday 19th March, 7pm. St Peter's. Two points need urgent discussion.

Coronavirus COVID-19. A letter has been received from the Archbishop of Canterbury, advising that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the Chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands". To this end communicants will only receive the consecrated wafer, with the priest alone taking the wine.

Dates for your Diary

17 March – Interview for New Rector to be held at St. Peter's.

17 March – 6.30pm. Meeting for St. Peter's 50th Anniversary.

28 March – 2pm.- 4pm. Afternoon Tea, St. John's. Tickets £5.

Sunday 5 April – Palm Sunday – All Age Worship at St. Peter's. Anniversary of Laying of Foundation Stone at St. Peter's.

Sunday 12 April – Easter Day – All Age Worship at St. John's

14 April – 7pm. PCC meets at St. Peter's.

19 April – 6.00pm. – Songs of Praise, celebrated by Revd. Keith Lumsden – St. Peter's

Electoral Roll. A revised Electoral Roll is being displayed on your Church's Notice Board for the next few weeks. Please could everyone check their details relating to yourselves and let Susan Short know if there are any amendments. *Thank you.*

Churches Together Food Bank. Please remember when you come to Church to bring an item for the Food Bank. Donations can be taken to the Food Bank at Action Station on Boldon Lane, South Shields, weekdays 10am. - 4pm. For more information please contact Jo Benham Brown (Churches Together Poverty Alleviation development worker) on 07841 143482.

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, by the grace of this sacrifice may we
who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one
another.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

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.

READING: Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Psalm 95

R: O that today you would hearken to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

READING: Romans 5: 1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL: John 4: 5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?'

Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city.

She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So, the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

South Tyneside Prison Matters is supported by local churches and offers personal and practical support to ex-offenders. A part-time worker is to be appointed, initially for 6 months, but it is hoped the post will continue. Closing date for applications is 23rd March. For more information please contact southtynesideprisonmatters@yahoo.com

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 16 March 2020: *Feria in Lent*

Intention: Teachers and Schools Staff

2.00pm. Parish Prayer Group (6 Clennel Ave., Hebburn)

Tuesday 17 March 2020: Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460

Intention: The Church in Ireland

10.00am. Holy Eucharist, (St. Peter's)

2.00pm. Knit, Natter and Play (St. John's)

6.30pm. Meeting for 50th Anniversary celebrations (St. Peter's)

Wednesday 18 March 2020: *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher, 386*

Intention: People imprisoned unjustly

10.00am. Holy Eucharist (St. Simon's)

10.30am. Community Coffee Morning (St. Peter's)

1.15pm. Funeral Service (St. Paul's)

Thursday 19 March 2020: Joseph of Nazareth

Intention: Fathers and their families

9.00am. 9 o'clock Coffee Stop (St. John's)

10.00am. Holy Eucharist (St. John's)

7.00pm. Extraordinary Meeting of PCC. (St. Peter's)

Friday 20 March 2020: Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

Intention: The Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle

Saturday 21 March 2020: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury,

Intention: Those suffering physically

NEXT SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020: MOTHERING SUNDAY (FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT)

Intention: Our Parish, Church Growth, Creation

9.00am. Parish Eucharist (St. John's)

9.15am. Service of the Word (St. Simon's)

11.00am. Parish Eucharist (St. Peter's)

11.00am. Service of the Word (St. Paul's)

4.00pm. Stations of the Cross (St. John's)

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 1: 20-end; Psalm 34: 11-20; Colossians 3: 12-27; John 19: 25b-27

Churchwardens: **Rita Blakey, Carol Cowen, Gordon Scott, Evelyn Rutherford.**

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PARISH MINISTERS

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Parish Office: Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12.30pm., and Thursday 6.30pm.-7.30pm., when Application forms for marriage or baptism can be obtained, telephone 0191 489 1925, email jarrowparish@yahoo.co.uk; or for further information for Jarrow and Simonside see the parish website www.jarrowparish.info