



**The Week Ahead**

<b>Today</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in the Tennant Chapel Monday to Friday, 9.15am & 6.00pm	
Monday	3:00pm Tea@3 5:35 Eucharist
Tuesday	7:30am Yoga 5:00pm Silent Hour
Wednesday	12:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday	3:00pm Toddler and Baby Group at Napier Hall 4:45pm AFC at Napier Hall 7:00pm Zumba

**Today** – Our first of Lent Lunches will be held in the Parish Sitting Room between 12:30 and 1:30 and will give us a chance to reflect together on our journey whilst sharing of thoughts about a piece of art over a simple lunch. The lunches will also be held on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Please let Annie know which dates you would like to attend [Anne.power@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.power@gmail.com)

**Today** – The Stations of the Cross 'service' will be based upon the customary format of visiting each station around the church in turn with prayers, music, readings and meditative silence along the way. It is a traditional observance for Lent and will last about an hour, beginning at 4:30pm. Music will be provided by the locally-based vocal group Floreat.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** – will be hosted at St Stephen's this year and will be held at 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March. All welcome.

**Lent Recitals** - on Friday lunchtimes, starting 6th March, between 1.15-1.45pm, we invite you all to a series of short organ recitals to lead us through Lent and into Passiontide.

**Liturgical Dance** – If anyone is interested in joining the liturgical dance on March 15<sup>th</sup> during Lent, please speak to Graham.

**Lenten Devotional** – This is now available online to download in full or to follow along as each week's painting, theme and thoughts will be uploaded for your devotion and prayers during Lent. Please see more on our website [www.sswsj.org](http://www.sswsj.org)

**Electoral Roll** – Our revision notice is up and if you are not already on our electoral roll and would like to join, or would like to update your details, please do pick up a form from the back and hand it into clergy or Parish Office before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we can only accept signed hard copies.

Entrance Hymn: Forty days and forty nights

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## The Collect

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
 and, as you know our weakness,  
 so may we know your power to save;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

## Psalm 32

**Response: I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.**

- 1 Happy the one whose transgression is for-/given,  
and whose /sin is /covered.
- 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no /guilt,  
and in whose spirit there/ is no /guile. **R**
- 3 For I held my /tongue;  
my bones wasted away through my groaning /all the day /long.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and /night;  
my moisture was dried up like the /drought in /summer. **R**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my /sin to you  
and my iniquity I /did not /hide.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the /Lord,'  
and you forgave the /guilt of my /sin. **R**
- 7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of /trouble;  
in the great water flood, it /shall not /reach them.
- 8 You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from /trouble;  
you surround me with /songs of de-/liverance. **R**
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should /go;  
I will guide you /with my /eye.

10 'Be not like horse and mule which have no under-/standing;  
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will /not stay /near you.' R

11 Great tribulations remain for the /wicked,  
but mercy embraces those who /trust in the /Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the /Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are /true of /heart. R

**Second Reading:** Romans 2.12-19

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4.1-11

**Prayers of Intercession**

**In our parish cycle of prayer:** Our Parochial Church Council and St. John's, Smith Square

**For those who live in:** Estherbrook Street and Tufton Street

**As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:**

the YMCA and YWCA, remembering their work with street children

**We pray for our New York City link parish:**

The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for preparations for our May Fair

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church in Chile (Iglesia Anglicana de Chile): Hector Zavala Muñoz (Primate, and Bishop of Santiago)

Church Action on Poverty Sunday: pray for the poor in this city and the world, and for those who work for the relief of poverty

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: those working in medicine

Westminster (St Marylebone) Deanery: Clare Dowding (Acting Area Dean)

Deanery Synod: Mary Currie (Lay Chairman), Erna Smit (Secretary), Paul Hawkins (Treasurer)

Pray for the work of Michael Redman, Area Interfaith Adviser

**Among those who have asked for our prayers:**

Robin Fairfax; Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Jean Haswell; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Bob Szewczyk; Henry Taylor; John Travis-Clarke; Maadimo Tlale; Gay Widmer; Anne Norman-Butler; Marian McHale; Linda Brandon; George Taylor; Amal Griffin; Christopher Hopkins; Fraser Copley and his dad, Kevin Copley; Pete Barney

**RIP:** Arthur Crawford

**For the Years' Mind of:** Sr Lena CA, Alfred James Churchward, Irene Eveline Clark, Frances Briody, Wilma Martens, Peter Harkins, Doris Lillian Judd

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn

## **Offertory Hymn:** Forty days and forty nights

Forty days and forty nights in Judah's desert Jesus stayed;  
all alone he fought temptation, all alone he fasted, prayed.  
When the heat of passion rules me, when I feel alone, betrayed,  
Lord, you meet me in the desert, strong in faith and unafraid.

In the garden, his disciples slept the darkest hours away,  
but our Lord did not condemn them when they would not watch or pray.  
Make me constant in your service, keeping watch both night and day.  
Give me grace that I may never such a love as yours betray.

When the rooster crowed at daybreak, Peter's fear and panic grew.  
He denied three times the charge that Jesus was a man he knew.  
When my love for you is challenged, when the faithful ones are few,  
give me courage and conviction to proclaim my Lord anew.

Soldiers came, the Galilean was arrested, bound and tried,  
and upon a wooden cross the Son of God was crucified.  
In the darkest hour of torture, Jesus raised his head and cried,  
'Why hast thou forsaken me?', and faithful to the end, he died.

With a sword they pierced his side - himself, they jeered, he could not save;  
Joseph then prepared the body with sweet spices for the grave.  
This the precious, broken body which for me my Saviour gave;  
such a love as his I long for, such a faith as his I crave.

## **During Communion the choir sing the Anthem:**

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant*

## **Post Communion Hymn:** Glory be to Jesus

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

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.

***The Dismissal***

## **Recessional Hymn:** Be thou my Guardian

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## **Organ Voluntary:** Prelude in B minor BWV 544i *JS Bach*