

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn: 508 (Lord of all power, I give you my will t. 507 Slane)

Choir Anthem: Lent Prose Verse 1

Communion Hymn: 97 (Lord Jesus, think on me t.i Southwell)

Choir Anthem: A Prayer of King Henry VI (Ley)

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. **Amen.**

Hymn: 538 (O Jesus, I have promised t. Wolvercote)

Organ Voluntary: Scherzoso from Sonata No. 8 (Rheinberger)

Lent Appeal

Please see the display in the North aisle about **Hope into Action**, this year's Lent Appeal. More information can be found at www.hopeintoaction.org.uk or from Harriet Barlow in church.

Stamford Foodbank

Particularly needed: tinned peas and jars of jam (not home-made please). Also good-sized carrier bags, the supermarket Bags for Life are ideal, or big paper bags which some shops are now using instead of plastic bags. *Thank you.*

Parish of All Saints with St John, Stamford

1st March 2020

First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to All Saints'

If you are a visitor or newcomer to All Saints' please make yourself known to one of the clergy after the service, and do fill in and return one of the pink 'Welcome' cards. Gluten free wafers are available, please speak to a church warden or sidesperson if you require one.

Please take this Notice sheet home with you.

Services today and Notices for the week

9.30am Parish Eucharist (Order 1, Sung)

Tuesday 3rd March

10.30am-12noon Coffee-and-Cake morning to welcome the Rev'd David Bond to his new home. Please see Kath Fryer in church for venue and parking details.

Wednesday 4th March

2.30pm Churchwomen's Fellowship at the Unity Centre

7.30pm Lent Study Group at 32 Exeter Gardens

Thursday 5th March

10.00am Holy Communion (Said)

Friday 6th March

12.30pm-1.30pm Churches Together in Stamford Lent Lunch at the URC Hall, Broad Street: donations to Christian Aid

Saturday 7th March

2.00pm Holy Baptism

3.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the late Eleanor (Jean) Hopkinson

Sunday 8th March

Second Sunday of Lent

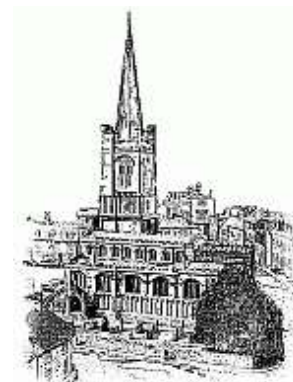
Collection for **Stamford Foodbank** today *see p.4*

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 1, Said)

9.30am Parish Eucharist (Order 1, Sung)

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Responses: Plainsong; Psalm 22 (Matthew Camidge); Evening Canticles faux bourdon (Morley); Anthem: Drop, drop, slow tears (Gibbons, arr. David Blackwell); Hymns: We sing the praise of him who died (t. Bow Brickhill); O love, how deep, how broad, how high (t. Eisenach)



Prayers, readings and music for today's services

Setting: Merbecke

**Processional hymn: 557 (Praise to the Holiest in the height
t.ii Somervell)**

Collect (Prayer for today)

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; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading: Genesis 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second reading: Romans 5. 12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned

when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: 95 (Forty days and forty nights *t. Aus der Tiefe [Heinlein]*)

The Gospel reading: Matthew 4. 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"