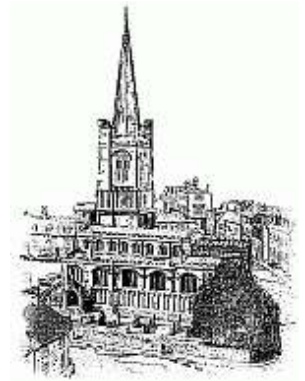


## 15th March 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

### 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)

11.15am Saints Alive! All-age worship.

*Magazine material for April in during this week please*

Please email any reports from church groups to the Wardens by **Monday 16th March**, so they can be published in advance of our Annual Parochial Meetings which take place at the end of April.

#### **Wednesday 18th March**

7.30pm Lent Study Group at 32 Exeter Gardens

#### **Thursday 19th March**

10.00am Holy Communion (Said)

#### **Friday 20th March**

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

#### **Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday**

**Stamford Mid-Lent Fair** comes into town, please allow extra time for travel and parking.

**'Bun Sunday'** - cakes, produce etc. welcome for the stall in aid of our USPG Mission Giving

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 1, Said)

9.30am Parish Eucharist (Order 1, Sung)

**Coronavirus:** During the current situation, All Saints' Church will be following Church of England guidelines as below.

- Offering Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine.
- Suspending handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace.
- Suspending direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.

### **Prayers, readings and music for today's services**

**Setting: Merbecke**

**Processional hymn: 435 (Glorious things of thee are spoken  
*t.i Abbots Leigh*)**

#### **Collect (Prayer for today)**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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. **Amen.**

#### **First 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 quarreled 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

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday 28th March, 8.30 a.m.sharp at The Blue Bell, Easton-on-the-Hill. Tickets £7 from Derrick in church.

There is a box at the back of church for donations for **Easter Lilies** in memory of a loved one; these will be used to decorate the church for Easter. Suggested donation is £3 per lily.

**Hope into Action** Prayer Points: please see noticeboard.

New applications and alterations to the Electoral Roll needed by 29th March. If your name is not on the list (at the back of church) please fill out a form and post it in the box behind the font, or give it to Catherine or Jim, or deliver it to Kathy at the Unity Centre (Monday and Thursday mornings).

Stamford Foodbank Lent Appeal - please see the poster for how you can help.

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heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn: 259 (Morning glory, starlit sky t. 273 Monkland)**

**Choir Anthem: Lent Prose Verse 3**

**Communion Hymn: 565 (Rock of ages, cleft for me t. Petra)**

**Choir Anthem: Wash me thoroughly (Halls)**

**Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

**Hymn: 455 (Guide me, O thou great Redeemer t. Cwm Rhondda)**

**Organ Voluntary: Ciacona in E minor (Buxtehude)**

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 quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn: 321 (Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking  
t. Sussex)**

**The Gospel reading: John 3. 1-17**

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

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 him 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 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