# St Laurence Church Northfield

Sunday 11 February 2018 Last Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our worship especially if you are a visitor. During the 8.30/10am service we will welcome Aria Joanie Lloyd who was baptised last Sunday.

## **Opening Hymn 676**

Hymns are not sung at 8.30 service

## **The Collect** (prayer for the day)

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

## Bible Readings Ephesians 4,.4-7, 11-12

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God & Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors & teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

#### Hymn 590 (use MP version)

#### Gospel

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

#### Mark 9.2-9

<sup>2</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Sermon Canon Janet

# The Intercessions are led by

8.30am Janice Wones 10am Mark Reynolds

## **Offertory Hymn 88**

During this hymn the collection is taken or you can text a donation: - STLA02 (that's zero not the letter O) followed by a space then one of £1/£2/£3/£4/£5/£10 to 70070

Hymns during the administration of Holy Communion 411, 45

# **Post-Communion Prayer**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## Recessional Hymn 525

## **NOTICES**

Welcome to all who are worshipping today for School admission purposes. Please pick up an envelope which tells you more.

The green form needs to be returned to Debbie Keeves and Canon Janet would like a family photo with your names too.

The January-mid February calendar is now available (yellow)

**TODAY - II February - Charity Bake Sale after both services –** All money made on sales is towards the new internal church porch.

Monday – 7pm Worship Committee Tuesday – 7pm Fabric Committee

Lent begins this Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday,** There will be the imposition of ashes at communion services at 10.30am and at the united service 7.30pm St David's, Shenley Green.
We made plenty of ash last year but if you would like to return your Palm Cross you still can do so.

#### **Ecumenical Lent Groups:**

There is still time to contact Annette
Sampson 0121 476 7223 if you wish to be a
participant in a Lent Group even if you cannot make

every week. Regarding the Lectures from Father Cecil Rogerson please note the Thursday meetings beginning 22 February, at the Methodist Church Chatham Road, will now begin at **I 1:00a.m** & not 10:30 as advertised. Also come to the gathering on Shrove Tuesday at 7:30 - 9:00pm, again at Northfield Methodist Church - even if you cannot come to anything else.

Gridiron – Mass Choirs Brass Band & Organ Concert at the Symphony Hall 6pm – Sunday 22 April. £18 Advance booking required by 16 Feb so please put your name on the list in the church porch if you would like to go. See Sue Wright/Pauline Bannister for more information.

Parish Quiet Afternoon Sunday 18 Feb from 12noon – 4.30pm at St Andrew's, Barnt Green led by Gill Jones, a contemplative and Lay Reader at St Alphege Church, Solihull. More details & sign up in porch. Suggested donation to cover costs £7.

**Holy Dusters** Church cleaning will take place on Tues Feb 27 (note change to date) at 9.30am Join us for one hour and see our church sparkle.

Afternoon Tea at St. David's Waterfall Café 2.30pm on Wed 28 February. Cost is £6.50 pp (to be paid in advance please) Maximum 20 people. Sign up on notice board in church porch. Sue & Roy Dutton. 0121 624 9171

Gridiron visit to St Nicholas place Kings Norton Green - Thurs 15 March. A 1 ½ hour guided tour of the former Saracens Head and Old Grammar School, the largest collection of Mediaeval buildings in Birmingham. ~Coffee shop open from 9am,, tour starts 10.30. £4 per head payable to Stuart on the day. Sign up sheet and full details in the porch. Please read carefully as there are access issues. Stuart and Chris 628 0425 js.andrew@live.co.uk

We are looking for a few more people who could assist with Sunday School once a month. Please speak to Elaine Clements for more information

**Dorothea** needs men and ladies shoes, handbags and purses for Zimbabwe. please bring to church.

**Car Boot** Thank you to all who helped. We raised £419.97

All The Stations A very big thank you to Peter Chapman and his crew of volunteers for the All the Stations talk on 27 January. Final total: a huge £760.45. Well done to all!

"100" Club - Please return renewal forms and £12 ASAP to Linda Orchard or the office.

**100 Club January Winners**. Ist Laura King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Downes 3<sup>rd</sup> Al Wallace. Congratulations!

#### A Petition!

Traffic regularly travels the wrong way along Rectory Road. The local police have been diligent in monitoring this and sending out letters to offenders but it keeps happening but the PCC feels more could be done. **Have you signed?** 

# Weekly events:

**'Stay and Play'** (Parent/carer & baby/toddler group) Mondays 9.30-1 Iam.

**Gridiron Coffee Morning** Tuesdays 10 – 11.30am. All Welcome.

#### For your prayers

**Those who are ill** including: Richard Barber (now back home). Please pray for Steph and all the family too. Also Fr Robert Warren

Those who have died: Elsie May Parsonage (funeral 3pm Friday), Bert Askins

Prayer requests may be left in the book by the 'Mary Altar.' They are included in Morning and Evening Prayer several times a week.

#### **Baptism & Wedding Enquiries**

Please come to the Parish Surgery on Ist & 3rd Wed of month 6-7pm in the Pastoral Centre I73 Church Road, Northfield, B3 I 2LX

#### **Contact Details**

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