

<sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Fr John Richards

**The Intercessions are led by**

8.30am Rowena Nicholls

10am Mark Reynolds

**Offertory Hymn 144**

*During this hymn the collection is taken*

**Hymns** during the administration of Holy Communion **611, 856**

**Recessional Hymn 332**

## NOTICES

**Welcome to all who are worshipping today for School admission purposes.** Please pick up an envelope which tells you more. The yellow form needs to be returned to Debbie Keeves and Canon Janet would like a family photo e-mailed to her: janet.rectory@gmail.com

**Faith Discussion Group: Hot Topics!** Many apologies but due to funerals the Hot Topics sessions have been postponed.

Christine Cushing from the Civic Society will be speaking about a possible **Heritage Festival** for Northfield (maybe in 2020) at the next PCC Meeting which is 7pm Monday 25 Feb. This will be the first item on the agenda and anyone with an interest in local history and heritage or community events is welcome.

Our next occasional **Afternoon Prayer and Reflection** 3.30pm on Saturday 16 Feb in church. These services are designed to be suitable for those affected in any way by dementia (including carers) but this one is also very suitable for anyone desiring a quiet, gentle service, especially in the light of our recent bereavements. It will last about 20 mins.

**Mothers' Union** Diocesan Festival and Commissioning Service will be on Saturday 16 February at 11am in the Cathedral. Rowena and Anne will be commissioned by Bishop David as Trustees and Jess and Al will be admitted as new members. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Bingo Night** 7pm Sat 16 Feb with Steve Clements as caller and as Fish and Chip Supper. Only £5 but do bring some money for the Raffle!

**Holy Dusters** We will be cleaning our lovely church, Tues 19 Feb at 9.30am. All welcome to help.

**Gridiron Stroll and Lunch** Thursday 28 Feb. Red Lion, Alvechurch 11.02 Train from Northfield. Stroll on hard surfaces to pub for lunch or meet there at 11.45. Stroll back to Alvechurch station for return. Sign-up sheet in the porch by Sunday 17 Feb. Chris & Stuart 628 0425/07913204622

**A Sunday Lunch** has been organised for Sunday 3 March at the Rose and Crown, Lickey at 12.30pm. Cost is £21 for a three course meal and tea/coffee. If you would like to come please sign up on the list in the porch and let me have your menu choice and money by Sunday 24 February. Rowena

The next **Church Choir Practice** is Monday 4 March in the Rectory 8pm.

**The CTiN** have arranged a series of **Lent Groups**. They will be using a course on Prayer prepared by Canon Janet. The groups will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Lent. There are further details and a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the porch. Please sign up before 24th February. Janice Wones.'

**Pottery Workshop** Another workshop will be held on Wednesday 20 March at 11.30am in church – maybe a cross for Easter or some Easter decorations? Cost will be £12 to include a soup lunch. Number of places is limited so please sign up on the list in the porch – and money to me in advance if possible. Please bring an apron! Rowena

**Jazz Night** 7.30-10.30pm Saturday 30 March – featuring our very own Roy Dutton and The Swing Kings. Tickets £10 to include fish and chip supper. Tickets available from Roy, Rowena or Lorraine and they are going quickly.

Jeffrey Carr is now ready to take subscriptions for the St Laurence Church - **100 Club** for 2019. Please pay your subscription of £12 for the year to him after either service this Sunday, or at the coffee mornings on Tuesday. Alternatively you can give your subscription to Lorraine at the Pastoral Centre. Payment can be made by Cash, Electronic Bank Transfer (see Jeff for the banking details needed), or Cheque. New members to the 100 Club are also welcome, see Jeff. Contact details 0121 694 7115, 36 Copse Close, B31 2JH

We are very grateful to all who **Gift Aid** their offerings to church but **BEWARE!** If you Gift Aid you must be paying sufficient tax to cover the tax reclaimed by your charitable donations. If in doubt please speak to our Treasurer Elaine Clements.

I have signed up as part of the community cast of the **Birmingham Passion Play**. This will be performed at lunchtime on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. If you able to be in the city centre (the top of the Bull Ring, New Street, Victoria Square and the Cathedral churchyard) on one of those days, between

### Thank you to

- To all who attended Jean Schmale and Nicky Westwood's funerals. It was greatly appreciated by family and friends.

### Weekly events

- **'Stay and Play'** (Parent/carer & baby/toddler group) *Mondays 9.30-11am. Term time only*
- **St. Laurence Community Choir in Pastoral Centre** *Monday's 6-7pm*
- **Gridiron Coffee Morning Pastoral Centre**
- *Tuesdays 10 – 11.30am.* Coffee, Board Games & chat.
- **Church Open** *on Saturdays 10-11.30am.* We have now joined the 'Places of Welcome' national scheme so will continue to open in February.

**Please note that the office will be closed 9-10.30am this coming Friday, 15 February**

### For your prayers

**Those who are ill** including: Richard Barber (Steph and all the family) and Prema Louis

#### Those who have died:

**Andy Carr** - Funeral service Tuesday 12 February 1pm church followed by burial in the churchyard. Please be seated by 12.45pm. Do use the choir stalls, especially if you enjoy singing – no need to robe!

Memorial Service 4pm Sunday 24 February. *If you aren't sure which to come to, please come to the Memorial service as this is likely to be less busy.*

**Baby Barry**, great grandson of Sue Knowles, in Canada, aged 3 weeks.

**Fr Henry Burgess**, curate here 1950-54: took Gerry Morgan's wedding. Requiem funeral service Saturday 23 February 10.30am at Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*Prayer requests may be left in the tray in the Remembrance Chapel. They are included in Morning and Evening Prayer several times a week.*

### Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

Please come to Parish Surgery Wednesdays  
5.45 – 6.30pm in the Pastoral Centre  
173 Church Road, Northfield, B31 2LX

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**Welcome to our worship especially if you are a visitor.**

**Opening Hymn 676** *Hymns only at 10am service*

### The Collect (prayer for the day)

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Bible Reading Isaiah 6 (10am only)

*Read by Rachael Westwood*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; <sup>3</sup>and one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' <sup>5</sup>And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### Hymn 590

### Gospel Luke 5.1-11

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

<sup>1</sup>While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.