

Welcome to our worship especially if you are a visitor.

Opening Hymn 190

Hymns are not sung at 8.30 service

The Collect (prayer for the day)

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. **Amen**

Bible Readings Romans 10.8b-9 (10am only)

⁸What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 574

Gospel

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

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4.1-13

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

During the 10am service we will welcome Rory David Wilcox who has baptized last Sunday.

Offertory Hymn 150

During this hymn the collection is taken

Hymns during the administration of Holy Communion 411, 938

Recessional Hymn 69

12 noon Baptism Maisie Faye Victoria

We welcome Maisie family and friends for this special service.

NOTICES

Every six years a completely new **church electoral roll** must be prepared in each parish, rather than just the annual revision of the existing roll. 2019 is the year to prepare a new roll. If you are currently on the **church electoral roll** there is a letter for you about this. Please return the form inside by **TODAY**. If you would like to join the roll, which enables you to vote at the church Annual Meeting (Sunday 7th April) please pick up a form.

Now is the time to start to prepare **the reports for the APCM**. They should cover the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 18 but it is OK to include a few things about recent months and hopes for the future. Please e-mail to the Parish Office with "APCM and the Name of your report" in the subject line by **20 March**

Lent Groups on 'Prayer' start this week.

Not too late to join... Please note the Thursday one at St David's is at 11am NOT 2.30pm. Cost £2 (for the whole course!) Full details in the current 'calendar' booklet which is lilac.

A thought for Lent ..

Don't think 'me time', think 'soul time'. It's easy to persuade people to try to have more 'me-anything' these days. However, the point about Lent is not to think about your ego-needs but to make time for your soul-needs. Soul time can take many forms – but it's never never 'all about me' *'Beyond Busyness' author Stephen Cherry*



Our **Lent Challenge** this year is to collect items of first aid to be sent to our link Dioceses in Malawi (not liquid antiseptic.) Please leave items on the St Laurence altar.

We also need to cover the cost of the transport so money is also welcome. Thank you.

Holy Dusters will be cleaning our church on Tuesday 19 March at 9.30am. All welcome to help

Pottery Workshop will be on Wednesday 20 March starting at 11.30 am in church. Cost £12 to include a soup lunch. Today is the last chance to sign up – if you want to come please ensure your name is on the list in the porch. Can I have your money by next Sunday preferably? Thanks Rowena

Social & Fundraising Committee next meets on Thursday 21 March 7pm at the Rectory.

'Beer and Hymns' is back 8pm Sunday 24 March in The Great Stone Pub. Come and make a joyful noise.

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. Only 11 tickets left.

Northfield Beach - The Northfield Community Partnership is looking for financial support to ensure that the 2019 Northfield Beach will happen in Prices Square during July. If you can make a donation, the crowdfunding page is open until 4 April...

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/northfield-beach>

Gridiron Visit to Coffin Works is being arranged for Friday 12 April. The museum is a 10 minute walk from New Street Station. The Coffin Works give a unique insight into how the company operated in their hey-day. The group tour (max 15) will start at 11am. Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please sign up to the list in the Church porch or ring Sue on 0121 475 4005.

Jeffrey Carr is still taking subscriptions for the St Laurence Church - **100 Club** for 2019 Please see him after one of the services today if you haven't paid yet or would like to join - £12 per year.

This is **Fair Trade Fortnight**. The Fair Trade Easter Eggs have now arrived. They are £3.99. Please pay on collection. They are available at the back of church today

Thank you to

- Rowena for organising the lunch last Sunday
- all who helped with the Car Boot sale which raised £440.53
- Stuart Andrew for organising the walk to Alvechurch – a good crowd enjoyed the walk and lunch
- everybody who attended the Bingo Night. We thought it was fun and hope everyone thought the same. It also raised £184.20. Elaine & Steve Clements (thanks to Elaine & Steve for organising it)

Work experience with West Midland Trains

Do you know a 15-16 year old that's looking for work experience? We are offering 30 work experience places. Potential candidates need to register their interest with us. We'll then send them an application to complete and

we'll find the best placement within our network for them. Please contact MyDevelopment@wmtrains.co.uk

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.

Please note: The newsletters on a pastel shade of paper are for those who suffer from 'visual stress.' This is true of some with dyslexia and for others.

Weekly events

- **'Stay and Play'** (Parent/carer & baby/toddler group) In Pastoral Centre. *Monday's 9.30-11am.*
- **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.*

For your prayers

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

Those who have died:

Ronald Bott - funeral 1pm Fri 22 March, Lodge Hill, afterwards at St Laurence Pastoral Centre. Please join us to remember Ron. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Alzheimer's Society- the illness which has so affected Eileen Bott.

Gerry Morgan - family funeral at Lodge Hill followed by a memorial Service in church, 11.30am, Thursday 28 March and afterwards in Pastoral Centre.

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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