

Welcome to our worship especially if you are a visitor.

Opening Hymn 14 during which we process
Hymns are not sung at 8.30 service

The Collect (prayer for the day)

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 905 vl-3

Gospel John 12.12-16

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

¹²The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!' ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Canon Janet

The Intercessions are led by

8.30am Sue Richards

10am Mark Reynolds

Offertory Hymn 583

During this hymn the collection is taken

Hymns during the administration
of Holy Communion 436, 683

Recessional Hymn 438

12 noon Baptism of Leah Samantha, James Callum and Che James Hickey-Fisher

We welcome Leah, James and Che's family and friends for this special service.

NOTICES

Thank you to all those who attended the **APCM** last Sunday. If you indicated that you would like a set of reports they are available today. They are also on the church-web site.

The following people were elected to serve
Church Wardens: Debbie Keeves and Roy Pouncett
PCC Members: Ruth Clarke, Elaine Clements,
Gerardine Merrick, Linda Powell, Sandra Reynolds
(having been co-opted last year)
May God bless them in this ministry

If you weren't in church last Sunday Canon Janet's sermon is available to listen to on the web-site.

Full details of **Holy Week and Easter** in the 'mini-magazine' (cream coloured) and on the church web-site but in brief additional services are

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30-9pm

- Compline with Meditation in church

18 April Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing and optional vigil till 10pm

19 April Good Friday

- 8.30 - 9.15am Hot Cross Bun Service in Pastoral Centre
- 10am Walk of Witness from Pastoral Centre through Northfield to Methodist Church
- 12noon - 3pm Three Hours at the Cross.
- *the middle hour will include musical meditations*
- 7.30 – 8.30pm Stations of the Cross (hopefully outside)

Holy Saturday

- From 9am decorating the church
- 7.30pm - 9pm The Easter Ceremonies – begins outside with the lighting of the Easter fire, includes lighting the paschal candle and blessing the Easter Garden.

Just a few Easter Cards available to deliver

around the parish. They include publicity for the organ recital on Saturday 4th May and the Craft Fayre on the 11th May. Please could you sign up to deliver some within the parish. It is really important that they are NOT delivered outside the parish!

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 by **EASTER SUNDAY**. We also need to cover the cost of the transport so money is also welcome.

Hand-made cards there is a selection of hand-made cards, including Easter Cards available at the back of church. All monies taken is for church funds.

Holy Dusters - We will be cleaning our lovely church on Tues 16 April at 9.30 am. All welcome to help.

Northfield Ward Forum Meeting 25 April 2019 at 7.30pm at St Laurence Pastoral Centre, Church Road B31 2LX Come along and join in the discussions on public health, highways and making a ward plan for Northfield

CRAFT FAYRE and ART SALE This will be on Saturday 11 May – the Craft Fayre will be in the Pastoral Centre and the Art Sale in Church. The Art Sale is an opportunity for you to sell any art that you have that is now time for someone else to enjoy and love (and to make room for new art)!!! The Art will be displayed in church – with the sale price being split 50/50 with the owner and church. If you would like to sell a painting – can you please let me or Linda Joyes-Wallace know as soon as possible. I also need help with serving refreshments and general stewarding – if you can help, please sign up on the list in the porch. There are posters and leaflets available to advertise – please do take copies and display where you can. I appreciate this is early – but due to Easter, holidays and bank holidays – we need to start early!! Thank you. Rowena

Christian Aid Week is coming 12-19 May, 2019! This year's appeal will focus on "Mother and baby health" and we plan to try and match, even exceed last year's magnificent £1035. We'll be making and baking, door to door collecting and this year adding a "plant and all things garden" sale table. So please pot up a few extra for Christian Aid! More info over the coming weeks.

Stay & Play would be grateful of receiving any donations of toys & books for the playgroup. If you have items you would like to donate, please leave at the Pastoral Centre. Thanking you in advance.

Thank you to everyone who has donated money to the **Children's society** via the collecting boxes and also the Christingle candle boxes ...I am pleased to say that a Cheque for £437.20 has been forwarded to the Society on our behalf. In addition a donation from the "100 club" of £256 .00 was added to this amount making a grand total of £693.20. For many good and valid reasons the number of collecting boxes has gone down and it would be appreciated if more people would consider holding one ...It can be "Gift Aided " if you are a tax payer. If you would like one (or an additional one) please see me (Sunday Morning 8.30 service) or at the Tuesday Coffee mornings. If you miss seeing me ...please leave your name with Lorraine in the office and a box can be prepared for you. Thank you again for contributing to the invaluable work of the Society.
Anne Stock (box co-ordinator)

Birmingham Public Health Green Paper – Consultation now open and closes on 12th May

Available at

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/birmingham-public-health-green-paper/>

The responses received will inform the development of a new approach to addressing the health challenges and inequalities facing citizens across Birmingham.

The Green Paper sets out some of the significant health issues affecting individuals, families and communities in Birmingham.

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.

Thank You!

- To all those that helped organise and run last week's Car Boot sale. Total raised £404.45
- Canon Janet and her team for running the Beetle Drive yesterday. Total raised £16.00
- Barbara Finch and her helpers for making the Palm Crosses.

Weekly events

- **'Stay and Play'** (Parent/carer & baby/toddler group) In Pastoral Centre. *Monday's 9.30-11am. Closed for Easter back 29 April*
- **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.**

PASTORAL CENTRE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

For your prayers

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

Those who have died:

Barry Gasson, Malcolm Thomas Miles

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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