



"My rainbow I set in the clouds to be a sign of the covenant." Genesis 9.13.

**This morning's music**

628 Praise to the Lord, the almighty  
169 Father, hear the prayer we offer  
556 O Jesus, I have promised  
202 Forty days and forty nights  
422 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**This morning's readings and prayers**

**Genesis 9.8-17** (Reader: Trena Radcliffe); Ps 25;  
**1 Peter 3.18-22** (Reader: Diane Wynn);  
**Mark 1.9-15** (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine)  
Intercessor: Judy Fletcher

**This morning's Eucharistic Prayer: E**

**Prayer in the silence after communion**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ.

**Collect for the First Sunday of Lent**

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Gospel acclamation** Reader: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Response: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

**Post Communion for Lent**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 17.1-7,15,16** (Reader: Leslie Fletcher); Psalm 22; **Romans 4.13-25** (Reader: Kathleen Mulligan);  
**Mark 8.31-38** (Gospeller: Helen Reid), Intercessor: Opal Walsh

**Tea and coffee are served in CHURCH after the morning service**

**Today**

12.15pm for 12.30pm in the Hall: Sunday Table

**Next week and further ahead**

- Monday 19 February 10.00am Morning Prayer (in the Community Hall) *Both of these also on  
10.30am – 2.00pm Hive Cafe at St Paul's Withington Tuesday and Wednesday*
- Tuesday 20 February 7.30pm Evening Prayer, followed at 8.00pm by Book Group meeting. This month's book is Robert Harris's *Munich*.
- Wednesday 21 February 10.00am – 4.00pm Based at St Chad's in the Hall: groups of students from Manchester University doing voluntary work around Ladybarn. Help needed to welcome students, make drinks &c. Details from Judy Fletcher or Lewis Oliver.
- 7.30pm in church: first meeting of Lent group, using Paula Gooder's book "Let me go there". The title is the last line of R S Thomas's *The Coming* which rolls the Trinity, the Incarnation and the Crucifixion into a wonderful poem. Read it here: <https://allpoetry.com/The-Coming>
- Thursday 22 February 10.00am Holy Communion
- Friday 23 February 1.15pm in church: Lent group based on the film "The King's Speech"
- Friday 2 March 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St Chad's. Refreshments afterwards. More details from Jenny and Helen or <https://www.wwdp.org.uk>
- Saturday 3 March 2.00pm – 4.00pm Open afternoon to spread the message about remodelling the church building to our neighbours and community. Please display the poster overleaf anywhere it will be seen. Take an outline plan of the church building and sketch your own ideas for change.
- Saturday 10 March 10.30am Fairtrade coffee morning & stalls at St Nick's. Contributions to cakes and bric-a-brac stalls would be very welcome.