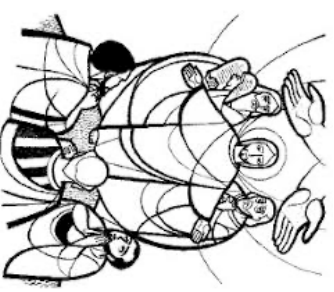


## Sunday next before Lent 23 February 2020

This morning we welcome the Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann to preside and preach



### **This morning's music**

349 Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
774 Thy kingdom come, O God  
516 My God, how wonderful you are  
419 Kum ba yah  
479 Lord, the light of your love.

### **This morning's readings and prayers**

**Exodus 24.12-18** (reader: Leslie Fletcher); Psalm 2;  
**2 Peter 1.16-21** (reader: Judy Fletcher);  
**Matthew 17.1-9** (Gospeller: Helen Reid)  
Intercessor: Opal Walsh

### **Prayer in the silence after communion**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Collect for Sunday Next before Lent**

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.

### **Post Communion: Sunday Next before Lent**

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.

**Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service plus Traidcraft stall**

### **Next Sunday, First Sunday of Lent and Celebration of St Chad's Day**

**Ezekiel 33:11-16** (reader: Opal Walsh); Psalm 67; **Romans 15:17-21** (reader: Trena Radcliffe);

**Matthew 28:16-end** (Gospeller: Andrew Bennison); Intercessor: Jenny Black

## **This week and further ahead – note Lent Groups starting \*\*\***

Monday 24 February

Fairtrade Fortnight begins, focussing this year on chocolate & the cocoa farmers of West Africa. Love chocolate? How much do you really know about it? Try the chocolate quiz: <https://tinyurl.com/choc-quiz>

Tuesday 25 February

7.30pm Needlecraft Group

Wednesday 26 February

**Lent begins:** Take a Christian Aid Count Your Blessings booklet, or children's poster **12.00noon (note time)** Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

**Ash Wednesday**

7.30pm at St Paul's: Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes followed by first meeting of Lent Group \*\*\*

Friday 28 February

7.30pm at St Nick's: Rector's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Quiz Night. Doors open from 7pm (till 10pm) £3 per person. Teams of up to six welcome; if anyone wishes to come alone, teams will be found! There will be a bar with soft drinks available.

Saturday 29 February

10.30am in the Hall: Meet your Councillors coffee morning

**Sunday 1 March**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist & Parish Lunch to celebrate St Chad's Day.**

**St Nick's congregation join us to celebrate our life together**

Tuesday 3 March

Delivery of chippings for Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden. Can you spare an hour to help move them where they are needed? Talk to Judy or Helen.

Wednesday 4 March

2.00pm at St Nick's Rectory: Lent Group begins \*\*\*

Sunday 8 March

7.30pm at Holy Innocents: Lent Group begins \*\*\*

Tuesday 10 March

5.00pm in the Hall: Contemplative Prayer Group \*\*\*

Saturday 14 March

9.30am Manchester University students arrive to help maintain our grounds. Volunteers needed to welcome them with hot drinks, cake, biscuits, ... . Talk to Judy or Helen.

10.00am at St Nick's: Joint Fairtrade coffee morning & café with bacon butties, toasted halloumi rolls, ... plus a Bring and Buy stall, making bird boxes (good for Eco Church!)

Ask Judy or Leslie for Fairtrade ingredients if you could you bake a cake for a cake stall.

Saturday 21 March

7.30pm Inaugural recital on the restored organ given by Paul Hale, formerly Cathedral Organist at Southwell Minster. Refreshments afterwards.