

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

LEADING TO LENT 2019

This year, Easter is quite late, so there are quite a few Sundays between Candlemas (the official end of Christmas) and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. If you would like a hard copy of the Lectionary, the little book of readings for every day that explains the seasons and feast days, then we do have a couple of copies going spare...

During February, Richard will be leading a discussion about a possible vision for the Deanery of Hulme, with the Area Dean, the Revd Tony Hardy at the Hulme Deanery Pastoral Committee on the 25th February. Alan Clarke is finalising the plans for the restoring of the kitchen, and we are hoping to sort the back path and put up a second noticeboard that will be seen by people who cross the car park.

As ever, we are always looking for things to try and restore something like real life to those who are coping with major change. This time, we are looking for **bicycles** (for boys and men) and if anyone knows of a serious **camera** looking for a home then it might help a former professional photographer rebuild his career.

On Saturday March 2nd, at Wakefield Cathedral, there is a launch service and celebration for new worship materials in Farsi, designed to

support parishes and churches who are welcoming new members from Iran. We are sharing a bus with people from our neighbours at St James and Emmanuel in Didsbury - if you would like to attend, please let Hilary know. Ten places available on bus!

LENT CHARITABLE COLLECTION

We usually collect for a local charity in Lent. If anyone has any good ideas for a suitable charity that would benefit from some support, then please speak to the Rector or Wardens!

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS IN FEBRUARY / EARLY MARCH

Sunday February 3rd Candlemas: The Presentation of Christ in the temple

President: The Revd Jane Walker

Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Hymns: *Hail to the Lord who comes; Gospel Acclamation; Of the Father's heart begotten; When Mary brought her treasure*

Other music: *Like a candle flame; New light has dawned; Nunc dimittis*

Sunday February 10th, 4th Sunday before Lent

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Hymns: *Come let us join our cheerful songs; Gospel Acclamation; Dear Lord and Father of mankind; I the Lord of sea and sky*

Other music: *God has chosen me; When Jesus saw the fishermen*

Sunday February 17th, 3rd Sunday before Lent

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Hymns: *When in our music; Gospel Acclamation; Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour; Christ be the Lord of all our days*

Other music: *I know that my Redeemer lives; Blessed are they*

Sunday February 24th, 2nd Sunday before Lent

President: The Rector

Preacher: The Revd Jane Walker

Readings: Genesis 2:4b-9,15-end; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8:22-25

Hymns: *Joyful, joyful we adore you; Gospel Acclamation; Lord Jesus Christ; What does the Lord require*

Other music: *A Gaelic blessing (Ritter)*

Sunday March 3rd, Sunday next before Lent

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Exodus 34:29-end; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Hymns: *Lord, the light of your love is shining; Gospel Acclamation; Seek ye first the kingdom of God; Alleluia, song of sweetness*

Other music: *Tydi y roddaist*

Wednesday March 6th, Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent

President: The Revd Jane Walker

Preacher: The Rector

The service may begin with the singing of the **Allegrì Miserere** - the iconic setting of Psalm 51, the psalm for Ash Wednesday.

The imposition of ashes will take place during the singing of the psalm.

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; John 8:1-11

Hymns: *Lord in this thy mercy's day; Now is the healing time decreed; Almighty God, we come to make confession; Jesu, lover of my soul*

Other music: *Hide not thou thy face*

Saturday 9th March QUIET DAY

This day of prayer begins with a Eucharist at 10am in the upper chapel, and moves on to times of silent prayer and reflection until 3pm. Materials to support prayer and reflection are available. Refreshments available, but bring a packed lunch if you are intending to stay all day.

Details of the Lent Course will be shared during this month.

Singing together!

Following a suggestion from last month's request for ideas, we are going to hold three singing sessions for people who would like to develop or refresh their singing skills and build up our confidence to sing together as a congregation. Some churches have ditched hymn books in favour of hymns on a screen (not something that works easily in our building), where others have removed seats to make people sit nearer to each other (we are quite full anyway). And we have quite a good acoustic, so...

The sessions will be led by Libby Tringham, one of our choral scholars, who is experienced in working with groups of developing singers. They will be after the service on a Sunday, once people have had a chance to get a hot drink and their breath back... Watch this space!