

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



LENT 2026

The theme for this year's Lent is prayer.

Something we all do – liturgically, personally, privately – and which may be an intrinsic and normal part of our existence – but Lent is as good a time as any to bring it into focus.

Our pictures are being curated by Assunta del Priore, and the Poetry Group members have selected the poems. Our first poem is from a favourite poet, George Herbert, ending with that famous phrase '*something understood*', used as the title for a long running series on Radio 4, frequently hosted by the late Mark Tully.

For a longer season, we have a re-usable service booklet
and a take-home insert.

**Return the leaflet to the box,
please take the insert and picture/poem home!**

Lent is also a time for drawing a line under last year, at our Annual Church meeting - and moving forward. This month, the current PCC will meet to receive the accounts and annual report and review our policies and procedures as part of their legal responsibilities.

The Annual Church Meeting is on March 22nd.

Every year, three members of the PCC 'step down' as their term of office (usually 3 years) comes to an end. Similarly, our Deanery Synod representatives have limited terms of office, and this year they all come to an end as well.

This year, the PCC terms of office of Andy Gait, Janet Batsleer and Assunta del Priore come to an end, as do those of Reza Shekar Farush, Jenny Daggers and Andrew Dawson for the Deanery Synod.

All are of course welcome, indeed encouraged, to stand again!

In addition, the wardens are elected each year. We need two wardens, and Alan Clarke has mentioned that he will not stand again.

It is time that this role was passed on to the next generation.

Just to reassure people, many of the jobs that the current wardens do are not a compulsory part of the role. The sharing out of the many tasks and roles which enable us to open our doors and welcome people to worship is a key part of our being a living community.

If there is a ministry, role or task that you would like to be part of, then please speak to someone – start with the Rector and Wardens....

Please remember that in order to stand for office or to vote at the annual meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll. If you are already on it, you don't need to do anything.

If you would like to join the roll, please speak to Joanna Gait.

Traditions and Customs...accidental or intended!

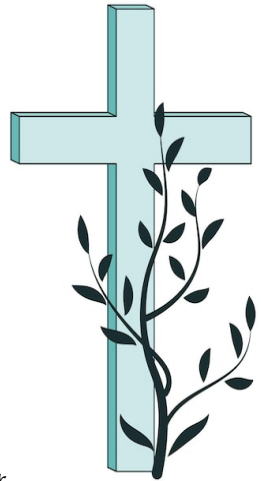
On Lent 4, we give out posies of flowers and leaves to cheer up the season.

And many people keep them, dry the leaves and the petals and keep them to bring to church on Good Friday, to be part of the Veneration of the Cross.

The cross carried through church on Good Friday was made out of two pieces of rough wood, headed for a garden.

A group of younger members did the wording at the top of the cross in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

These young people are now at university and the cross is still making an appearance year by year



Our charity for this Lent is the Manchester and Salford Samaritans. Details of how to make a donation will be on each weekly insert. Our dear friend Paula Robinson worked tirelessly for them for many years, and in the years since the pandemic, issues relating to loneliness and mental health have come into sharper focus. Samaritans are there all day and every day to help people who are struggling and feel – or are – alone and unsupported.

Sunday March 1st, The Second Sunday of Lent

President: The Revd Richard Young, Preacher: The Revd Canon Alma Servant

Readings

Hymns

Genesis 12.1-4a	Take up thy cross the Saviour said
Psalms 121	Lent Gospel Acclamation
Romans 4.1-5,13-17	Christian dost thou see them
John 3.1-17	My faith looks up to thee

Other music: Tydi a roddaist;

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Saturday March 7th: History Project Meeting: 1.30-3.30pm in church
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Sunday March 8th The Third Sunday of Lent

President: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth Preacher: The Revd Richard Young

Readings

Hymns

Exodus 17.1-7	All my hope on God is founded
Psalms 95	Lent Gospel Acclamation
Romans 5.1-11	Sweet sacrament divine
John 4.5-42	My God I love thee, not because

Other music: If ye love me (Tallis)

Wednesday March 11th: Poetry Group Meeting at 5 Park Range: The Four Quartets I,II

Sunday March 15th Lent 4 Refreshment/Mothering Sunday

President: The Revd Canon Alma Servant Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael

Ainsworth

Readings

Hymns

1 Samuel 1.20-end	Happy are they, they that love God
Psalms 34. 11-20	Lent Gospel Acclamation
Colossians 3.12-17	For the beauty of the earth
John 19.25b – 27	Now thank we all our God

Other music: TBD

Friday 20th March: Nowrouz, the Persian New Year (mid afternoon)

Sunday March 22nd Lent 5: The beginning of Passiontide

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President: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth Preacher: The Revd Jane Walker

Readings

Hymns

Ezekiel 37.1-14	Glory be to Jesus
Psalms 130	Lent Gospel Acclamation
Romans 8.6-11	My song is love unknown
John 11.1-45	We sing the praise of him who died

Other music: Ave Verum (Mozart) When rising from the bed of death (Tallis)
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همراهان گرامی لطفاً توجه بفرمایید، برای مراسم های هفته های لنت، ما از برگه‌ی ثابت مراسم استفاده می‌کنیم لطفاً آن را با خود به خانه ببرید و پس از پایان مراسم به خادمین کلیسا تحویل دهید. همچنین یک برگه‌ی الحاقی، برگه‌ی آیه‌ها و برگه های شعر و عکس و اخبار که می‌توانید آن را با خود ببرید و نیازی به تحویل نیست

در تاریخ ۲۲ مارس، جلسه‌ی سالانه‌ی کلیسا برگزار می‌شود. برای رأی دادن به هیئت امنای کلیسا یا نامزد شدن برای یک مسئولیت، لازم است نام شما در فهرست انتخاباتی ثبت شده باشد. و (PCC) برای ثبت نام، لطفاً با جوانا صحبت کنید. ما به سه عضو جدید برای شورای کلیسا نیاز داریم؛ نهاده‌ی که نماینده‌ی (Deanery Synod) دو نماینده برای شورای اسقفی منطقه‌ای چند کلیساست

اگر مایل هستید در خدمات کلیسایی مشارکت داشته باشید، لطفاً با پدر ریچارد یا با خانوم هیلاری و جناب آلن، خادمان کنونی کلیسا، صحبت کنید

ما در حال بررسی برگزاری یک عصرانه‌ی نوروزی در جمعه ۲۰ مارس هستیم... ترکیبی از غذاهای پیک‌نیکی ایرانی در کنار کیک صحبت کنید اگر علاقه‌مند هستید، لطفاً با

