**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sundays**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 1st & 3rd Sunday

 Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer ) 2nd & 4th Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship (Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

 Sung Eucharist ( Common Worship ) 2nd,3rd & 4th Sunday

with Sunday Club and Crèche (followed by tea or coffee fellowship)

Services on the 5th Sunday as announced

**Healing**

A Healing Service will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the 8.00am communion service and also at 10.30am. Unless otherwise announced.

**Baptisms**

Baptisms will take place (by prior arrangement) at 12.15 pm, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month, except during Lent. The November service is held on the third Sunday only To arrange a Baptism see Mr. Keith Houghton MBE after the 10:30 am service (approx 11:45am) ( 01942 797838).

**Arrangements for Weddings**

For weddings, parishioners should see Rev. Martin Cox at the Vicarage. Please telephone and make an appointment in advance (01942 883313) .

**Pastoral Needs and Visits**

Parishioners with pastoral needs (requests for counselling, personal problems or advising of illness) or any request of an urgent nature should contact the vicarage direct on telephone 01942 883313.

Housebound sick communions can also be undertaken and any parishioner not presently on the sick communion list, who wishes to be considered to receive such a visit, should advise clergy accordingly.

***Martin, our Team Rector, has a rest day towards the end of each week. Please make contact with him as you need to on 01942 883313 and he will respond to you as speedily as he can.***

**St. George’s Church**

We now have a website for you to use, with lots of up to date and interesting information. We welcome your feedback.

http://www.tyldesleystgeorge.co.uk

**The Parish Church of**

**St. George, Tyldesley.**

**March 2018**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

**Team Rector: Rev. Martin B Cox**

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***01942 883313***

**Team Vicar: Rev. Julian Hartley**

St. John’s Vicarage, Mosley Common

 ***0161 790 2957***

**Ordained Local Rev. Angela J Dand**

**Minister: *01942 879608***

**Ordained Pioneer Rev. Jan Harney**

**Minister: *01942 671481***

**Reader : Mr. David Kerfoot**

 ***01942 870736***

**Churchwarden: Mrs. Kathleen Topping**

 ***01942 884746***

**Treasurer**

**“Together in worship, love and service”**

**March Edition 2018**

**March 2018 Reflection**

# **Characters around the Cross**

With our recent climatic acrobatics it is getting more and more difficult to predict seasons, but March has always been for me a season of hope, when we see the beginnings of new life in our gardens, colour after the drabness of Winter and a looking forward to warmer days.

This year the church season of Lent covers the whole of March. It began in the middle of February and ends on the very last day of March with Easter day falling on 1st April. It is a time of preparation, of strengthening our faith as we focus our attention and thoughts on the cross.

If we think about the cross and the people standing around it on the day of the crucifixion, we can see in all those people, the sins that put Jesus there. We see the indifference and fickleness of ordinary people in the mass, which is quite alarming and yet we still see it today.

We see the greed of Judas. There have been many theories about Judas Iscariot. He was a nationalist, a disillusioned zealot, but in the end only one motive consistently explains his betrayal of Jesus – money. He was a person for whom money mattered too much!

It was envy and pride that affected the Chief Priests because envy is always aroused against a person who cannot be bribed and who will not compromise their principles. Jesus saw the Temple as a house of prayer for everyone whereas the priests saw it as a lucrative business. Jesus’ goodness shamed and threatened them.

Finally we have Pilate and the callous brutality of the Roman soldiers. Pilate had a dilemma, two pressures building up and both of his own making. He had accepted his position of Roman Governor on his wife’s connections and had been “over promoted” and he had antagonised the Jews on a number of occasions. What was he to do? If he didn’t please the Jews they would riot, report him to Rome and probably he would lose his job. If he didn’t please his wife who had warned him that Jesus

**From the Registers January 2018**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**

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| 7th  | Holy Communion | 6 |   | 6 |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 34 | 1 | 36 |
| 9th  | Funeral |   |   | 40 |
| 14th  | Holy Communion | 7  |   | 7  |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 35 | 2  | 35 |
|   | Holy Baptism |   |  16 | 74 |
| 16th  | Funeral |   |   | 36  |
| 21st  | Holy Communion | 6  |   | 6  |
|   | Worship Together | 37  | 1  | 38  |
|   | Evening Prayer |   |   | 3  |
| 26th  | Team Prayer  |   |   |   |
| 28th  | Holy Communion | 7  |   | 7 |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 37 | 2  | 38  |
|   | Holy Baptism |   | 10 | 65 |
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**Collection Totals January 2018**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**£237.85 £00.00 £572.00 £214.3**Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund** £10-00 / per week**Donations** £215.47 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICES.

At the joint meeting of our three PCCs in late September 2017, it was agreed to adopt a different Sunday worship pattern across our team of parishes, and this will come into effect next month (February).

The new pattern of Sunday services for St.George’s will be as follows;

1. 8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) 1st and 3rd Sundays

Morning Prayer (BCP) 2nd and 4th Sundays

2. 10.30am

Morning Worship (a Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

Sung Eucharist (CW) 2nd,,3rd and 4th Sundays

3. Where there are 5 Sundays in the month, the pattern for the 5th Sunday will be variable, and I will let you know in the Notices what is taking place where.

4. Baptisms will continue to take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, except during Lent, but at a new time of 12.15pm.

5. Healing will be administered on the 3rd Sunday of every month within the 8.00am Holy Communion Service and the 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

A copy of this revised Sunday worship pattern may be found on the back of our monthly newsletter, which you might like to keep for future reference.

I hope this helps. If you are unclear about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact me, either on a Sunday morning or on 01942 -870736. I’m more than happy to provide assistance.

David

was innocent, then she might report him and he could still be out of a job – and so he did nothing!

There we have plain ordinary sins shown up for what they are against that backdrop of the cross

Apart from his mother and friends deeply upset and numb with shock, two other secret followers of Jesus were there who have been called “twilight disciples”. These were Nicodemus who came to Jesus at night and his colleague in the Sanhedrin, Joseph of Arimathea. They did nothing until darkness had fallen then they took Jesus’ body, anointed it with spices and placed it in a tomb belonging to Joseph. It is never too late to come to Jesus. Jesus knew who had cared for him in those final hours of darkness.

“There was no other good enough

 to pay the price of sin

 He only could unlock the gate

 Of Heaven and let us in”

Yes Jesus suffered the tragedy of the human condition, but turned that tragedy into hope.

Jean.

The sum of £459.00 including gift-aided contributions was donated to our Christmas Appeal which was in aid of the Booth Centre, a very well deserved charity. This was an excellent sum of money which the Booth Centre acknowledged would assist them greatly in their work, so many thanks go to everyone who donated money to that appeal.

It is with great pleasure to announce that Mary and George Eckersley will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 15th March 2018, so Mary and George many congratulations, love and best wishes go to you both from all your Friends at St. George’s.

Kath



**March Flower List**

"We thank the following members of the congregation for Altar flowers in March"

 4th March. Mrs Mary Aspinall

 11th March. "Open for offers"

 18th March. Mr and Mrs David Connor

 25th March. Mrs Maureen Porter

On 11th February we thank Sue Hulme and Family for additional flowers in Loving Memory of her dear father Raymond Cooper.

On 18th February flowers were displayed in Loving Memory of the late Mr and Mrs T.A. Leonard with our thanks for his kind legacy.

Please remember...there will be no flowers displayed on the Altar during Lent, but we will display any remembrance flowers around the church.

Easter Sunday falls on the 1st April this year and we will be decorating the church in Memory of our Loved Ones....if you would like to donate to the cost of the flowers, please give your donation to any member of the flower team....Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower fund during February

L.F.

**Consolation**

To the families of

 Brian Coop

Lesley Aldred

Brian Tucker

Lynda Thorpe

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**Welcome to the Family**

Isabella Grace Buono

Harley John Wynne

Natalie Gradwell

Anthony Gradwell

Teddy Leo Randall

Mia Skye Mannion

*Newly Baptised*