

Reflection Luke 13: 31-35 Lent 2

A Litany of Forgiveness for Lent

Try praying this litany in a quiet moment

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the wrongs we have done: our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess our false judgements, our uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Fr David

Sunday Evening Worship during Lent will be via Zoom. The codes are given below.

Meeting ID: 864 2705 6965 Passcode: 478637

Or dial by your location using the same codes as above.
0203 481 5240 0131 460 1196 0203 481 5237

NEXT SUNDAY 16.03.2025 Third Sunday of Lent
Main service: 10.30am in the Hall

READINGS: OT Isaiah 55: 1-9
NT 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
GOSPEL Luke 13: 1-9



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St Thomas, Exeter

16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

9.55am Rosary Devotions in Church

10.30am in the Hall

5pm Evening Worship by Zoom

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

478 The God of Abraham praise

465 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

560 Will you come and follow me

12noon Hall Committee meeting

Tuesday 18th March

7.30pm House Group Lent course at Helen's house. Bible study Ephesians 1

Wednesday 19th March

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 20th March

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd

Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

Friday 21st March

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting

11.30am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 22nd March

12.30pm Ladies' Lunch at the Royal Oak

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17, 18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess'. But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Philippians 3: 17 4: 1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13: 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil

thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

Single Friendly Church After church on 23rd March (and 30th March) please participate in a short questionnaire for Liz and Judith S about our welcome to those who come to church alone. This is part of a free Single Friendly Church Network toolkit we are using. You can also complete the form at home and email it to pioneerstthomas@gmail.com

We are going to start revising the **Year's Mind list** as it has become rather lengthy. We recognise that it is a sensitive matter and all those currently on this list from the year 2000 will be retained automatically. If you would like an older name kept on this list please contact Ian or Fr David.

Electoral roll revision Every 6 years we are required to complete a full revision of the church electoral roll and this is due to take place at least 2 months before our APCM on 25 May. This is also a great time for any new members to be added. New and existing members will need to complete and return an application form to Carolyn Bryant, Ian Totterdell or a member of the clergy by 10 May at the latest. The new roll will be displayed on the noticeboard for 14 days prior to the APCM. Carolyn and Ian have copies of the application form available and if you need help or have any questions please speak to Carolyn after the service or on 07780 707183.

We will shortly be submitting an 'Expression of Interest' to the Heritage Lottery Fund, the first stage of seeking funds for our church development and reordering project. For this, we need to give the project a title, and we've been advised it's helpful to make that title inventive and catchy. So we are asking YOU for ideas as to what that could be! Please pass any ideas to Fr David or your churchwarden. Thanks!

Cleaning the Church Jenny Tuckett and Cayley will be cleaning the church on alternate Tuesdays at 10am. Volunteers are needed. Areas can be cleaned whenever it suits as long as there are at least two people. Speak to Ian.

