

# Your Word of the Week

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



Christ Church  
Wheelock

St Michaels  
Crewe Green



St Matthews  
Haslington

9.30 am	St Matthew	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
10.45 am	Christ Church	Family Service	Carleton
11.00 am	St Michael and All Angels	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
4.30 pm	Christ Church	Evening Prayer	Rev Jane

## The Gospel Reading, Luke 13:1-9

**13** At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. **2** He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' **3** No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. **4** Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? **5** No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

**6** Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. **7** So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" **8** He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

## The Epistle Reading; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**10** I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, **2** and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, **3** and all ate the same spiritual food, **4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. **5** Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. **6** Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. **7** Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' **8** We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. **9** We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. **10** And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. **11** These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. **12** So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. **13** No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## Collects for the day, Old Testament Reading and prayers.

### Collect for 3rd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was  
crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way  
of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life  
and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Margaret Lindop, Gwen Bickerton, Barbara Harvey, Winnie Rutter, Bob Holland, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Anna Betts, Kathleen Knox, Charles Howard-Smith, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, William Carlson, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, David Hurst, Jamie Hurst, Pauline Fletcher, Susan, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Margaret Ellis, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton, Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Tyler James, Eileen Mahon, Mark Trigger, Keeble Morris and Jenny Fradley.

#### **We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:**

Jeff Budden, Roger Freemantle, June Newton, Vivienne Waldron, Martin Harper, Joan Lewis, Evelyn Kirkham, Ann Harrison, Isobel Heler, Mark Crowson and Joan Lewis

We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

**Isaiah 55:1-9 55** Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is  
not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to  
you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of  
Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy  
on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### DIARY

9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.  
10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.  
11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.  
4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream.  
10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.  
**Wednesday 10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.**  
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