

LENT

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From the Pastor

“For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.” - 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

As we continue our journey through the Old Testament narrative during Lent we come to Moses who led the Israelites through the desert. Whilst there God used Moses to quench their thirst by bringing forth water from a stone. Above, the apostle Paul tells us that stone was Christ! This is key for our understanding of these stories. God, in Christ has been at work to save us from the very beginning. Tim did a tremendous job last week of showing us how Abraham served as a type of Christ – standing between God and humanity and allowing blessing to flow through him.

Next week we will take a short break from our preaching series as it is Mothering Sunday. As well as taking an opportunity to bless all of the mothers in our congregation, my own mother, Adele Duncan, will be our guest preacher. I’ve no doubt you’ll make her feel welcome as she shares some of her testimony and brings teaching from God’s Word.

A special note for the following, Sunday, 26th March. We will be joined that morning by the folks from King’s Church Wythenshawe whose usual place of worship is not available. This will be a wonderful testimony of Kingdom work where two churches join together in unity and worship. Note that church is likely to be extra busy that morning so you may want to arrive a little early to guarantee seats together.

Don’t forget that this Saturday is our prayer breakfast followed by a special time of fellowship and teaching. Jon Fisher is pulling this together so please speak to him for more details.

Finally, just to note that there seems to be a group of people who have been sick recently and some of them have tested positive for Covid. As well as remembering them in your prayers please continue to be wise and consider staying away (and joining us online) if you feel particularly unwell.

Peace,

Mick

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

| DATE | BIBLE READING | PRAY FOR |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| MON 13 MAR 2023 | MARK 12:28–44 | KARINA PHILLIPS AND KYIARA |
| TUE 14 MAR 2023 | MARK 13:1–27 | SANDRA AND MIKE PITT AND FAMILY |
| WED 15 MAR 2023 | MARK 13:28–14:11 | CAMERON PREECE |
| THU 16 MAR 2023 | MARK 14:12–42 | MATTHEW AND CHARLOTTE AND JOSHUA PURVES |
| FRI 17 MAR 2023 | MARK 14:43–72 | ADRIANA, PHILLIP, JOSEPH AND PETER RICHMOND, |
| SAT 18 MAR 2023 | CATCH UP | MARK, REBECCA, CHARLIE AND LANEY ROTHERAM |
| SUN 19 MAR 2023 | MARK 15:1–20 | GERT SCHWARTZ |

CHURCH CALENDAR

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|-----------------|----------|--|
| SUN 12 MAR 2023 | 10:30 AM | SUNDAY WORSHIP, MICK KANE PREACHING |
| WED 15 MAR 2023 | 10:00 AM | TODDLE-IN |
| WED 15 MAR 2023 | 10:30 AM | PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM |
| WED 15 MAR 2023 | 5:00 PM | FOODCYCLE FREE COMMUNITY MEAL |
| THU 16 MAR 2023 | 11:00 AM | WINTER WARMER COMMUNITY CAFÉ |
| THU 16 MAR 2023 | 7:30 PM | MANCHESTER GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL |
| SAT 18 MAR 2023 | 9:30 AM | PRAYER BREAKFAST |
| SAT 18 MAR 2023 | 12:00 PM | OUR DAILY BREAD TEACHING WITH BYOG LUNCH |
| SUN 19 MAR 2023 | 10:30 AM | MOTHERING SUNDAY WITH ADELE DUNCAN |

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the newly elected church board and the first meeting on the 25 March.
- Pray for Jean Hall and Lucy Frost following the sudden death of David last week. Pray specifically as they begin to make funeral preparations.
- Pray for Anne Beattie as she has now moved to North Wales.
- Pray for those in the congregation who have tested positive for Covid. This includes Bill Graham. Will and Lorraine have also recently been affected.
- Pray for Joanne Bolton who is going through some health difficulties.
- Pray for Anna Holme, as she continues to feel very poorly. Anna continues to be monitored by the Christie hospital as they consider the best way forward.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne. Jenny is now in a care home and doing much better. She would very much welcome visitors – speak to pastor Mick, pastor Lucy or Margaret Webb if you would like to.
- Continue to pray for Lyla, the granddaughter of David and Chris Hoolihan. David and Chris give thanks for improvements in Lyla's health recently.
- Pray for Jean Walker's sister - Barbara Edwards, in Germany. Barbara is finding it difficult to communicate after suffering from a stroke.
- Pray for Cha, aged 18. Cha is being cared for by David and Chris Hoolihan's son and daughter-in-law, in Vietnam. She has been having difficulty breathing

Please pass on your prayer requests, answers to prayer, and prayer updates to Mick, Lucy, Lauren or Mark. We will include them in this weekly newsletter.

EVERY STORY WHISPERS HIS NAME (3) - MICK KANE

EXODUS 17:1-7

1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"