



The 3rd Sunday of Lent

The 1st Reading - Romans 5.1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The 2nd Reading - John 4.5-42

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet.' ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to



complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 40:1-11

I waited patiently/ for the / Lord : and he inclined unto / me and / heard my / calling.
 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the / mire and / clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and / ordered / my / goings.
 And he hath put a new / song in my / mouth : even a / thanks • giving / unto our / God.
 Many shall / see it and / fear : and shall / put their / trust in he / Lord.
 Blessed is the man that hath set his / hope in the / Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to such as / go a/bout with / lies.
 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which / are to / us-ward : and yet there is no man that / ordereth them / unto / thee.
 If I should de/clare them and / speak of them : they should be more than I am / able / to ex/press.
 Sacrifice and meat-offering thou / wouldest / not : but mine / ears hast / thou / opened.
 Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou / not re/quired : then / said I / Lo I / come,
 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will / O my / God : I am content to do it, yea thy law / is with/in my / heart.
 I have declared thy righteousness in the great / congre/gation : lo I will not refrain my lips O / Lord and / that thou / knowest.
 I have not hid thy righteousness with/in my / heart : my talk hath been of thy / truth and of / thy sal/vation.
 I have not kept back thy loving / mercy and / truth : from the / great / congre/gation.
 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from / me O / Lord : let thy loving-kindness and thy / truth / always pre/serve me.

This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

The March magazine is out at a cost of 50p.

The PCC meets tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7.45 p.m. at The Beacon. If any congregation members have matters that want raised at PCC please speak to the Rector or Churchwardens.

Throughout Lent there will be a service of Morning Prayer at The Beacon each weekday morning at 9.00 a.m. and a service of Compline each Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday when we celebrate the gifts of love, care and nurture in our lives, communities and Church.

We are now taking bookings for our Parish Lunch on the 17th March, 12.30 p.m. at The Beacon, cost £7.

Advance notice of our Church Spring Clean on Saturday 21st March from 10.00 a.m.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Len Mason, Alison Barton, Alan Simcock, Peter Gleave, Mary Shaw, Audrey Chadderton, Pamela Britland and Patricia 'Paddy' Swan.

Year's Mind (2015+)	Irene Hazelhurst Derek Moore	Margo Burgess Anthony Penn	David Kershaw
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This Week's Calendar: Week beginning the 8th March

Sun.	<u>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</u>		
	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
	10.00 a.m.	Family Service	Church
	6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church
Mon.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	10.00 a.m.	Parents & Tots	The Beacon
	7.45 p.m.	PCC Meeting	The Beacon
Tue.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
Wed.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	The Beacon
	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	The Beacon
	2.00 p.m.	Wednesday Matinee	The Beacon
	7.00 p.m.	Compline	Church
Thu.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	10.00 a.m.	Funeral (Alan Simcock)	Church
	1.00 p.m.	Funeral (Len Mason)	Church
	7.45 p.m.	Doorway	The Beacon
Fri.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	6.00 p.m.	Youth Club	The Beacon
Sat.	10.00 a.m.	Drop-In	The Beacon
Sun.	<u>The 4th Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday</u>		
	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion	Church
	6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church



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8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Psalms 40 Joshua 1:1-9 Ephesians 6:10-20

Next Sunday's Readings - The 4th Sunday of Lent

8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
1 Samuel 1:20-end Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25b-37	Psalms 31:1-8 Micah 7 James 5

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