



Sunday 8th March 2026

Today's service

10:45 Morning Worship
with Sean O'Toole

WELCOME
TO OUR
service

Today's Reading



Matthew 5: 5, 11-12
Matthew 11: 28-30

A Thought from Sean

I find it fascinating how some words change their meaning over time. For example, the word comfort now tends to be used to the action of bringing solace in times of bereavement but originally meant 'come strongly against.' It meant that the comforter stood alongside you if times were hard. I wonder if you know the original meaning of the word 'meek.' To many people it means giving in easily and almost becoming a doormat. Originally it had a very different meaning that today's readings will help us to understand.

Prayer for the week

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

A tasty recipe from a Northern Ireland WI cookery book
This is the loaf that I brought to church last Sunday. It tastes very like malt loaf.

WEETABIX LOAF

4 Weetabix
150g (5oz) sultanas
200g (7oz) dark brown sugar
240ml (8 fl.oz) milk
1 large egg, beaten
110g (4oz) self-raising flour



Method

1. Put the Weetabix in a mixing bowl. Add the sultanas, dark brown sugar and milk. Mix together well and leave to stand for 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 180°C /160°C fan.
3. Fold in the beaten egg and the self-raising flour. Turn out into a lined 1 lb loaf tin and bake for 1 hour 15 minutes. (You may need to cover the top with some foil after about 45mins to stop it burning.)
4. Remove from oven, turn loaf on to wire stand and leave to cool. When the loaf is ready slice it like an ordinary loaf and spread with butter or low-fat spread.

This loaf is low in fat and freezes well.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

We'll be having our annual church meeting in the church hall on **Sunday, 12th April** straight after the service, at **12 o'clock.**

Come along to catch up on what's been happening in our church over the past year. If you're on the church electoral roll, you can vote for important roles like churchwardens and for people to represent us at Deanery Synod.

Fancy being a Churchwarden or Deanery Synod Rep?

If you'd like to be a churchwarden or represent us at Deanery Synod meetings, you'll need to fill in a nomination form. If you want to know more, just have a word with Christine Gardener, the PCC secretary.

CHURCH CALENDAR



Tuesday 10th March
2-3.30pm Lent Course at Gresley
7.30-9pm " " " "

Sunday 15th March
Mothering Sunday
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Wednesday 18th March
7pm PCC Meeting
 at Emmanuel Church Hall

Sunday 22nd March
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Nigel Worth

Sunday 29th March
10:00 Palm Sunday
 Joint Minster Service at St John's

Sunday 5th April
10:45 Easter All-age Worship
 with the Assembly Team

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THIS DATE

Sunday 12th April
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Sean and Sandra O'Toole

Sunday 19th April
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Patrick Douglas

Sunday 26th April
10:45 Morning Worship
SDYFC Service
 with Helen Davis

Cleaning Rota

Mar 15 th	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
" "	Bill	Brasses
Mar 22 nd	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
Mar 29 th	Friday HG	Whole church, including brasses
Apr 5 th	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Apr 12 th	CHURCH BUILDING WORKS TAKING PLACE	

Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Mar 8 th	Paul	Brian	Maxine & Jane
Mar 15 th	Jeff	Christine	Carol
Mar 22 nd	John	Friday HG	Deb W
Mar 29 th	SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S		
Apr 5 th	Christine	Nigel	Gwen
Apr 12 th	Nigel	James	Christine

Meet & greet/Tidying Church after the service Rota

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Mar 8 th	Christine T	Nathan
Mar 15 th	Carol J – Jeff	Jean
Mar 22 nd	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Mar 29 th	SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S	
Apr 5 th	Christine T	Nathan
Apr 12 th	Carol J – Jeff	Jean



Gwen is raising money for Alzheimer's Society and is asking for more items to make up the next 10kg sack. If you have any bits and pieces listed here that you no longer need, please pass them on to Gwen.



Yes Please

- ✓ Gold or Silver Jewellery
- ✓ Watches
- ✓ Stamps
- ✓ Costume Jewellery
- ✓ Banknotes & coins
- ✓ First Day Covers

The ONLY electrical devices we accept are:

- ✓ Mobile Phones
- ✓ Cameras
- ✓ Video Cameras
- ✓ Sat Navs
- ✓ Electronic gaming devices
- ✓ Ipods/MP3 players
- ✓ Tablet Computers

No Thank you

- X Laptops
- X Home phones
- X Fax machines
- X DVD players
- X Printers
- X Modems or routers
- X Kitchen appliances
- X Porcelain or glass items
- X Personal Grooming items (straighteners, razors, hair dryers)