

Inspiration sheet

your weekly update of what is happening at St Anne's

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 15 February

10 am **Sunday before Lent:** Guest preacher Nadene Wright, the diocesan racial affairs officer, comes to tell us about her work.



Next Sunday - 22 February

10 am **Lent:** The first Sunday of Lent we welcome guest preacher the Revd Dr Lisa Redfern to our service of Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL runs during the service in church.

All our services are live streamed; watch via our YouTube account 'St Anne, Sale'

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Please email the vicar (alisoncox19@hotmail.com) with your prayer requests. Deadline for inclusion in the Inspiration Sheet is 9 am on Saturday.

For those in any kind of need:

- Doreen Cropper; David and Ruth Getgood, Sheila Bhati, Colin Greene, Chris Lawlor, Darren Armstrong, Eunice Wright, the Revd Julian Heaton and Gemma Tingay.

For those who mourn: we pray for the family and friends Jean Roberts who died recently.

For LGBTI+ members of our national church: we mark with sorrow and sadness the ending of the nine year 'Living in Love and Faith' project at General Synod last week. (St Anne's remains committed to being an inclusive church and offers prayers for same sex couples)

For peace: for the conflicts in Venezuela; Sudan, Ukraine and Russia; Gaza and Israel, and Iran and Greenland.

Please send your contributions for the eSpire church magazine to Howard Mason by Tue 24 Feb; this will be a two-month issue (March/April): howard.mason1@btopenworld.com. Thanks.

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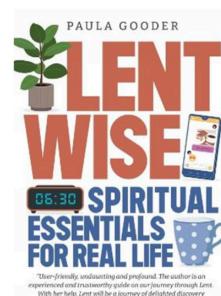
Lent Lunches

We host a Lent Lunch as usual on **Sunday 22nd March** in the hall following morning worship.

The Overseas Group are organising this to raise funds for our contribution to CAP (Sale) debt support project. Please speak to Janice if you can provide soup or are willing to help in the kitchen that day.

LENT STUDIES 2026

On Wednesdays (starting on 25 Feb) at 11 am in the choir vestry, we will be



reading the book
'Lentwise'
by the
biblical
scholar
Paula
Gooder.

Please
order your copy of the
book.

There will also be a Monday morning Lent study group using USPG material 'For Christ is our peace' starting on Monday 23 Feb at 10 am at Margaret Ward's house. Speak to Margaret or Janice if you would like to join in.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:



Monday 16 February

Tuesday 17 February

6.45 pm Choir practice

Ash Wednesday 18 February

10 am Holy Communion &
 Imposition of Ashes
7 pm Imposition of Ashes with
 Holy Communion

Thursday 19 February

1.30 pm Craft and chat in the hall

Friday 20 February

Saturday 14 February

9.30 am Morning Prayer via zoom
(email Bip Choudhury for access code)

Gratitude - recording our thanks

Reader Bip writes: Lent is a season where Christians are called to reflect on our lives and seek God through prayer. A large, but often neglected, part of prayer is thanksgiving. Thanking God for who He is, for what he has done, for what he is doing and for walking with us day by day is life giving.

This Lent we will have a 'Wall of Gratitude' displayed at the high altar in church. Please come and prayerfully interact with this, writing down those things we are thankful to God for and in turn realising His abundant daily provision for each of us.

WORKS TO THE HALL

Craig Bell will be working in the hall to prepare the toilets and the toilet corridor for painting and installing electrical heaters, and also painting the kitchen. Please be kind to him as he works around groups using the hall.

LENT AND EASTER 2026

Ash Wednesday - 18 February

10 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
7 pm Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

First Sunday of Lent - 22nd February

Guest preacher: Revd Lisa Redfern

Mothering Sunday - 15 March

Members of the MU will be assemblies posies in church on Saturday 14 March at 10 am.

Guest preacher - 22nd March

Funa Joseph is our new CAP Centre Manager for our joint project in Sale. This will be followed by our Lent Lunch to raise funds towards our contribution for CAP (Sale) project.

Palm Sunday - 29 March

The donkey is booked to lead us from the hall to the church as we remember the events of the first Palm Sunday in Jerusalem.

HOLY WEEK

Monday 30 March - Musical meditation with Glasshouse Choir at 7 pm

Tuesday 31 March - Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm

Wednesday 1st April - Tenebrae service of light and stillness in church at 7 pm



Maundy Thursday 2nd April -

Last Supper and Holy Communion with the washing of feet in the hall starting at 6.30 pm



Good Friday 3rd April -

Meditation at the Cross at 12 noon in church

Easter Sunday 5 April -
Holy Communion as we celebrate the Risen Christ with us for ever.