

This week:

Tues & Thurs 9.30 Toddler Group
Weds 11.00 Holy Communion
12.00 Lent Group
Thurs 14.00 Tea & Chat
(Church Hall)
14.00 Knitting & Crochet Group
(Church Coffee Lounge)
19.30 Communications Meeting
Fri 12.00 LENT LUNCH
19.30 Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: MOTHERING SUNDAY

9.45 Family Eucharist
& Parade Service



*QR Code for Bishop's
Lent Appeal*

*Please don't forget
our Friday Lent
Lunches from
12.00pm - in the*

*Coffee Lounge. In aid of the Bishop's
Lent Appeal.*

New Electoral Roll 2025

A formal notice of a new Electoral Roll will be placed in the Church on Sunday, 23rd March 2025. Preparation of the Roll will commence on 29th March and be completed by 20th April 2025. Those wishing to be placed on the Electoral Roll should collect an application form from the porch or from Steven Clark by email. Please note that an emailed form will need a physical signature. Please return completed forms to Fr Michael Roper in the Parish Office no later than 20th April 2025.

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**Do you have a favourite recipe which
you would like to share in next month's
OMN? If so, please send to Marilyn on
m.c.burkett@btinternet.com**

St John's Safeguarding Officers are:
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**St John the Baptist,
Malden**

Lent III

Sunday 23rd March 2025

WELCOME to is act of worship.
St John's is a Parish Church.
We are here to welcome everyone in the
name of Christ.

*LARGE PRINT versions of the hymn book, service
book and pewsheets are available.*



COLLECT: 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

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We pray for those in particular need:

Jason, Derek, David, Hazel, Josie, June Rose,
Emma, Hilary, Joanne, Rita, Monica,
Katherine, William.

We pray for those who have died recently:
Bill McMullan.

**We pray for those whose Year's Mind
occurs this week:** Audrey Price, Evelyn Jeal,
Jack Millar, Vera Godwin, Chris Hembrow,
Samuel Ellingham.

TODAY'S HYMNS

The Lent Prose - see service booklet
NEH 532 Responsorial Psalm 51
NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father
POST COMMUNION Kyrie eleison
NEH 333 All my hope

Today's Voluntary

Sonata No 1 in F minor (1st movt.)
Mendelssohn

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:1-9

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. 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. 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. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 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. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 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. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

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, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 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.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 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. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 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.

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 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? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' 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. 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?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '