

## Notices (continued):

**The Big Church Tidy Up:** will take place on **next Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm.** All help will be gratefully received for as long or as short a time as you can give. There are sitting down jobs as well as more active ones to help us clear the balcony, storage cupboards and pews. Donations of medium and large plastic boxes with good fitting lids would be most welcome. If you have a car and are happy to take things to the tip, that would be most welcome too!

**Organ fund:** thank you to all those who have given for the repair of the organ blower. We raised £725.

**Used stamps:** Don't throw them away as they can raise money for the Leprosy Mission. Please place any of your used stamps in the box at the back of church. Please would you cut them off envelopes, leaving a very small margin around each stamp.

**HOST** is an organisation whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend.

Please consider becoming one of their volunteer hosts. HOST operates all year round and would very much welcome you to join in offering hospitality. More information can be found on their

- website: [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org)
- Email: [info@hostuk.org](mailto:info@hostuk.org)
- Telephone: **020 7739 6292**

**[www.stretfordstmatthews.com](http://www.stretfordstmatthews.com)**

# *Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 The Sunday next before Lent*

## Today's Hymns:

- 327 Majesty, worship his majesty
- 53 Be still for the presence of the Lord
- 321 Love divine, all loves excelling
- 48 Author of life divine
- 494 The spirit lives to set us free

## This week's services and events:

### **Today:**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist  
followed by Spring Quiz  
and bring and share lunch

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March:**

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers  
7:30pm Pancake party at  
All Saints' Church

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

10am Midweek Eucharist  
with imposition of Ashes  
followed by coffee in Hall  
7:30pm Eucharist with  
imposition of Ashes

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:**

1:15pm School workshop for Year 3  
7:30pm Worship Planning meeting  
meets in Hart Room

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:**

9am Morning Prayer

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March:**

10am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry  
10am-4pm Big Church Tidy Up!

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:**

#### **The Sunday next before Lent**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist

### For prayer:

- Anne Plested now in Bethlehem with CMS
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran
- Appointment of a new Headteacher for St Matthew's School

### Today's Collect:

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Today's Readings:

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2

Luke 9: 28-36

\*\*Please see the end of the newsletter  
for both readings\*\*

### Post Communion Prayer:

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change  
and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13

### Notices:

**Crux:** The Diocesan monthly newsletter for **March**, is now available along with this month's diary dates and letter in the place of the magazine. These are **50p** each. We do encourage you to have a copy to know what is going on.

### Notices (continued):

#### Today Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

- **Spring Quiz:**



Here at St Matthew's at **12:15pm** in the hall followed by bring and share lunch. Please sign the list at the back as to what food you will be bringing.

- **Electoral Roll:**



Every 6 years there is a complete revision of our electoral roll. This was last done in 2013 and is now due this year. The process will start **today** 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We will be giving out forms for you to complete **during our services** and we will notifying those not present inviting them to be on the electoral roll should they so desire to. **This process must be completed by 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

- **The Altrincham Islamic Cultural Centre**

#### **1:30pm-4pm**



(Grove Lane, Hale, Altrincham WA15 8JQ) will be open as part of the annual national #VisitMyMosque initiative. Anyone is warmly invited to drop in for a tour, talk, coffee and cake.

**Ash Wednesday** is this Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be two services that day to mark the start of Lent - 10am and 7:30pm.

**Lent Course:** we will be using the book 'Eavesdropping' (please buy your own copy, if you didn't do so at the book launch) and will meet on:

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	7:30pm	Choir Vestry
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April		

## **Today's Readings:**

### **2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2**

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### **Luke 9: 28-36**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.