



All Saints'
Newtown Linford



The Sunday before Lent

11 February 2024

10am

Holy Communion

Revd Prebendary John Woolmer

First reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Gospel reading: Mark 9.2-9

*This service will be streamed online at
www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live*

A warm welcome to all to worship today, whether onsite or online. Please use this sheet to help you during the service and then take it away as a reminder of the notices and as a guide to prayer.



There is a loop system for those with hearing aids

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News and forthcoming events

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, 14 February, there will be a service of Holy Communion here at 7.30pm. An earlier service, at 10.30am, will be held in Glenfield. Both will include the optional imposition of ashes.

Lent book

A few copies of the recommended Lent book, 'Tumbling Sky', are available at the back of church. These contain weekday readings in the Psalms, particularly focussed on the experience of dark and difficult times. They cost £4.50 each. If you would like one, please put the money in the basket or make an appropriate payment using the contactless system.

Holy Week and Easter Reflection Stations

We are hoping to join with the other churches in the Bradgate Group and with local schools (we've had a positive response from Newtown Linford Primary School), to put up some images and material for reflection in the churchyard corresponding to events of Holy Week and Easter in the week or so before. If you'd be interested in helping, speak to Richard or to Joyce Burns.

Distribution of Communion

At Communion services here in Newtown Linford it is possible to receive the wine from a chalice. If you wish to continue to receive the wafer dipped in the wine rather than sip from the shared cup, please hold out **just one** hand as the priest approaches you and they will dip it in a separate chalice.

Giving

If you would like to give to support All Saints', please use our online donation page, <https://bit.ly/asnl-donate>. A basket and contactless giving system are available at the back of church. If you would like to give regularly, please speak to Michael Upstone about the Parish Giving Scheme.

Shaped by God Together: Journey to Minster Communities

The conversation about All Saints' involvement in a Minster Community will begin this year. To prepare for the changes which will affect every parish, we can:

- Pray for the renewal of God's church.
- Partner with neighbouring churches.
- Promote vocations – please pray and consider: is there someone you know who you think should explore this?
- Prioritise school links.

Prayer

Jesus said: "I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness" (John 10:10) The reality for many people is lives blighted by poverty and inequality, compounded by stereotype and misinformation. As Christians we are called to create societies in which everyone can flourish.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday is an initiative of the ecumenical Christian social justice charity Church Action on Poverty. Founded in 1982, Church Action on Poverty describes itself as having "a vision that the UK can and should be a place free of poverty, where everyone can exercise dignity, agency and power."

Church Action on Poverty Sunday is the last Sunday before Lent each year. The theme for 2024 is *Dreamers Who Do*, encouraging us not only to dream of a better world but to find ways to work together to make it a reality and to "Give, Act and Pray as part of the movement to end UK poverty".

Free resources are available to aid study and worship and help you to become better informed about the personal, political and social realities of poverty, the causes of poverty, and to reflect prayerfully on how our faith calls us to work with people experiencing poverty for justice and for change. More information can be found here: <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday>

Please pray for:

- For all who lead in local and national government
- For wisdom and compassion in decision-making and a fairer sharing of resources
- For churches and charities and all who offer practical help
- For those struggling at this time, that their voices may be heard

Revd Clare King, Associate Minister, St Chad's

Collects

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: 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.

Additional 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.

Measures for everyone's safety

Ventilation: we continue to have windows open whenever we meet.

Space: pick up a card from the table as you enter to place next to you to indicate you wish increased space.

Hygiene: sanitizer is provided in key locations – at the entrance, where books can be collected and where communion is distributed.

Communion is available with the bread dipped in the wine.

We would prefer you not attend services while you are testing positive for COVID-19. Please join the service online – we stream every Sunday.