

1. **Contactless Giving:** up and running and ready to go, for all donations and fees, sponsorship, etc. Easy to use, just select the appropriate option. We are grateful for all your donations.
2. **Intercession Leaders and Welcomers (Sidespeople):** please note the dates advised in the 'Dates for your Diary'. This is so that we may come together to reflect with thanksgiving our varied ministries, share good practice, and learn a little more. Everyone involved in these ministries is strongly encouraged to attend.
3. **Middleton Central Foodbank:** Donations needed urgently please. Just a couple of tins or packets each week please.
4. **World Day of Prayer:** Annual service at St. Thomas Moore Church, Main Way, Fri 6th March at 2pm. Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, the theme is 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. All ages are called to join this day of prayer.
5. **Lent Discussion Groups & Ash Wednesday Services:** please see posters in church & The Old Vic for further details. Lent is a time for drawing close to God - please make every effort to make Lent 2020 a time

to know Jesus better and make Jesus better known.

6. **Coronavirus:** Please take note of the posters in church with government guidelines to reduce the spread of infection. A reminder too that intinction (dipping bread) is not allowed here
7. **Mothers Union:** meeting Wed. 4th March at the new time of 6pm in the Old Vic. for Armchair Yoga Session. Everyone is welcome. Contact Yvonne for more information.
8. **New Hymn Books** fund raising. Our current hymn books are 25 years old! The new hymn books will provide us with over 200 extra new hymns to choose from. Please see the lists on how you can dedicate new hymn book(s). All donations will be gratefully received. You can do this by the card reader, selecting the hymn book campaign or filling a Smartie tube with 20p pieces. Once we have purchased the new hymn books the old ones will be available for you. Any remaining will be donated.

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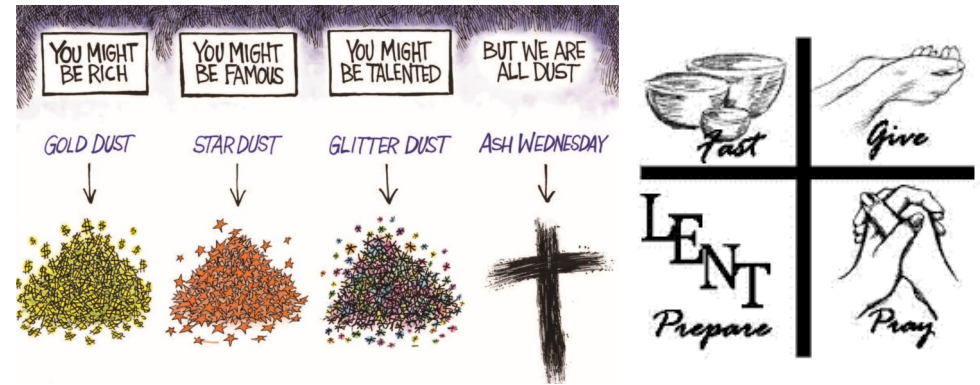
CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

23rd Feb. 2020
 Sunday next before Lent

Together in God, growing in faith and love, reaching out to all

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

...especially if you're a guest here today, or worshipping in church again for the first time in a long time



THE COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER) for today:
*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*

The pew sheet today has kindly been sponsored by: Margaret and Kenneth Morgan in celebration 60 wonderful years of marriage and the enjoyment of immediate family and friends. They are prompted to offer this prayer to those who may also be living with dementia. Pour your grace O loving God, upon all living with dementia. It is frustrating not to find a word; it is fearful to lose one's memories. Bless them with patience, a loving and supportive family and days of hope and accomplishment, in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

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SUNDAY 23rd February, Sunday next before Lent

Readings: Exodus 24: 12-end; 2 Peter 1: 16-end; Matthew 17: 1-9

- 8am Eucharist Infant Church.
- 9.30am Eucharist Infant Church, (No Junior Church) followed by Coffee
- 12.45pm Holy Baptism Francesca Karen and George Jack (All Saints)
- 2pm Holy Baptism Myla Grace
- 5.30pm Family Service followed by Holy Communion

THE WEEK AHEAD... 24th February to 1st March

Morning Prayer is said at St Michael's Church, 9.15am Mon. - Fri. All Welcome

- Tues 1.30pm Bible Study Group meet at Marjorie's home - see May
- 4.30pm Pancake Extravaganza - last orders 6.30pm - The Old Vic
- Wed 10am Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 7pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- Sat 9.30am Diocese Conference - Leaping into the Future of Giving

SUNDAY 1st March - 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings. Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

- 8am Eucharist - Infant Church
- 9.30am Eucharist - Infant Church, Junior Church
- 5.30pm Family Service - Followed by Holy Communion

For your PRAYERS...

Unwell: those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, for the power of God's healing hand, the gentleness, love & patience of those who care.

Those receiving Holy Communion at home: Betty, Doris, Christine, Marjorie B. Marjorie W. Together we are the Body of Christ.

Holy Baptism: Francesca Karen, George Jack and Myla Grace. God bless you joy in your journey of faith.

RIP: Alan Branchflower (74), Grace Ennis (97), Barry Thompson (73), Cynthia Wixey (90). May they rest in peace.

Book of Remembrance: We thank God for all we have become because of those who have loved us and who we continue to love; Barbara Violet Kennedy, Wendy Holden, Thomas Morgan, Roy Cooper, Victoria Skellern, Philip Dawson, Sarah Riley, Herbert Partington, Arthur Lee, Duncan Rankin, William Brandon, Joan Brandon, Frederick Hardy, James Hill, Sydney Ashworth, Amy Martin.

Diocese Conference: Those invited to attend that their energy and time given will be productive in increasing our parish giving.

HYMNS TODAY: 242, 486, 26, 56. Communion: 327

ASH WEDNESDAY

Both services at 10am and 7pm include the Imposition of Ashes. Ash Wednesday marks the very beginning of Lent - a time of drawing closer to God. We begin our journey marked with the sign of the cross in ash remembering that we are but dust and to dust we shall return.



PANCAKE EXTRAVANGANZA

Shrove Tuesday 25th February

From 4pm with last orders at 6.30pm

The Old Vic. - Everyone welcome!

Plain, sweet, fruity, savoury pancakes - you name it and we will have your favourite. Maybe try something new! Come & share the fun with your family and friends without a mess in your kitchen. All donations will go towards our new Hymn Books.



MORNING PRAYER READINGS FOR W/C 24th February:

Mon. Psalm 71;	Genesis 37: 1-11;	Galatians 1.
Tues. Psalm 73;	Genesis 37: 12-end;	Galatians 2: 1-10.
Wed. Psalm 38;	Daniel 9: 3-6, 17-19;	1 Timothy 6: 6-19.
Thurs. Psalm 77;	Genesis 39;	Galatians 2: 11-end.
Fri. Psalm 55;	Genesis 40;	Galatians 3: 1-14.
Sat. Psalm 76;	Genesis 41: 1-24;	Galatians 3: 15-22.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Lent discussion groups begin (5 weeks) 1.30pm & 7pm	3rd March
Lent soup lunches and discussion (5 Weeks) 12noon	4th March
Mothers Union Meeting at 6pm in the Old Vic.	4th March
World Day of Prayer, URC 2pm	6th March
Prayer Breakfast, Old Vic. with Dorothy and May, 8.30am	7th March
Intercessors Quiet Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30pm	14th March
Welcomers (Sidespeople) Quiet Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30pm	21st Mar
Mothering Sunday	22nd March
Feast of the Annunciation Eucharist 10am	25th March
Maundy Money Service - St George's Chapel, London	9th April

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