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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. Thank you 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. **Lent:** 40 Days - 40 Items; Discussion Groups; Lent in a Bag; Soup Lunches (Donations to the Brentwood Centre for the Homeless): 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 a time full of acts of love.
5. **Pancake Extravaganza:** Thank You to everyone who gave their support and especially those in the kitchen.
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 possible here

7. **New Hymn Books** fund raising. Our current hymn books are 25 years old! New hymn books will provide us with over 200 extra new hymns to choose from. Please see lists on how you can donate and dedicate new hymn book(s). Donations can be made by contactless giving, just select 'Hymn Book Campaign' or you can fill a Smartie tube with 20p pieces. Once we have purchased new hymn books the old books will be available for you. Any remaining will be donated. Thank you very much for all your donations so far - let's do this before Easter.
8. **Easter Chicks** will be on sale following the Parade Service on Sunday 8th March. The knitted chicks are £2 each and contain a chocolate egg. Bacon Butties will also be available in the Old Vic the end of the 9.30am service.

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THE CHURCH
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WORLD
Diocese of Manchester

1st March 2020
1st Sunday
of 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:

*Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert;
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

The pew sheet today has kindly been sponsored by: Gemma and Lee Richmond; 'In loving memory of Lee's parents, Patricia and Leonard Richmond, beloved parents and grandparents both of whom are greatly missed and forever loved'.

Gemma and Lee are regulars at our Sunday 8am Service.

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SUNDAY 1st March - First 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 followed by Coffee
5.30pm Family Service followed by Holy Communion

THE WEEK AHEAD... 2nd March to 8th March

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

- Tues 1.30pm Lent Discussion Group meet at Marjorie's home
Tues 7pm Lent Discussion Group meet in the Old Vic
Wed 10am Eucharist followed by coffee in the Old Vic.
12noon Lenten Soup Lunch - Donations to The Brentwood Centre
Thurs 7pm Mothers' Union Meeting - Armchair Yoga - The Old Vic
Fri 2pm World Day of Prayer, St Thomas Moore RC Church, Kirkway
Sat 8.30am Prayer Breakfast with Dorothy and May in the Old Vic.

SUNDAY 8th March - Lent 2

Readings. Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17.

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

For your PRAYERS...

Unwell: those with dementia, cancer, illness of any kind, who suffer in body, mind or spirit in any way, visible or invisible - at home, work, hospital, nursing home or hospice - for the power of God's healing hand, the gentleness & patience of those who care, the love of family & friends.

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

On placement: Churchwarden Neil continuing his ALM ministry on placement with the Blackley group of churches for the next two months.

Banns of Marriage: Joanne and Stephen. For the gift of love.

RIP: Grace Ennis (97), Alan Branchflower (74), Les Davies (85), Marilyn Welch (72). 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; Patrick Farrell, Catherine Salkeld, James Hooten, Brenda Elsworth, Walter Hall, Barbara Trulio, Tony Trulio, Phyllis Oakes, Thelma Pearce, John Fisher, Clara Stansfield, Phyllis Smith.

HYMNS TODAY: 145, 293, 298, 426. Communion: 66



World Day of Prayer:

Annual service at St. Thomas Moore Church, Kirkway, 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.



Mothers' Union ; 6pm in the Old Vic. Wed 4th March for an Armchair Yoga Session.

Everyone is welcome, you don't need to be a MU member to join in at our meetings.

Lenten Soup Lunches: 12noon every Wednesday in the Old Vic. Soup, bread, cheese and fruit with donations to the Brentwood Centre

MORNING PRAYER READINGS FOR W/C 2nd March:

Mon.	Psalm 11;	Genesis 41: 25-45;	Galatians 3: 23-4.7.
Tues.	Psalm 44;	Genesis 41: 46-42.5;	Galatians 4: 8-20.
Wed.	Psalm 6;	Genesis 42: 6-17;	Galatians 4: 21-5.1.
Thurs.	Psalm 42;	Genesis 42: 18-28;	Galatians 5: 2-15.
Fri.	Psalm 22;	Genesis 42: 29-end;	Galatians 5: 16-end.
Sat.	Psalm 63;	Genesis 43: 1-15;	Galatians 6.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Mothers Union Meeting at 6pm in the Old Vic.	4th March
World Day of Prayer, At St Thomas More Kirkway 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
Easter Day	12th April
St George's Day Service 2pm St Michael's	26th April

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