



Helen Curtis (744126) writes.....

This week I have had a lot of things donated for the Women's Refuge, so this morning, Thursday, we went to Cherry Lane and were able to get the last things needed to complete 2 Fresh Start baskets. These will be delivered to Tanis in the next few days, together with toiletries, and children's books. Margaret has spoken to Tanis about the needs of the refuge as we have cash available, Tanis suggested that Easter eggs for the children would be very welcome, so Margaret has ordered some through her Fair-trade account.

Mothering Sunday is a special time to say thank you to all mothers and caregivers for the selflessness with which they nurture, love and help us to flourish.

We can support the Mothering Sunday campaign by donating to the Make a Mothers day campaign. We have had such generous donations recently and so we can send a donation from the branch.

There will be a Mothering Sunday Service on line streamed on the MU Facebook and You Tube channels on Sunday 14th March at 10.00am.

Traidcraft

Margaret Culloden has in stock a varied selection of biscuits and chocolate if you fancy a treat on these cold wintry days. She can deliver them to you or meet you in the car park to collect them. Alternatively, you can do so from her house. Please ring her (742180) to order or for more details.

Interregnum

**Enquiries concerning the church
can be made to the Churchwarden,
John Marsden, 27 Sunderland Street, Tickhill
(01302 744142)**

**Please give any notices for next week's sheet, by 12 noon
on Thursday please, to John Hosker (751132)**



Saint
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Notice and message sheet, week beginning

Sunday 7th March 2021

The Third Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 38: the Mud-Tank, the Pandemic and God's faithfulness.

What could the longest and most depressing book in the Bible possibly have to say to us today? Given the times we are living through (and starting to emerge from), it is hardly surprising that this story in Jeremiah 38 (from this Sunday's Morning Prayer readings) is able to speak to us across 26 centuries. Jerusalem is under threat by the Babylonians, is about to fall and its people taken into exile. Jeremiah's unwelcome advice to the failing leaders of Jerusalem results in him being put in a cistern full of mud so he would starve to death. This is a story of Jeremiah's world & country falling apart around him. It is a story of Jeremiah having to contemplate his own death in a dark and entirely isolated setting. It is also the story of the current pandemic and our own feelings of abandonment by God. However, Jeremiah is rescued from his gloomy isolation in the cistern by someone filled with God's compassion, and the country ultimately returns out of exile in Babylon to restore the city and the nation. This is a story of hope-in-adversity for ourselves, our closest ones and our world, based on God's great faithfulness. Praise the Lord!

John Hosker



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Facebook 9.00 am Daily Services

A 9am Sunday service of Holy Communion, led by Canon Ian Smith, will be streamed on Facebook throughout Lent. The hymns for today are *We love the place O God* and *May the fragrance of Jesus*

John Hoare continues to lead Morning Prayer on Facebook every day at 9am during March.

Daily Readings

	Old Testament	New Testament/Gospel
Sunday	Exodus 20 1-17	1 Cor. 1: 18-25 John 2. 13-22
Monday	Jeremiah 11.1-17	John 7. 37-52
Tuesday	Jeremiah 11.18-12.6	John 7.53– 8.11
Wednesday	Jeremiah 13. 1-11	John 8. 12-30
Thursday	Jeremiah ch 14	John 8. 31-47
Friday	Jeremiah 15. 10-end	John 8: 48 -end
Saturday	Jeremiah 16. 4– 17.10	John 9. 1-17

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Please ensure that you stick to the current lock-down regulations. Please also follow the advice on self-isolating and having a Covid-19 test if you develop symptoms

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please follow the requirements of **NHS Test & Trace** if you are a Covid-19 contact.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Please remember in your prayers

those families who mourn the death of

Anna Brookfield; John Eastman

those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Stephen Beckett; Terry Mason

and all those who mourn

***May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.***

Lent Course 2021

The York Course for Lent, *Living in Hope* by the Novelist Catherine Fox, recommended by the Diocese, is running on Zoom on Wednesday evenings for four weeks from 7.15 to 8.15 pm, this is the third week and the topic is "Hell Bent on destruction?" The weekly sessions are stand-alone so please do join us for a participative discussion.

This week's Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89643969249?pwd=Nlg2QkwxbHpWOWcwVXp5eUg4VDc4UT09>

Please ring Noreen (743293) to receive the course booklet.

Compline in Lent

The Methodist fellowship are having a Zoom service of Compline each Wednesday during Lent, between 8.00 and 8.30 pm. Please contact Elaine (743842) for ID details. All welcome.



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for online mission & ministry

This week we are highlighting the (free) **Connected webinar series** which **starts this Monday** - for churches in the Diocese of Sheffield to support them in their online mission and ministry. **Book now!**

<https://www.stpeterscollege.org.uk/connected>

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- Sharing faith and hope in Jesus
- Serving the local community
- Prayer and Spirituality