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Saint Chad : Collegiate Church of Saint Mary : Saint Leonard

18th March 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

A special welcome to anyone who is visiting us today.



Today's Services

8.00a.m.	Eucharist	St. Mary's
9.30a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's
11.15a.m.	Mass	St. Chad's
11.15a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. Leonard's
6.30p.m.	Evening Prayer	St. Mary's

A crèche is available at the 9.30 service at St. Mary's; Fairtrade tea and coffee are served after this service and everyone is invited to join us.

From our Bible readings:

This Sunday we become aware of the shadow of the cross as we draw closer to Holy Week. Jesus knew his suffering would be extreme however he also knew that the outcome would be glorious and fulfil many predictions from the Old Testament.

The example of Jesus and his suffering is a reminder to us that in our lives we may also suffer and that we can depend on Jesus who is our saviour.

Please take this leaflet away with you.

Stafford Churches this week

Tuesday	Eucharist St. Chad's Lent Course 4 St. Mary's	1.05p.m. 7.00p.m.
Wednesday	Praise and Play St. Mary's Funeral of Carol Cooper St. Mary's Eucharist N.B. St. Chad's One World Group Meeting Pauline's home	10.30a.m. 1.00p.m. 1.05p.m. 7.30p.m.
Thursday	Eucharist St. Mary's Mothers' Union St. Mary's Time to Chat St Mary's	10.05a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m.
Friday	Eucharist St. Chad's Children's Choir Rowley Street Choir Practice St. Mary's	1.05p.m. 4.45p.m. 7.30p.m.
Saturday	Coffee Concert St. Mary's	11.00a.m.
Palm	Eucharist St. Mary's	8.00a.m.
Sunday	Palm Procession begins St Chad's	9.30a.m.
25 th March	Sung Eucharist St. Mary's Messy Palm Sunday St. Leonard's Passiontide Service St. Mary's <i>Music from St. John Passion by J.S. Bach, performed by choir & musicians from St. Mary's</i>	10.00a.m. 4.00p.m. 6.30p.m.

Looking Further Ahead

Holy Week and Easter Services Full details are on the fliers, please take one away with you today.

Today's Notices

Good Friday Children's Activities in St. Mary's 10.30 to

12.00: Could you help to welcome our visitors by providing butterfly cakes or hot cross buns for refreshments? Items can be left in church on the Thursday or the Friday. Also, if you can help with any of the craft activities that morning, please contact the parish office. All help will be gratefully received.



Holy Island Pilgrimage 2018: 22nd to 26th October 2018, staying at the Open Gate retreat house. Leaflets with full details are available in church. Bookings are being taken!

Christian Food Help: Please continue to leave items of food in St. Chad's or St. Mary's to be distributed locally to those in need.



Revision of the Electoral Rolls 2018: Copies of the Electoral Roll will be in church today (last day); please check that your details are up to date. If you've been coming to church for six months, please consider adding your name to the Electoral Roll.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the flowers for St. Mary's, please see the wardens. Thank you, *Irene*

Reports for St Mary's A.P.C.M.: If you chair a committee or run a group in the church, could you please write a short report (about 150 words) and send it to the Parish Office by **Tuesday 27th March**.

Forthcoming Events

Lent Course Session 4: Tuesday 20th March. Based on the Lichfield Lent study book "Steps in Discipleship" which is provided.

Mothers' Union Thursday 22nd March, St. Mary's 10.05a.m. : Holy Communion and Lent Meditation led by Fr Michael. Followed by Lent Lunch in aid of Overseas Fund.

Coffee Concert, Saturday 24th March, St. Mary's 11.00a.m.: Piano Recital by Chris Gumbley

Mothers' Union Deanery Prayer Meeting, Monday 9th April: Church Hall, 2.00p.m.

A.P.C.M. Dates:

St. Mary's Sunday 15th April 10.45a.m.

St. Leonard's Wednesday 18th April 7.30p.m.

St. Chad's Thursday 19th April 7.00p.m.

Committees and Working Groups

Friends of St Mary's Meeting, Tuesday 10th April: Church Hall, 7.00p.m

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Tuesday: 9am-5pm; Wednesday: 9am-12.30pm; Thursday: 9am -4pm

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