

**8th March 2026**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

## Today's Worship

<b>9.15am</b>	Time for God, Loddington
<b>10.00am</b>	Family Communion, Rushton
<b>10.45am</b>	Holy Communion with Discoverers, Rothwell
<b>6.00pm</b>	Evensong, Holy Trinity
<b>8.00pm</b>	Online Evening Compline

<b>Hymns at Rushton</b>	427, 311, 39, 188
<b>Hymns at Rothwell</b>	555, 408, 40, 240

## Week Commencing 9th March

<b>Monday</b>	10:00am	Trinity Threaders, Holy Trinity
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Winter Café, Holy Trinity
	7:00pm	Choir practice, Holy Trinity
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	Lent Course week 3, Holy Trinity
	7:30pm	Bell Ringers practice, Holy Trinity
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity
	1:45pm	Sunbeams preschool group, Holy Trinity
<b>Friday</b>	10:30am	Lent course, Methodist church

## **Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday**

<b>10.00am</b>	Mothering Sunday Family Service, Rushton
<b>10.00am</b>	Tea & Toast, Thorpe Malsor
<b>10.45am</b>	All Together Service with communion, Rothwell
<b>11.00am</b>	Family Communion, Loddington
<b>8.00pm</b>	Online Evening Compline

## **Collect**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Reading: Readings: Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst? 'So, Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

## **Gospel: John 4:5-42**

So, he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. 'The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it? 'Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. 'Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back. 'The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true! 'The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. 'The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us. 'Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you. 'Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said,

‘What do you want?’ or ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ ‘Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ ‘They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something. ‘But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about. ‘So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat? Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps. “I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour. ‘Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done. ‘So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

## **Notices:**

**Church Magazine** – All articles for **April’s** issue to Janet Ray by **18<sup>th</sup> March** at [magazinehollytrinity@gmail.com](mailto:magazinehollytrinity@gmail.com)

**Fairtrade** - There will be a Fairtrade stall at Holy Trinity on Thursday **12<sup>th</sup>** and **19<sup>th</sup>** March and Sunday **15<sup>th</sup>** and **22<sup>nd</sup>** March. Please remember your purse on those days as I can only accept cash payments. Pam Shaw.

**Lent cleaning at Holy Trinity** – It has been proposed that we hold two cleaning sessions on Wednesday’s **25<sup>th</sup> February** & **11<sup>th</sup> March** from **10:00am to 12:30pm**. We will be concentrating on glass, brass & silverware particularly, although all areas need attention. If interested in helping please speak to Penny Knight. Thankyou.

**Whitby Retreat** - There are a very limited number of spaces available for the retreat to Whitby if anyone is interested. Date **15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June** - price to be confirmed, but approximately **£396** for **1** person and **£532** for **2** sharing. Laurabeth.

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Messy church (Easter) at Holy Trinity @ **2:00pm**. There will be a variety of crafts for the whole family to join in and refreshments afterwards. Please contact Zoe Deag if you would like to attend: [zoe.deag@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.deag@gmail.com)

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – An evening of Antiques with Charles Hanson at Holy Trinity church @ **7:00pm**. Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door – available from Janet Laurabeth or Jo at Holy Trinity church.

**30<sup>th</sup> March** – Passover supper @ Loddington Village Hall at **6:30pm**. Please add your name to the list at the back of Holy Trinity if you wish to attend & indicate if you require transport.

### **Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 2 Kings 5.1-15, Psalm 41.1-2, 43.1-4, Luke 4.24-30  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 2.20-23, Psalm 25.3-10, Matthew 18.21-end  
**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9, Psalm 147.13-end, Matthew 5.17-19  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 7.23-28, Psalm 95.1-2, 6-end, Luke 11.14-23  
**Friday:** Hosea 14, Psalm 81.6-10, 13, 16, Mark 12.28-34  
**Saturday:** Hosea 5.15-6.6, Psalm 51.1-2, 17-end, Luke 19.9-14

### **Please Pray for**

A resolution to the worsening crisis in the Middle East, the victims and casualties of the latest air strikes & the safe return of all those stranded and awaiting flights home.

For those we know, within our families or communities who are coping with difficult or changing marital relationships and the children that are experiencing different emotions and uncertainty this may bring them.

Those that are suffering from poverty and food insecurity & organizations working to alleviate hunger.

A prayerful and reflective Lent at home in groups and in church.

### **Intercession List**

Freya Hidley-Smith, Amy Hatter, Anne Sloan

### **Departed**

Bill Savage

**Please let Dawn Cooper know of names to be added to our Intercession list to be included in our Prayers for one month unless notified otherwise. Tel 07955 119099 (Tuesday to Thursday between 9:00am – 5:00pm) or E Mail: [treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk)**