

I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant
Exodus 6:5 -

Prayer Activity:

Reflect on those who face a bigger enemy than themselves, an individual against a system or a voice against a crowd. You may be thinking of someone like Mahatma Gandhi, or better, some lesser person. Pray for them.

Sunday February 26th 2017

Morning Worship Led by Linda and Ian Cornall

“Transfiguration”

This Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday and also Poverty Action Sunday
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5)

Hymn 59: Lord the light of your love is shining

Bible Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

“Too Much Light”

Prayer

Hymn: Holy Christ, in light transfigured
(Words enclosed, Tune: Ode to Joy – 8 in StF)

Bible Readings: Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21

Meditation: “Transfiguration”

A Pause for Reflection

Prayer

Hymn 260: Swiftly pass the clouds of glory
(Tune: Abbot's Leigh – 410 in StF)

Sermon: “The Challenge of Poverty”

Hymn: All the power that fuelled creation
(Words enclosed, Tune Scarlet Ribbons – 222 in StF)

Offertory

Church Action on Poverty

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 706: Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Blessing

There will be a retiring collection for Church Action on Poverty

Notices for the coming week

Tues 28th 10.30 Pause for Prayer, in Walsingham

Weds 1st March 10.30 Circuit Intercessions Service, in Lindisfarne
2.00 to 5.00 pm The Late, Late Pancake Date

Sat 4th Mar 10.15 – 11.45 Coffee morning, in Walsingham
12.30 – 2.30 Food Bank, in Walsingham

Sun 5th 10.30 Morning Worship, led by Mr David Baron
4.30 Evening Service, led by Revd Lesley Moseley

Holy Christ, In Light Transfigured

Holy Christ, in light transfigured,
Shining hope upon the earth,
Brighten every place of darkness,
Bring the age of truth to birth.
Point us to the great awakening,
When the world in hope shall rise:
Fear and exploitation ended,
Perfect peace shall be the prize.

Let us share the special vision,
Hear the great affirming voice;
In the glorious revelation,
Call creation to rejoice.
Through the darkness of oppression,
Let the prophets light the way,
Pointing to the peace and justice,
Promised on the final day.

Come, O Christ, in clouds of glory,
Set our fervent hopes ablaze!
Offer up the new creation
To the God of ancient days.
From a thousand thousand voices,
Songs of praise and joy release,
When the ending of oppression
Heralds everlasting peace.

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All the Power that Fuelled Creation

All the power that fuelled creation,
Cosmic force that fired the stars,
Still leaves people in the darkness
When we grasp for 'us' and 'ours'.
All the emptiness and sorrow
We dispel with just a glance,
Eyes averted from our neighbours
Giving them no second chance.

All we cling to, all we cherish,
Stands as nothing in God's light,
Yet our attitudes deny it
Holding all as if by right.
All the wealth at our disposal
Could bring hope, transfigure care;
Even candles lit in darkness
Bring new hope when none is there.

All we need is love and kindness,
Costly kindness to dispel
Fear and poverty, while bringing
Deepest love to counter hell.
All God's love, when shared among us
Shatters poverty with grace,
Even now transfiguration
Could be felt within this place.

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Notices

Evening Services

Will members please note that the evening services on the first Sunday of each month will for at least three months be held at 4.30pm. The service on March 5th will be a communion service with a discussion as to what kind of service you would like in this slot. Please come along and voice your opinion.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Peterborough is working towards becoming a Fairtrade City, spear headed by a community led not-for-profit group, Fairtrade Peterborough, which was set up to work towards this award. Our city is already a UK Environment City and campaigning to be Environment Capital. Fairtrade City is another accolade to add to our city's green credentials.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 23rd February to 8th March and aims to promote Fairtrade awareness across the city. Join Fairtrade Peterborough to sample fairtrade drinks and biscuits over an informal lunchtime networking session. Discover Peterborough's journey to be a Fairtrade City; see how you could help them over the finish line. Fairtrade nuts, chocolate, fruit and more available to buy from our stall. This event takes place on Monday March 6th, from 12.30 to 1.30pm at the Reception Room, Town Hall. More info at www.fairtradepeterborough.org.uk

The Late Late Pancake Date

In conjunction with Fairtrade Fortnight, Westgate New Church are hosting a pancake afternoon on Wednesday 1st March from 2 to 5pm. Tea or coffee with a pancake costs £2.50, with additional pancakes (or cakes) at 50p each. All proceeds to the chair fund.

Lent Course 2017

Lesley is offering a Lent Course again this year: Five Wednesday afternoon sessions beginning March 8th, 2pm in Lindisfarne. Please let Lesley know that you will be attending.

Crafty Capers

On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, Westgate New Church are hosting craft afternoons, from 2 to 4pm in Walsingham. Bring your own craft project, enjoy a chat, share skills and learn from each other. Tea and coffee will be available.

For Starters – Peterborough

Calling all pioneers, entrepreneurs and those who just start up things to connect with and serve those who don't yet come to church. Come to join like-minded people, hear stories of what's happening in the Peterborough area, learn about training and support you can receive, and to tell us what would help you in your situation, so we can plan future events and tailor training just for you. This is to be held at Brookside Methodist Church, Gunthorpe Road, on Saturday 11th March from 10am to 2pm. For tickets, search online for 'For Starters – Peterborough'.

Hope into Action 2017 Conference

This event is being held at the Salvation Army Church, 1203 Bourges Blvd, on 31st March, from 9.30am to 3.30pm with tickets priced at £30. For more details please email Carole on info@hopeintoaction.org.uk

Tomasz's Quiz Night

During the summer Tomasz Hutchings is going on a trip to Madeira to explore the island and do some trekking and he is organising a quiz to fundraise for this trip. Learn more about Madeira as well as enjoying a wonderful quiz night at Dogsthorpe Methodist Church, on Saturday March 4th from 7 to 9pm. The cost is £5 per person (free entry for under 12's), which includes snacks. Soft drinks are available for a modest price. Teams of 4 to 6 people for a quiz consisting of ten rounds of questions.

Women's World Day of Prayer

A Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held on 3rd March at 2pm at All Saints Church, Paston. The service is ecumenical and everyone is welcome – men and women. The focus for the 2017 service is The Philippines and the theme is "Am I Being Unfair to You?"

Church Strapline and Logo

We are currently looking for a new strapline (along with icon & logo) for our new church. Could you please pray and think about this, and if you have any idea please email them to Dave Kelly at the email address below, and he will collate them. davidbear@talktalk.net

Kairos Ministry to Prisons – "Baking for Jesus"

Kairos is an international and UK ministry to prisoners, which is going to conduct a mission at MHP Stocken (about ten miles up the A1 North of Stamford) from 20th to 24th March. They have a mission team prepared for this mission but are asking for help from local churches to prepare "cookies" to be given to prisoners. This is an important part of the mission work – the cookies are free gifts for prisoners, utilised in establishing a relationship with the mission team.

At the church meeting on January 21st it was agreed the church would participate by asking for

members each to bake a batch of cookies, to be ready at church on Sunday March 12th. If you can help with this please speak to or contact Ian Cornall.

In order to meet prison regulations, and to avoid any appearance of favouritism (“my cookie’s bigger than yours”) there are very specific instructions that have to be followed. Ian will let you have a recipe and other instructions if you are able to help with baking the cookies.

HOPE Revolution

Following the success of our ‘Carve a Heart’ event, in partnership with World Vision last year, HOPE Revolution - Peterborough is excited to announce our second evangelistic youth event (11-18’s) in partnership with Kingsgate on Friday 24th March, 7.30-9.30pm, (Doors open 7.15: doors close 10pm), @Kingsgate Community Church. This event, off the back of an existing school’s week through Kingsgate, will primarily be a music gig playing host to Guvna B: a multi-award winning, record-breaking rap artist from London. He became the first rapper in UK history to top the Official Christian & Gospel charts, and his most recent No. 1 release ‘Secret World’ was the UK’s highest selling urban Christian album in 2015.

Puppet Ministry

For those who would like to train in using puppetry, especially those who work in Children’s ministry and evangelism. Puppets will be provided on the day for the training, so you can come even if you don’t own a puppet. The event is at Park Road Baptist Church on Saturday June 17th from 10.00am to 4.00pm, please bring a packed lunch.