



## The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and  
the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in  
all your works  
and your likeness in all your  
children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## First Reading Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## Gospel Reading Matthew 6.25-34

Jesus said: "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

## Prayer after Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Notices

Holy Week is one of the most important weeks in the Christian year and has always been celebrated as such here at All Saints. The Seder Meal has been part of the Maundy Thursday service in recent years and we would like to know how many people would attend if this were to happen this year. Would you please let Nigel or Sue know by Sunday 8 Feb if you would attend the Maundy Thursday service with the Seder meal. Thank you.

WANTED - volunteers to lead intercessions please.

SHROVE TUESDAY SOCIAL. On Shrove Tuesday, 17 February, we are having a bring and share supper, together with pancake tossing, in the Newark. This is for the whole Benefice and will start at 7pm. Please bring your own drinks. To help with numbers, please sign up to the form at the back of church if you intend to come and give an indication of the food you will bring. Please come along and enjoy an evening of good food, good company and fun.

The Methodist Church is no longer able to recycle blister packs, so can you stop leaving them in All Saints, please. If anyone goes regularly to Buxton and could take them to Superdrug, could they have a word with Angela Bird? Thank you.

NB: Boots in Bakewell accept/recycle the blister packs.

Ecumenical lent lunches will be held in the Newark on Thursdays 26 February, 5, 12, 19 & 26 March at 12.00 - 1.30pm.

Ecumenical Bible Study 'Holy Habits' led by Rev Tim Morris at Bakewell Methodist Church. Every Wednesday during lent at 2pm starting on 18 February. If you would like to go along please contact Karen Perry [admin@peakmethodistcircuit.org](mailto:admin@peakmethodistcircuit.org). 07469092524, to order a copy of the course booklet, which costs £5.00

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