

LOWTON ST MARY'S CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today

CHRISTIAN QUOTATION

Sincerity is never ludicrous; it is always respectable.

Charlotte Brontë (1816-1855)
English novelist

SUNDAY 5th - 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.30am Morning Praise

Tea/coffee in the hall after the service

6.30pm Holy Communion

This evening's readings can be found in the
Pew Bible

NT - Page 1179 - Philippians Chapter 2,
verses 12-28

Gospel - Page 1032 - Luke Chapter 5, verses 1-11

Tues 7th 9.30am Bible Study - Vicarage

Wed 8th 8.30pm Bible Study - Vicarage

Thurs 9th 10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12th - 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship

LENT RESOURCES

This year there will be a St. Mary's Lent diary available for you to use during Lent if you would like it. It will have ideas for prayer and reflection.

It will be available to pick up from Sunday 12th February.

Copies will be put on the book cupboard by the door into church.

If you cannot a copy find please speak to Gail Hields. My thanks go to Bill for encouraging me in the making of this resource and to John Parkinson for providing me with the readings. Gail

Also as money is tight this year if anyone would like to borrow a book with readings suitable for the period of Lent please ask me as I have collected several over the years and am willing to lend them out. I will have them with me on Sunday 12th February in the hall at coffee time. If you have any suitable Lent books which you are happy for people to borrow you might like to bring them along that Sunday.

Please let me know. Gail

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday Before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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PRAYER MATTERS

Please pray **TODAY**

for our uniformed organisations and their leaders.

for the person sitting next to you.

DURING THE WEEK

for our Organist and Choir.

for Rev Robert Buckley & Rev Beryl Smart who are on our church prayer list.

for John & Anne as they prepare to preach at next week's services.

for those living in Bodden Street, Bolton Close & Brancaster Drive.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Had a new phone for Christmas? Donate your old phone to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

See Alec or Olive Hughes.

CHURCH HALL CLEANING

Volunteers are required please for either (or both) Monday mornings and Friday evenings. Should only be for about an hour. (depending on number of volunteers!). Cleaning materials provided.

There is a sheet at back of church on which to write your name, phone number and which is your preferred day(s).

FOR PCC MEMBERS

Please note that there is **no** meeting on Monday February 20th for all PCC members. Further details about this can be had from the vicar.

St. MARY'S 2012 PARISH WEEKEND

The booking list for the Parish Weekend is now on the counter by the church entrance. Once again the weekend will be held at Whalley Abbey...this is a very popular venue and places are limited so it is first come first served! ! The weekend is to be held from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd September and the cost will be £136 per person, with a £30 non refundable deposit which should be paid to Kath Adams when you write your name on the list. Further details about the weekend can be had from the vicar.

PARISH DINNER & DANCE **Friday 9th March**

There is to be a Parish Dinner & Dance at The Ellesmere Suite, Leigh Masonic Hall on Friday 9th March at 7.00pm for 7.30pm when the speaker will be Charlie Hale (comedian). The dinner is open to all parish members (male and female). For information please speak to either Ken Heaton or John Walmsley.

THE MAGAZINES for February are now available (30p). Items for the March magazine should be given to John or Joan Wright by the end of today.

MYSTERY ABOARD THE 'TITANIC' **Afternoon tea with drama and song**

Espionage and intrigue are afoot on board the Titanic as you sip your afternoon tea. Is everyone who they say they are? You will be the detectives - but are you a good enough sleuth to solve the crime? Performed by the highly entertaining After Dark Theatre Company. **Epiphany Trust** invites you to 'Afternoon Tea' on board the 'Titanic'.

Sunday 15th April 2.30pm Penketh Methodist Church, Warrington, WA5 2NB
Tickets £10 (1st class or steerage - dress appropriately!)
RSVP

UNITED CHRISTIAN BROADCASTERS

One of the charities that the Church supported during 2011 was United Christian Broadcasters - suppliers of the quarterly 'UCB Word for Today' magazine.

As a thank you from them they have invited two of our parishioners to attend one of their Tour Days to see firsthand the work that they do. This will include a guided tour of their Broadcasting studios and their Operations Centre in Stoke-on-Trent. The day starts at 9.30am and should finish at approximately 3.30pm. If anybody is interested in going along then please see Mark Singleton who can provide you with the full details including the dates available.

CARDS, CARDS, CARDS

Dot Ward will be selling her hand-made cards after this morning's service. All proceeds will go towards Church funds.