

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; **Luke 9.28-36,(37-43)**

AND NEXT....

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2,9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; **Luke 4.1-13**



"I HAVE ENGRAVED YOUR NAME ON THE PALM OF MY HAND"

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts.... Gladys, Ethel, Phil & Bridget, Claire, Tracey, Melanie & Riley, Valerie, Revd Stephen & Ruth, Margaret & John, Joy, Craig, Sally, Kyla and family, David and Jenny T, Gilly, Ali P, and for all who have lost loved ones.

For Prayer: Pray for our response to the Coronavirus Pandemic as restrictions are eased and for all who work in the NHS and the Care sector.

We continue to hold the situation in Ukraine before God in prayer.

Prayer Zone

We will meet again on Tuesday 1st March at 9.30 a.m. using our church link: <https://zoom.us/j/6241909980>

Afternoon Service at Waltham House

Our monthly services have been much appreciated by the residents and it is a joy to see a full lounge. So we will share a short time of worship again this Sunday 27th at 4.00 p.m. Thanks to the Wellspring members who have been supporting this ministry.

Foodbank

Donations can be made in the collection box in St Mary's (accessed via the north door) and in the Co-op.

All material for next week's newsheet to Lesley by Tuesday March 1st
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WELLSPRING

Feb 27th 2022

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Zoom Room: <https://zoom.us/j/6241909980>

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Transfiguration

And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.'

Luke 9 vs 29 and 37

Jesus – on the mountain top and in the midst of human need:

You are the one in whom we see
Justice glorified
Service exemplified,
Love personified.

On the mountain top and in desperate need
Help us to find your presence
Help us to follow your practice
Help us to fulfil your purpose.
To you be the glory for ever and ever. Amen

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Transfiguration

On this final Sunday before Lent, the Church reflects upon that mysterious moment on a mountain top when Jesus' appearance was transformed in the presence of his closest followers, and then he spoke with Moses and the prophet Elijah. Always the one to speak first and think later, Peter blurted out a strange offer to construct three tents or 'tabernacles' for Jesus and his esteemed companions. Why? Well at the most basic level maybe to offer some refuge from the mountain elements; but at a deeper level perhaps an attempt to preserve this moment with a physical memorial.

What happened next? The following day they came down the mountain and encountered a distressed father with his son suffering from what seems like epileptic convulsions. Jesus healed him. So leaving their mountain-top experience behind, the disciples descended back into the mess of ordinary life.

Receiving handover of our building has been a mountain-top experience! But now we have come back down and have work to do - not just to prepare for our return to gathered worship and other activities, but to engage with ordinary life, however messy. For we haven't made a tabernacle to preserve the glory of the moment in 2022 when we built an annexe... So our prayer is that through the ministry made possible by this building work, lives will be transformed as much as our old chapel and its yard have been over the last fifteen months.

To God be the glory!
Kevin

Sunday Services

As this is our final Sunday before moving back to Wellspring we are invited to join worship at Cromford Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m. It will be good if as many as possible are able to attend, so we can express our thanks for their hospitality during our period of shared worship. Then from Sunday 6th March we shall be at home!

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Coming Up

- 21st Feb - 6th Mar Fairtrade Fortnight
- 27th Feb - Afternoon Service at Waltham House - 4.00 p.m.
- 27th Feb - Wirksworth Worship Evening at The Memorial Hall - 7.00 p.m.
- 1st Mar - Christian Aid Pancake Lunch - 12.00 p.m. at The Maltings
- 1st Mar - Brigades Pancake Party - 6.00 p.m.
- 4th Mar - World Day of Prayer - 2.00 p.m. at the URC
- 6th Mar - First Service back at Wellspring - 10.30 a.m.
- 9th Mar - CTWD Lent groups begin
- 2nd & 3rd April - Wellspring Big Well-come

Churches Together Lent Groups – Reflecting on the Beatitudes

Wellspring will be hosting these on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning on March 9th in the Meeting Room, from 10-11.30 am. There will also be an online meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7-8.30 pm. More details nearer the time

Wellspring bookings

Now that we have the key to the annexe, Lesley is taking bookings. Rooms will be available for Wellspring affiliated groups after the first service on 6th March, and external bookings after the Big Well-come. There is a new mobile phone number for lettings: (07585 641678), but the preferred means of contact is the email address (bookings@wellspringchurchwirksworth.co.uk) - or see Lesley in person. As we now have multiple rooms available, please make sure all bookings come through Lesley so that they are entered in the diary with the correct times and the room required. Thank you!

Wellspring Directory a new edition for 2022 is available – ask Sue for a copy. And thanks to her and Ingrid for producing it.

Wirksworth Worship Evening

An informal time of worship & prayer has been established by a group of local Christians, meeting monthly at The Memorial Hall on the fourth Sunday of the month from 7.00 p.m. The next gathering is this Sunday 27th with an open invitation. <https://wirksworthworship.weebly.com>