



2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Luke 9:28-43a

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not."

"You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 4 MAR** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 5 MAR** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
11.00 a.m. Interment of the ashes of Mrs June Hunt in the Garden of Remembrance
- WED 6 MAR** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
7.30 p.m. Worship Together Service at St. Mark's, Woolston - including the Imposition of Ashes
- SAT 9 MAR** 10.00 a.m.- Friends of Pear Tree Green Litter Pick. Gloves,
12.00 noon bags and litter pickers provided. Meet at the children's play area. All welcome.
- SUN 10 MAR** **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**
10.00 a.m. Service of the Word (non-Communion)
11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall



LENT 2019

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, with a joint service at St. Mark's Church, Weston Grove Road, Woolston. It would be appreciated if those with cars would be aware of those without transport and offer lifts to St. Mark's.

NEXT SUNDAY

Don't forget to visit the Mission Table in the Church Hall after the 10.00 a.m. service, when cakes, books, DVDs, etc. will be on sale. **Donations of sale items would be appreciated.**

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Ashburnham Close and Bishop's Road; the Friends of Pear Tree Green; the Diocese of Winchester.



We also remember the bereaved and the housebound, all those known to you who may be ill at home or in hospital and all those who care for them.

In particular, please continue to pray for the Ockelford family, Les Beard, Win Stead, Aimee, Edith, Emily Thomas, Joan Dunnings, Pamela Clayton, Rosemary Nutburn, Revd Paul and Dianna Firmin, David Wellman.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mrs June Hunt, whose ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Tuesday.