

# Welcome to St Mark's & St Peter's with St Andrew, Levenshulme



## March 2026

*'The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!.' – Matthew 21:9*

### Our Regular Activities for March

	Zoom	St Mark's	St Peter's
Tuesdays & Thursdays	9.15am Morning Prayer		
Wednesdays	7.45pm Bible / Lent Group	10am Tots Group	7.45pm Bible / Lent Group

**Thursdays** 7.30pm Home Group at the Rectory

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>		10am HC	11.15am MW
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>		10am MW	11.15am HC with baptism
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday		10am HC	11.15am MW
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		10am Children & Family	11.15am HC
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday		10am HC	11.15am MW

HC = Holy Communion; MW = Morning Worship

### News & events

In the lead up to Easter we will be putting on <b>Experience Easter activity bases</b> in St Mark's. We are in the process of inviting our local schools to book slots in the weeks commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> March. Once we have dates we will be asking for volunteers to help lead a base. This is a really beneficial and rewarding task. Keep an eye out and please do talk to George about what it entails.
We will be reflecting on our <b>Financial Giving to God's work</b> this Lent. Our churches are reliant on the generous donations from our congregations. We have various ways in which you can give. If you want to know more then please speak to George
<b>St Peter's Church is open</b> on Tuesday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm. No agenda, come for a brew, a chat, a pray or just a look round.
Holy Communion at <b>Moseley Court</b> will be at 2pm on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Are you creative, do you express your faith in a more creative way, you are welcome to join our <b>Creative Journalling group</b> at St Peter's on 12 <sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. See Katie for more info.
Our <b>Wednesday evening Lent groups</b> will meet at St Peter's through Lent at 7.45pm for an 8pm start.
<b>Men's breakfast</b> will be on Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 8.45am at Levenshulme Baptist church. All are welcome.

### Prayers

**God's healing and restoration for:** Hazel, Pat, Samantha, Claire, Nora, David, Judith, John, Eddie, Ron, Jerry, Galina, Slaviana and Leonard.

**Prayers:** Lord Jesus, lead us through this 40-day journey with humility and courage. Help us turn away from distractions and draw closer to You. Shape our hearts through repentance and fill us with steady faith. Amen.

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# by George

Oscar Wilde once famously said that "I can resist everything except temptation,".

As Christians, we know a bit about temptation. We are not immune to it and indeed often succumb to it. We are human after all.

There are many things that we can be tempted by, maybe even addicted to and I'm sure that I don't really need to list them. I have wondered why we never seem to be tempted by things that are good for us. Being tempted by cucumber or tomatoes would seem to be ideal.

Obviously during this period of Lent, we are remembering Jesus being led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit. 40 days without food, a discipline of fasting.

Then in Matthew 4.3 *'The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'*

Jesus drew close to his Father in the quiet and the stillness. He prepared himself not just for this period of temptation at the hands of the devil, but for his wider ministry to this world, which was just about to take off.

The concept of getting our lives sorted for God is something that we are thinking about on our Lent course. How is your regular time of priority prayer? Do you have a routine of reading the Bible? Do you take sabbath rest?

Adopting a 'Rule of Life' that prioritises God will help to resist the temptations of the world around us, but will also prepare each of us for the ministry that God has undoubtedly got for us.

*'Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you'* – James 4:8

With my love and prayers

George

Rev George Reeves, Rector