

## A Prayer for the Start of Lent

### Heavenly Father,

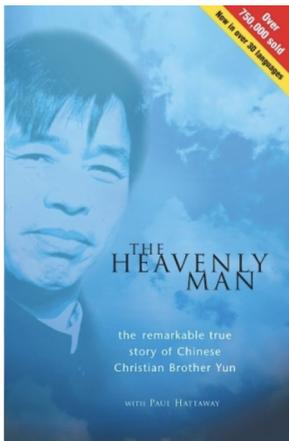
Jesus withdrew from his friends and followers to spend time with you. In Psalm 27:14 we are encouraged to **“wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”**

Help me to take time away from life’s busyness to refocus my heart and spirit as I wait for you. I choose to recentre my life on your Word, your teachings and to take heart in all your promises.

Holy Spirit, lead and guide me. Fill me with the hope that is found only in Christ. Thank you that I am known and loved by you. **Amen**

### Book Club

If you would like to join us, the next meeting is on Saturday 18th April at 2.00 pm, where we will be looking at ‘The Heavenly Man’ by Brother Yun, a man who has “suffered prolonged torture and imprisonment for his faith.” Second hand copies are available from Awesome Books, World of Books or eBay. New copies can be bought from Amazon or Eden.



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**Most of our services can be attended in person or on Zoom.**

**Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 3910**

**If you have missed a Sunday or Wednesday service, the sermons (and some services) can be accessed on the website under ‘Media Library’. Sermons are deleted after 4 months, while services are only available for 2 months.**



Sunday 22nd February

# Welcome to Saint Peter & Saint Paul's

Our Vision:

To prepare a community to meet the Christ

Our Mission:

To worship God, grow believers and make believers

Our Values:

Word, Worship, Welcome and Wisdom



# 22nd February – First Sunday of Lent

## Today's Readings:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Matthew 4: 1-11

## This Week's Collect Prayer

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Welcoming Prayer

Father, lead us and guide us as we grow together in your family. May our church show your love to new friends and may more hearts be full of your love.

Amen

## Church Weekend Away

This year, our weekend at Cloverley Hall is Friday 10th - Sunday 12th July. Please sign up at the back of church.

**(There is a limited number of en-suites)**

If you would like to pay in instalments, please speak to Judith or Paul.

## Today

9.00 am Holy Communion  
11.00 am Contemporary Worship  
(with children's groups)

## Please pray...

For the residents of Christopher Way



For persecuted Christians.

Father God, we pray for persecuted Christians around the world. We ask for their protection as they seek to meet together in secret with fellow Christians, to read the Bible and to worship you. We thank you for the work of Open Doors, and pray that they will be given opportunities to minister safely and bring hope to those in danger because of their faith.

Father, we pray that you would shine your light in the dark places of this world, bringing your salvation and joy to the lost. **Amen**

## Next Sunday 1st March

9.00 am Holy Communion  
11.00 am Contemporary Worship  
(with children's groups)  
3.00 pm Communion Service

**Lent Study Meetings at the White City Community Centre**  
Fridays: 13th, 20th & 27th March

## This week...

### Tuesday

9.30-11.30 am The church is open for the Food Bank  
10.00 am Morning Prayer-Common Worship on Zoom & in church

### Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom  
7.30 pm Music Group  
9.00 pm Compline on Zoom

### Thursday

9.00-10.00 am Contemporary Prayer Meeting at the vicarage **(PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME AND VENUE. THIS WILL NO LONGER BE ON ZOOM)**

7.30 pm Choir

### Friday

10.30 am Lent Study at the White City Community Centre  
12 for 12.30 Meet & Eat at The Link

### Saturday

10.00 am The church is open for the Food Bank & for private prayer  
5.30 pm Thrive Social at the Vicarage

## Future Events

**Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30 pm** – PCC in the Robert Lloyd Room

**Thursday 5th March at 11.30 am** – Memorial Service for Joan Chrichton

**Friday 6th March at 10.30 am** – World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church

**Friday 6th March at 2.00 pm** – Memory Café in the Robert Lloyd Room **(Please note that the Memory Café is now full).**