



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 5th March 2026

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Lent

Lord God, whose blessed

Son our Saviour gave his back to those who struck him and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with Christians in Middle East and Britain

By the sorrow you suffered when all the powers of your heart failed you, O Jesus have mercy on us. In our days of darkness help us and in our hours of weakness strengthen us that we do not lose hold of you in this life, nor fail to enjoy you in the life of the world to come. Amen (Bridget of Sweden 1303-1373)

Morning Worship 10.30 am Denise Baugh

Live-stream link for morning service:

<https://youtube.com/live/vDPcn5GAXR4?feature=share>

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Notices

Tuesday 17th March 10:00 – 12:00 Tuesday Coffee Morning - All are welcome.

Tuesday 17th March 19:30 – 21:00 Lent Study Group at Bethesda

Wednesday 18th March 09:00 – 10:00 Ecumenical Communion Service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church

Wednesday 18th March 9.30 – 11.30 Toddler Group in church

Friday 20th March 19:00 – 20:00 Lamplighters' music practice

Sunday 22nd March 10:30 Morning Worship, 5th of Lent – Rev Rachel Leather

Sunday 22nd March 15:00 - 17:00 Circuit Assembly – Hucclecote Methodist

Sunday 22nd March 18:00 – 19:00 Circuit Service – Hucclecote Methodist

Other Notices

Services for Holy Week

Here is a quick reminder of the services/events for Holy Week:

Wednesday 1st April 10:15 – 12:15 Messy Church – 'Surprise'



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Thursday 2 nd April	19:30 – 20:30 Maundy Thursday Service in St Mark's hall led by Rev John Kime (joint with Bethesda)
Friday 3 rd April	15:00 – 16:00 Good Friday Service at Bethesda led by Rev John Kime (joint with St Mark's)
Saturday 4 th April	15:00 – 16:00 Roots in the main hall – presentation of 'The Crucifixion'
Sunday 5 th April	08:00 – 09:00 Early Easter morning Holy Communion – Rev John Kime 09:00 – 10:00 Easter Breakfast in the hall. All are welcome. 10:30 – 11:30 Easter Day Holy Communion – Rev Steve Ward

Rev Rachel Leather Sabbatical

Whilst Rachel is away on sabbatical we have a couple of supernumerary ministers covering her for emergencies. Rev John Kime will cover most of the time and he can be contacted at: john.kime@methodist.org.uk 01242 603570. John is unavailable from 10th May for a month and Rev Ian Yates will be stepping in - he can be contacted at: iyates02@hotmail.com 07476 109000 In the first instance, please contact the stewards or your pastoral visitor, and only use John or Ian for urgent matters.

Eco Church Prayer forum 19 March 12 - 1pm

Praying together as an Eco Church community

Join us online on Thursday 19 March for an hour of reflection, prayer and connection with the Eco Church community.

Led by the A Rocha UK churches team, we'll share a short reflection before heading into breakout groups to pray together, for creation care in our churches, and for one another. Bring along any prayer requests for your church's Eco Church journey. We'll also share some prayer points to help guide you.

Whether you're brand new or have been part of Eco Church for years, you are so welcome!

Register via Eventbrite to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent via Eventbrite two days before and the morning of the event.

[Book your place →](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Every blessing,
The A Rocha UK team



Our current shopping list

- Tinned Cold Meat (or fish)
- Pasta Sauce
- Washing up liquid, washing powder (powder or capsules please, not liquid)
- Soup - packets or tins
- Desserts - hot or cold, packets or cans
- Deodorants – Ladies' and Men's

Thank you for all your donations for the Foodbank. You can leave items in the boxes near our entrances at church. These are collected once a fortnight by volunteers from the Foodbank at Elim.