

Mortlake with East Sheen Team Ministry

Pray On The Move: 19-25 March 2017

Whether or not you have a busy life, if you would like a little daily scriptural input to help you pray this Lent do feel free to use this weekly sheet or, if you would prefer to receive the material on a daily basis by email contact revd.gareth.davies@icloud.com

19 March: John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42

"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

God's good gifts to us include the spring of water within us gushing up to eternal life; with whom might God wish to share this water today?

20 March: Matt 1: 16, 18-21, 24

"...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid...for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Angels told mortals not to fear the birth of Jesus: may we step out trusting God this week, trusting that God will support us in whatever he calls us to do.

21 March: Matt: 18: 21-35

"Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

When God is at work, there is no purely private benefit; the effects spread widely. Pray for the generosity to be a blessing to others.

22 March: Matt 5: 17-19

"Jesus said to the crowds, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.""

Jesus deepens our sense of where we stand before God, not as rule keepers but as loving children.

23 March: Luke 11: 14-23

"Now Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed."

He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak – Mk 7:37. Through perseverance and prayer God is able to release what has been silent in us, that we may have life. Are we, in turn, able to cast out the silence of injustice where we encounter it?

24 March: Mark 12: 28-34

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Honouring God and our neighbour, the person whose path crosses with ours, before we look for our share can be demanding, but will help us to detach, and to return God to the centre of our life.

25 March: Luke 1: 26-38

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

The gift of being able to say "yes" to God when presented with a choice, particularly without much notice, requires one to trust that God knows what is best for us.

Loving God, teach us to listen to our head and to our heart in a crisis.