

# First Sunday of Lent

## Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

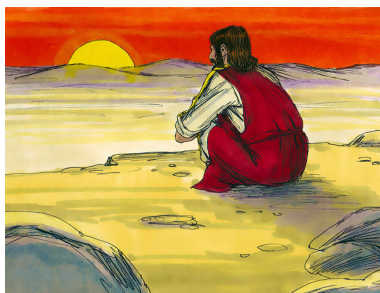
### 40 days in the wilderness

When Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness it's interesting that he makes 3 conditional offers, 'If you...'; 'If you...'; 'If you...'

In other words, he's making statements that are conditional on something else happening, Jesus yielding to temptation and turning away from his mission to redeem fallen humanity. And Satan uses temptation that's designed to undermine Jesus's sense of self whilst he's at his weakest after fasting for 40 days.

How does Jesus respond? Not with conditional statements but with firm, definitive words of scriptural power: 'It is written...'; 'It is written...'; 'It is said...' Satan is powerless in the face of the Truth and slinks away.

The next time Satan tempts us, saying 'if you, if you, if you, let's respond with words of scripture (such as 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'), then let's rejoice and praise God as we watch Satan slink away!



### Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 09.45 in church

### Date for the diary

Mission Community gathering, St Cross Church, Mar 9th at 7.30pm. More information to follow...

### Books/DVDs

There are books and DVDs on tables in the corridor. If you'd like any, please make a donation if you can

### Covid-19 update

Following the latest Church of England guidance mask wearing is now optional, but please be aware of others' needs. And thanks so much for your willingness to follow the guidelines!

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### UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine. Prayer sheets are at the back of church

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### 2022 LENT COURSE STARTS TOMORROW

on Mar 7th, then every Monday evening for 5 weeks, venue St Cross, Clayton, 7.30pm

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### UKRAINE DEC APPEAL

UK Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal has raised £55 million in its first day. If you'd like to contribute there's a plate at the back of church