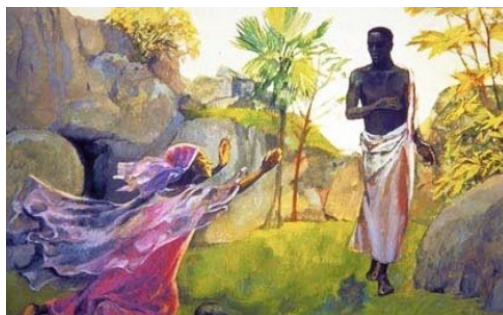


# Third Sunday before Lent

## Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

Our Bible readings today look at the choices we can make when we respond to God's call. We can trust in mere mortals **or** we can trust in the Lord; we can delight in God's law **or** we can walk in the counsel of the wicked. We can rejoice when people hate and revile us for our faith and belief in the Son of Man, **or** we can be filled with woe, even when we think things are going well for us and we're getting along fine. And, critically, we can choose to believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus (and in our own resurrection through faith in him) **or** we, as Paul says, 'are of all people most to be pitied'.



Every day as we live our lives we are confronted with choices to make around what we think, believe, say and do. Following God's truth as written in his Word and strengthened by his Holy Spirit, we can use these moments of choice as opportunities to show all around us that we are rooted in him; when we do so we will never cease to bear in abundance the fruits of God's kingdom.



### Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 09.45 in church

### Confirmation Service

There will be a Confirmation Service for our Mission Community at St Cross Church, Clayton on **Sunday March 20th at 6.30pm.**

### 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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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Acolytes, servers, crucifers, tea and coffee servers. Forms at the back of church if you can help. Thanks! Revd Adam

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### AFGHANISTAN APPEAL

Donations needed for the DEC Appeal for Afghanistan. Please contribute if you can, there's a box at the back of church

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### LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

Ministry training courses run and funded by Manchester Diocese are available on a variety of topics. Please see the leaflet at the back of church. If you're interested, let me know. Revd Adam