

# Second Sunday of Lent

## Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

### The Covenant of the Pieces

I'm sure we've all been impacted hugely by what's happening in Ukraine, the death, injuries and suffering, families fleeing for safety, children separated from their parents. As is usual in war, it's the most vulnerable who are suffering the most.

So, how can we pray when everything seems so overwhelming? Abram (later Abraham) and his conversation with God in Genesis 15 gives us some clues. Even though Abram knows he's talking to the great Jahweh, he still questions, and at times challenges God. And eventually he believes, and obeys God in following his instructions to bring a sacrifice. And God delivers a promise, a covenant (known as the Covenant of the Pieces) that Abram's offspring will be given the land of Israel.

It's ok, then, to question God when we pray. But always we need to believe, like Abram, that God has the power to fundamentally and radically change things. So let's continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, and that the Prince of Peace would banish war and bring restoration and reconciliation, to God's great glory.



### Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 09.45 in church

### Date for the diary

Confirmation Service, 6.30pm on Sunday Mar 20th at St Cross, Clayton

### 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 CONTINUES

on Mar 14th, 7.30pm at St Cross Church, Clayton. Our theme this Lent is 'Embracing Justice'

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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