

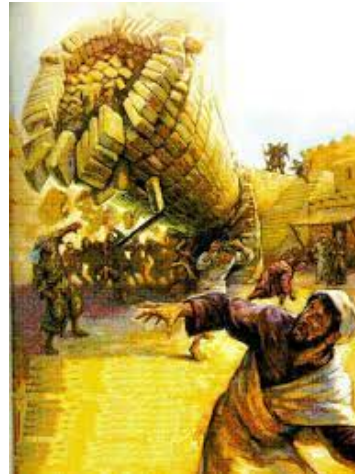
Third Sunday of Lent

Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

The Tower of Siloam

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about two different disasters, the deaths of an unknown number of Galileans killed by Pilate, and 18 people killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Jesus points out that neither of these disasters had anything to do with the sin of the people involved, they just happened. And then he emphasises the importance of repentance for all of us, so we too don't perish.

Martin Luther talked about repentance being all about turning, that if we **turn away** from God towards sin we need to **turn back** to God for his grace and forgiveness. The season of Lent is a fitting time to consider how we might have developed sinful habits or ways of thinking that get in the way of us fully receiving God's grace. Why not spend some time alone with God and ask the Holy Spirit to show us those areas where we have fallen short of the glory of God; **turn to him** and ask for his forgiveness and grace to wash us clean.



Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 09.45 in church

Date for the diary

Confirmation Service, 6.30pm tonight, 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 21st, 7.30pm at St Cross Church, Clayton. Our theme this Lent is 'Embracing Justice'

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CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for Chelsea and Princess being confirmed tonight, and First Communion candidates from our linked primary schools