

# Sunday next before Lent

## Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas

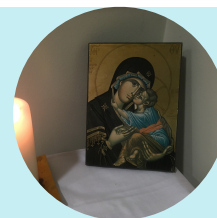
### A day of Prayer for Peace

On Thursday morning we woke up to the horrific news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. I would guess that, like me and countless others, you've been praying for peace in that country, for a diplomatic solution to be found and war avoided. But the invasion happened anyway. So why pray for peace if God doesn't seem to answer our prayers?

Crucially, because peace is something that Jesus desires. The first thing that the risen Christ says to his disciples is 'Peace be with you', not 'nothing is impossible with God' or 'God has raised me from the dead', although both are true. We see in so many Bible stories how Jesus brings peace and order to chaos.

It's true, God can seem very mysterious and unfathomable. But we shouldn't ever forget that God loved us so much that he became one of us in Jesus, and so he truly understands our fears and doubts. And he showed us by his own example that praying to the Father God isn't something to 'bolt on' to our busy day but instead to adopt as a way of life.

So, let's join our fellow Christians today in the Day of Prayer for Peace. Why not light a candle and use the prayer written by our Archbishops (candle and prayer at the back of church). To God be the Glory, Prince of Peace and Lord of Lords!



#### 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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#### ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00pm service at church this Wednesday evening (Mar 2nd) with ashing

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#### 2022 LENT COURSE

We're running a joint Lent Course this year with St Cross, every Monday evening starting on Mar 7th for 5 weeks, venue St Cross, Clayton, 7.30pm

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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