

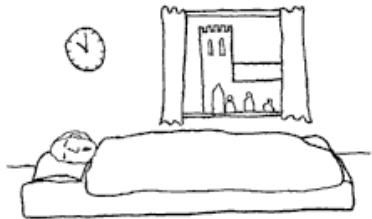
# LENT



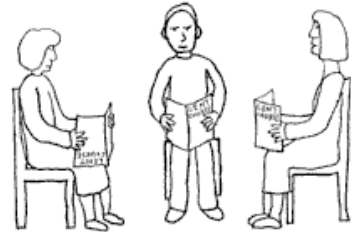
LENT IS A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION



IT IS A SEASON OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

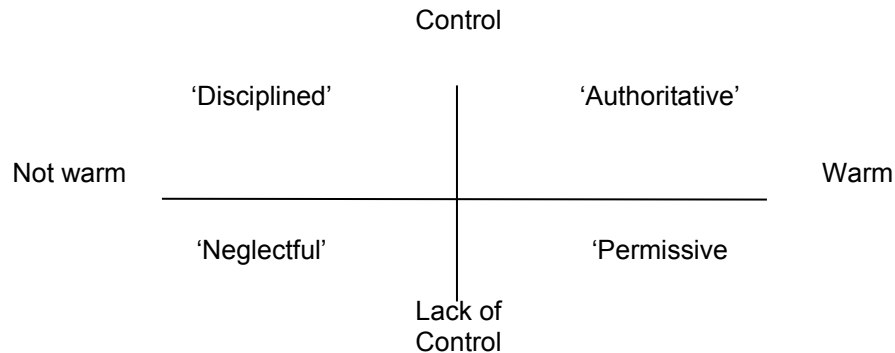


SOME CHRISTIANS GIVE SOMETHING UP DURING LENT



OTHERS CHOOSE TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF PENANCE

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St Stephen & St Thomas' Church

22 February 2009

Sunday next before Lent

Baptism of

Caspar Francis Spiegelberg Edwards

[www.ststephensw12.org](http://www.ststephensw12.org)

You can read all the latest news about the parish.

You can also read the sermons which are posted each week

## Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

(p.502)

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Gradual Hymn

## GOSPEL

Mark 9.2-9

(p.503)

<sup>2</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Amazing love, oh what sacrifice  
The Son of God, given for me*

*My debt He paid, and my death He died  
That I might live, that I might live*

#### INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for

- The sick and suffering: especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew, Ivy Smith, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Sylvia Steed, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry, Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

**Offertory Hymn**                      **507**                      **Lord of all hopefulness**

**Communion Hymn**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Recessional Hymn**                      **362**                      **Tell out, my soul**

*Coffee in Church after the service*

Please look at the back of the Church at our application to make the changes needed to the church as a part of our building. Talk to me if you want any more information.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

**Monday:** Mother and Toddlers (9-11)  
**Ash Wednesday:** Parent and Child Reading Group (from 3.30)  
Service of Holy Communion – 6 pm  
**Thursday:** Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.  
**Next Sunday:** All Age Worship – 10 am  
Celebrant and Preacher - Rev Dr Bob Mayo  
1 Peter 3.18-22 (p508), Mark 1.9-15 (p509)

#### NOTICES

##### God loves a cheerful giver

Can you give to the church by Standing Order rather than through the pledged envelopes?

It means that the church can rely on a regular income, your giving is not dependent on how you feel that day or on whether or not you are in church.

Currently there are 25 people in the congregation who give a total of £801.00 a month by Standing Order. This makes a weekly average of £7.39 a person.

There are 50 people who give to the church in pledged envelopes. This makes an average of £4.79.

Please can you think of changing your pledged envelope to a standing order.

It cost £50,000 a year to run the church and at the moment we are not covering our costs!

The next Confirmation Service involving people from our parish will be at St Paul's on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It is the evening before Easter and a great time to be confirmed

The Consecration of Rev Cannon Paul Williams as Bishop of Kensington will take place on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am – talk to Bob (07969090907) if you are interested in going.

The Bishop will visit St Stephens for an evening service on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm. The fact that we do not have an evening service did not appear to deter him. It will be up to us to give him a good welcome.