

# Redeemer/ St. George's March Newsletter 2026



## From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." –  
*John 15:12*

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## Service schedule

Services in March will be as follows.

Sunday March 1 Morning Prayer Chris taking the service

March 8 Service of the Word and installation of council and vestry

Sunday March 15 morning prayer Chris taking the service

Sunday March 22 service of the word

Sunday March 29 Palm Sunday Communion

## Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We are in Lent! When I wrote last month, I encouraged you to consider how you might better position yourself to set a context where Christ can love others through you. Habits that need to change, etc. for the sake of living a life that cooperates with God's Holy Spirit's work in you. I hope that now that we've entered Lent, you've made some commitments that will amplify your openness to receiving the good work that God is doing in you.

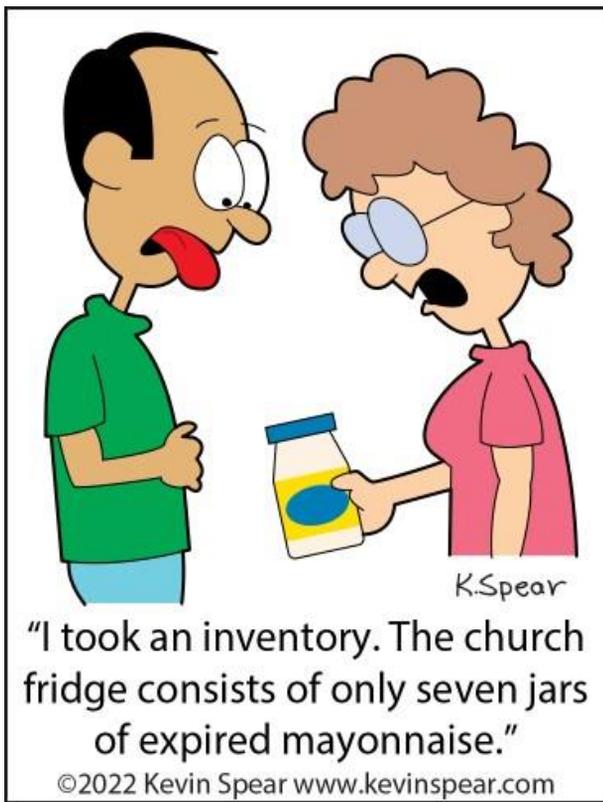
Lent is a time that we typically associate with fasting – fasting from things we consider bad but often allow ourselves to incorporate into our lives normally. In some cases this means fasting from food, but closely related are the disciplines of tithing and of abstinence. In all of these cases the point is that there are things that vie for our loyalty: food (perhaps particularly so-called *comfort* food), wealth (sometimes for its own sake, but often for the luxuries it affords us), and sex (to name just a few). When Jesus called His disciples to lives of self-denial, it wasn't some kind of self-negation that He was referring to (though there is a sense in which that may be partly true) – it was to a distancing of themselves from the little indulgences of the world's fare. And so Jesus tells Satan, in the desert, as He quotes Scripture: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3); Jesus tells the rich young ruler, to sell his possessions and give the money to the poor (Matthew 19). That the power of these regular offenders would be broken in the lives of His disciples. That they would be free to seek His Kingdom, first.

We sometimes draw false dichotomies – we pit the flesh against the spirit, we talk about mind-over-matter. But the truth of human personhood is that it is found in the unity of all of the facets of our being. This means that while we recognize different spheres of operation (the body, the mind, the spirit, the heart), we also know that they are woven together in the tapestry of our lives – for each of us – that we wouldn't be whole if we were without one or another. It means that we cannot relegate spiritual things to spiritual enterprises, and physical things to physical enterprises. There is a synergy between the facets of being, whereby a physical enterprise has a spiritual effect (and so on). When we deny ourselves certain physical luxuries, or indulgences, there is an instant and reciprocal spiritual dimension involved in that physical denial.

Rather than making this Lent about reflection on the depths of human sin and depravity, let us make this Lent a time of contemplating the glorious riches of God's grace and mercy to us as we open our lives to His transforming Spirit more and more. Let us face Lent in unity within ourselves, with singular devotion to Christ Jesus.

God bless,

Jonathan+



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# This month at church:

**Choir Practice** Will be Tuesdays this year. All are welcome to join. **March 3,10,17,24,31**

**Council/Vestry meeting** Tuesday March 17 at 7:30

**Evensong Wednesdays during lent** March 4,11,18,25 at 4:00

**Confirmation classes Wednesdays at 5:00**

**Council and Vestry** will meet Tuesday March 17 at 7:30

**Thursdays March. 5,12, 19,26** bible study at 2:00, led by Jonathan.

**March 29 Samaritan House Sunday**

**Every Sunday remember your Loonie for the little church** donation for Samaritan House safe and warm shelter.



Turn your clocks  
ahead one hour  
when you go to  
bed Saturday  
March 7.



Pancake supper! Thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who came. Thank you for supporting the Anglican Memorial Camp.



# March 2026

April 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Victoria Landing 8:00	2	3 Choir 6:15	4 Fairview 10:30 Evensong 4:00 Confirmation class	5 Bible Study 2:00	6	7 Move clocks ahead 1 hour
8 Review Fire Escape Plan <del>8:00</del>	9	10 Choir 6:15	11 Hillcrest 11:00 Dinsdale 2:00 Evensong 4:00 Confirmation class	12 Bible Study 2:00	13	14
15	16	17 Council Vestry 7:30 Choir 6:15	18 <del>Assembly</del> Evensong 4:00 Confirmation class	19 Bible Study 2:00	20	21
22 Valley View 2:00	23	24 Choir 6:15	25 Evensong 4:00 Confirmation class	26 Riverheights 11:00 Bible Study 2:00	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Sampritan House Sunday	30	31 Choir 6:15	1	2	3	4