

# Outlook



*“‘Be careful,’ Jesus warned them. ‘Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.’”*

Mark 8:15

In Mark 4:2 we read that Jesus, *“taught them many things by parables.”* On the face of it any parable can appear to be terribly simple, but just as *‘still waters run deep’* so Jesus’ parables contain very significant truths. Proverbs 25:2 tells us, *“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.”* and with this in mind we turn to our reading from Mark’s Gospel today.

On the face of it, it’s a simple-but-strange story about bread and yeast. But why did Jesus choose to use this picture? And what is so significant about it that Mark was prompted by the Holy Spirit to record it in his Gospel?

We’d love it if every church member were able to [read](#) or [listen](#) to the whole of Mark this Lent. Do feed back to Ian or the wardens (Dot & Keith) anything you find to be particularly striking or helpful in your personal readings or our Sunday services.

## A Collect for this Week

*Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



## Romans 4:1-8

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter?

2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. 3 What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.'

4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God

who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. 6 David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 'Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.'

## Mark 8:14-21

14 The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. 15 'Be careful,' Jesus warned them. 'Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.'

16 They discussed this with one another and said, 'It is because we have no bread.'

17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: 'Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Do you have

eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?'

'Twelve,' they replied.

20 'And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?' They answered, 'Seven.'

21 He said to them, 'Do you still not understand?'

## Bring-and-Share Lunch Today - and Advance Notice for April 5th



Do join us at noon-ish today for our regular bring-and-share lunch. **Advance notice for next month:** Being as though it will be Easter Sunday, we won't have a bring-and-share lunch on April 5th - but there will be some special Easter treats to enjoy between the 2 services instead!

## Lent Events



Our Lent course continues each [Tuesday at 7:30pm](#) and [Wednesday at 1:45pm](#). You'd be most welcome to join in. And here are some other **helpful Lent dates** for your diary:

- [Agapé/Passover Supper](#)
  - ▶ 7:00pm Thursday 2nd April (*please note change of time*)
  - ▶ [Click here to reserve your seat](#) at this delicious meal
- [Holy Communion for Holy Week](#)
  - ▶ 9:15am every day Mon 30th March - Thurs 2nd April
- [Saturday Kids' Easter Special](#)
  - ▶ 2:00-3:30pm Saturday 4th April

## The PCC would like to invite you...



... to come and join them for a time of spring cleaning All Saints' - inside and out - during the morning of **Saturday 28th March** (the weekend before Easter Sunday). There'll be dusting, gardening, tidying, window cleaning and lots more to get stuck into. And there'll be cake too.

## Opportunities to Serve



Please speak to Sue if you can serve in one of the following ways:

- ✿ AV Team (one Sunday per month)
- ✿ Hall Bookings Coordinator
- ✿ Gardening Team & Lawn-Mowing
- ✿ Refreshments Team (about one Sunday every 5 weeks)

## Fasting in Lent?



Fasting is an important Christian discipline and Lent provides us with an encouragement to take it up. More details to follow next week, but might you join a whole-church fast during Friday 13th April?

## Keep in Touch



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## Making the Most of Mark's Gospel



To get the most out of Mark's Gospel, why not read these passages and make a note of your answers to the questions? There'll be more similar readings & questions each week during Lent.

### >>>Read [Mark 3:7 – 5:43](#)

1. In this passage Mark records Jesus doing four specific miracles:
  - a) calming a storm ([Mark 4:35-41](#))
  - b) healing a demon-possessed man ([Mark 5:1-20](#))
  - c) healing a sick woman ([Mark 5:25-34](#))
  - d) raising a dead girl to life ([Mark 5:35-43](#))
    - What does Jesus show authority over in these events?
    - How does this add to what we've already seen about his power and authority in the earlier chapters?
2. When Jairus's daughter died, and all hope seemed to be lost ([Mark 5:35](#)), what did Jesus ask Jairus to do ([verse 36](#))?
  - Was that a "reasonable" thing to ask?
3. Looking at all four events (see Question 1) what are the different ways in which people respond to Jesus? See:
  - a) [Mark 4:40-41](#)
  - b) [Mark 5:15](#)
  - c) [Mark 5:27-28, 34](#)
  - d) [Mark 5:42](#)
  - Do you see yourself in any of these responses?
4. Do you have any questions about [Mark 3:7 – 5:43](#)?