

**Wollaston Free Church
Lent Services 2019**

It is helpful and beneficial to be able to meet together each Thursday evening during Lent, as we have done each year during the last 20 years, to concentrate our minds on the life of Jesus during his last week on earth.

Over the years speakers have drawn our attention to various aspects. We have thought about the sayings of Jesus as he travelled to the cross, about the words he spoke from the cross, and the challenges and questions put to Jesus on his journey that eventful week.

This year the theme of the services will be friends and enemies of Jesus on his way to and on the cross.

The length of time these people had known Jesus and how well they had known him varies considerably, but they all played a significant part at this time.

There will be challenges for each one of us as we listen to the speakers, when we should be prepared to examine ourselves and consider what our re-actions would be if the events we hear about were taking place today.

**March 7th
Judas Iscariot**

Reading - Matthew 26 v 14-16 and 27 v 1-10

Andrew Haynes

Andrew is the eldest son of Tony Haynes who is a founder member of Wollaston Free Church, and so Andrew has attended the church since its beginning. He was baptised in 1974. He lives in Kinver and is an overseer on a privately owned estate. Andrew has three children and now three grandchildren.

Andrew is an established Methodist lay preacher and preaches at various churches on the Methodist Circuit. He preaches here at Wollaston and also attends the Thursday mid-week service and the monthly prayer meeting.

**March 14th
Simon Peter**

Reading - Mark 14 v 66-72

Dr Oti Bunaciu

Oti lives in Bucharest Romania and is married to Camelia; they have a son David. Since 1991 Oti has served as minister of Ferentari Baptist Church.

Oti is a Professor of Theology at the University of Bucharest, where he is Dean of the Baptist College and teaches for the TCMI Institute in Austria and for the Baptist Theological Institute in Bucharest. He is past president of the Baptist Union of Romania and of the European Baptist Federation.

In 1991 he founded Project Ruth; its aim being to assist Roma children who live near where the church is located. The main focus is education for children, but now includes the training of leaders for ministry in Roma communities and a centre for counselling and job training Roma women.

March 21st

Women at the cross

Reading Matthew 27 v 45 - 56

Samantha Williams

Samantha is married to Paul and they have two sons and a daughter; Samantha is the daughter-in-law of Peter and Jasmine. She graduated from Birmingham University in 1990 and is now a primary School teacher. She enjoys reading, listening to music and socialising if there is a spare minute.

At Wollaston Free Church Samantha regularly leads services, preaches and is a member of the church choir. At the Family Service she speaks to the children.

March 28th

Pontius Pilate

Reading - Mark 15 v 1-15

Rev Rico Tice

Rico Tice is the Senior Minister (Evangelism) at All Souls, Langham Place in London.

Joining in 1994 during the later years of the ministry of John Stott his main role is to help the hundreds of enquirers who come through the doors of the church each year about the Christian faith.

Rico continues to inspire believers to share their faith in Jesus, and develops new course material through an active teaching and equipping ministry. In 2011 the 3rd Edition of Christianity Explored was published.

Born in Chile in 1966, he grew up in Uganda and Zaire. He studied history at Bristol University and trained for ordination at Wycliffe College, Oxford (when he wasn't playing rugby.)

Rico's hobbies include playing golf and watching films. He married Lucy in December 2008 and they have three young children.

April 4th
The Woman at Bethany
Reading - Matthew 26 v 6-13

.Dr Paul Williams

Paul is married to Samantha and is the son of Peter and Jasmine Williams; he has three children.

He is a GP in a very busy practice, he enjoys reading, going to the opera and walking when there is time!!! He has visited Romania many times since the ending of the communist era, and regards Oti as a very close family friend.

Paul has been at Wollaston Free Church since day one (as a baby). He now sings in the choir, also regularly preaches and leads services including communion services.

April 11th
Roman Soldiers
Reading - John 19 v 16b-37

Rev Peter Manson

Peter was born and bred in Leicester. He graduated in Maths from Bangor before joining Peter Williams at Cardiff Baptist College; pastorates in Cardiff and Woolwich followed.

He joined the staff at Spurgeon's College (London) where he was responsible for the practical training of Baptist Ministers. As he retired he was elected President of the Baptist Union and of the Baptist Men's Movement.

Peter has retired to Selsdon, South Croydon. He is married to Ruth and has one son, Christopher, an engineer who has five children.

April 18th
The Two Thieves
Reading - Luke 23 v 32-43

Rev Peter Williams

Peter needs little introduction and much of his background can be found in the book he wrote which is still available, entitled 'A Brief History of Wollaston Free Church As I lived it'.

In this book we read of how in 1967 Peter, together with a dozen others purchased the old Stourbridge rugby club and in faith and through prayer, commitment and hard work Wollaston Free Church was founded. From that small beginning the church has expanded to its current membership of several hundred.

In September Peter will have celebrated 57 years in the ministry. He is married to Jasmine and they have an extended family.

Fish and chips will be served at 6.30pm on Thursday 14th March prior to the service, prices :- standard £6.50, small £5. It is necessary to book prior to the day. Tel. 01384 375228

SERVICES FOR EASTER DAY
SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2019

11.00 am Easter morning Family Worship
Children participating

6.30 pm Evening Worship
with items by the choir

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2019



***Friends and
Enemies of Jesus
on his way to
and on the cross***

A series of special services for

Lent 2019

8pm every Thursday

from 7th March to 18th April

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