

World Day of Prayer

This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. The engaging service includes stories of faith to encourage prayerful action.

Friday March 7th

All, both men and women, are welcome- to come and be part of an international wave of prayer which will encircle the earth for 38 hours. Services will be followed by refreshments.

10.30am at St.John's Church Hall, Beck Row
(Contact: Jenny Everett 07807 912909)

Noon at All Saints Church, Gazeley followed by lunch
(Contact: Canon Rev.Chris Childs, 01638 429212)

2.30pm at Mildenhall Methodist Church, High Street, Mildenhall.
(Contact: Rev.Sue Leathley, 01638 711930)

St.Mary's Church Mildenhall March Noticesheet.



Services:

March 2nd Sunday next before Lent

11am All-age service with Baptism- we welcome Lily. Luke 4:1-13

March 5th Ash Wednesday

3pm Holy Communion Is.58:1-12 Jn.8:1-11

March 9th 1st Sunday of Lent

11am All-age Holy Communion Luke 5:27-31

March 16th 2nd Sunday of Lent

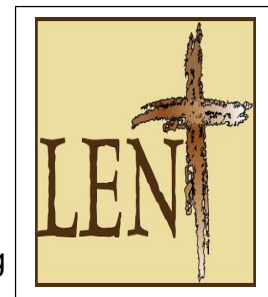
11am Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Is.42:1-9 Luke 13:31-end

March 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent

11am Holy Communion Is.43:1-7 Luke 13:1-9

March 30th 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

All-age Holy Communion Is.49:13-16 Luke 12:22-31



Through the week: **Prayer services- everyone welcome:**

Tuesday and Fridays 9.45-10am in the Chancel area at the far end of the church.

Wednesdays 3-3.15pm (except March 5th) in the Cottage Rooms followed by Lent course

Thursdays Compline 7.45-8pm followed by Lent course in the Cottage Rooms

Churches Together in Mildenhall Prayer time-

Sat. March 1st 9 a.m. at Mildenhall Methodist church. All welcome

Sat. April 5th 9 a.m. at St.Mary's.

St.Mary's Spring Sale Saturday March 22nd 2-4pm.

This will include Crafts, gifts, pre-loved items, toys, plants, books, home baked goods. Also, refreshments and activities to do.

There will also be donation tables if you have any items to bring – the proceeds will go to the church.

Your help is needed please- to tell encourage people to come, to bring things to sell, to serve refreshments and sell items.

Please let Sue or Carole know if you can help on the day.

Lent time.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 5th with a service of Holy Communion at 3pm in the chancel.

Crosses of Hope for the 1st week of March and to be in place during Lent- Please let Sue know if you can help to decorate the church.

Setting up the Lent-Easter trail – on Thurs. March 6th from 10am- please let Sue know if you can assist.



Collecting for Water Aid to provide clean water for those who do not have it- “Jars of Change” will be available from March 2nd.

Lent courses will be in the Cottage Rooms on Wednesdays from March 12th 3-4.15pm beginning with a short prayer service and looking at Embrace the Middle East material “Hope in Hard Places”

and on Thursdays from March 6th 8-9pm (after Compline 7.45-8pm) looking at the character of God using Bible project videos.

All are welcome and encouraged to come to these times to discuss and learn together

There are also many Lent devotions available online- such as the Church of England “Living Hope”, through Tearfund and the Bible Society.

Also, Bright Hope for Tomorrow- the Diocesan Kagera Lent resources.

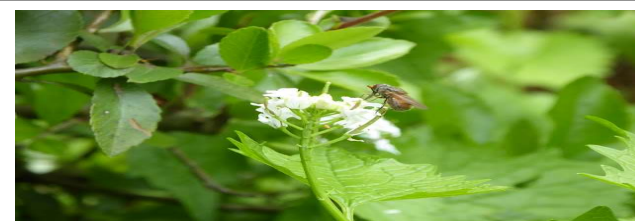
And “**Unforgivable?**” St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

The Cathedral's Lent theme in 2025 is 'Unforgivable', exploring the limits of forgiveness. Inspired by the book by The Revd Dr Stephen Cherry, Dean of King's College Cambridge, the Cathedral is offering a series of talks, events and addresses during this Lent. You can engage with every step of this exploration, or you can dip into the things that inspire you most.

Please see the relevant web-sites.

Hedge planting in the churchyard.

A line of hedging is planned for along the path on the north side of the churchyard.



It is hoped that this will improve the safety of the walkway (along with other measures) with the added bonus of being an attractive, wildlife friendly asset.

Preparations for planting are underway and we hope to actually put the plants in on Sat. March 8th- please come and help if you can.

Please look out for more details.

Coming soon- Lent Prayer goals for each week in Lent and a Prayer Guide.

School visits and services for Lent and Easter will be happening throughout March- please see Sue if you would like to come and welcome.

Looking ahead: Call in for a cuppa – Friday April 4th 10.15-11.15am in the north porch. And 11.30am-noon, Holy Communion service for anyone wishing to stay.

On **Good Friday**: Churches Together walk of witness leaving from the Jubilee field at 10.30am and walking to St.Mary's churchyard.

New: Please help to distribute a Spring newsheet to your neighbours.

If you would like extra **prayer for any reason, or to talk**, please phone 01638, Ann (718902), Sue (711930), or Jill (714775), or June (715073) or put a request in the prayer corner box, come along to a prayer time, or speak to us after a service.