



Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Birte Trowbridge** (funeral at Wellow 11am Sat 28th Feb), **Martyn Lacey, Terry, Allison Sillence, Charles Payne, & Reginald Cloudsdale**

...those who are unwell, including: **Brenda Jewell, Debbie Arthur, Debbie Matthias, Jan Mallett** (stroke – in hospital), **Jeanine Stewart, Lawrence Nash** (hospital), **Maisy, Mavis Eastwood, Michelle Harden, Pam Farquharson, Rae Tugwell, Richard & Sue and Simon Bell**

Lent (the 'lengthening' of the days) is an old English word meaning Spring. In earliest times it was observed by those who were preparing for their Baptism at Easter. Later the 40 days of Lent were identified with the 40 days when Jesus was tested in the wilderness. It is an opportunity for Christians humbly to re-examine their lives and through prayer, study and self-denial, to renew their love for God.

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	<i>The temptation of Jesus</i>
Monday	Deuteronomy 8:1-9	<i>We do not live on bread alone</i>
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 6:13-19	<i>Do not test the Lord</i>
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	<i>Warnings about temptation</i>
Thursday	Galatians 6:1-10	<i>Watch yourself!</i>
Friday	Hebrews 4:14-5:10	<i>Christ was tempted as we are</i>
Saturday	Psalm 38	<i>Confessing our sin</i>
Sunday	John 3:1-17	<i>For God so loved the world</i>

A Morning Prayer: Lord Jesus, please help us when we am tempted to do wrong. Make us strong through your words. Amen. (Matthew 4:1-11)

Words to Share: No one can live only on food: *We need every word that God has spoken.* (Matthew 4:4)

A Blessing to Give: May God keep you safe when you are tempted. May he feed you with his lifegiving words, so that you stay strong in your faith. Amen



Readings for 1st March – 2nd of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
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News & Notices - 22nd February to 1st March



Sandro Botticelli, *The Temptation of Christ* (1482)

Sunday 22nd February – 1st of Lent

8.15am	Communion (BCP) in Wellow
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
9am	Matins (BCP) in West Tytherley
9.15am	Matins (BCP) in Wellow
1030am	Eucharist in Lockerley
11am	Morning Prayer in Sherfield English
6pm	Evensong (BCP) in East Dean
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Sunday 22nd February – 1st of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They succumb to temptation and their eyes are opened so they know that they are naked. They hide their nakedness with fig leaves.	Sin and death came into the world because of Adam's disobedience, and held sway until the time of Moses, when God gave the Law to humankind. However, through the grace and obedience of Jesus Christ, humanity is offered the free gift of forgiveness and life.	Three times Jesus resists the devil's temptations to ignore God's will, choosing not to act in self-interest, nor to behave recklessly to prove his divinity, nor to seize power for himself.

Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Wednesday 25th February

9am Eucharist in Lockerley and 7pm Lockerley PCC Meeting

Thursday 26th February

7pm 'The Chosen' – Lent Course at Wellow Village Hall

Saturday 28th February

10-1130am Training and Refresher Training for all Welcomers, Sidespersons and Sacristans in West Tytherley Church

Noon-2pm Lent Lunch in Lodge Farm, West Tytherley SP5 1LA

Sunday 1st March – 2nd of Lent

8am Communion (BCP) in Lockerley

From 9am Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow

9.45/10pm Breakfast Church in West Tytherley

1030am Celebration Service in Lockerley

11am Communion in Sherfield English

11am Matins (BCP) in East Dean

4pm Messy Church in Wellow Village Hall

9pm Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches



	8 th Mar	15 th Mar	22 nd Mar	29 th March
East Dean	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	1030am Palm Sunday Benefice Service in Sherfield English
East Tytherley	9.30am Short but Sweet	-	-	
Lockerley	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	
Sherfield English	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	
West Tytherley	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	
Wellow	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	

Book Club at West Tytherley Church Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 6.45pm to 8pm

Topic: Rekindling the Wonder of Childlike Wisdom. Book is 'Seeing Anew'

Awakening to Life's Lessons by Martina Lehane Sheehan.

All are very welcome. Wrap up warmly.

**Charity of the Month
February 2026**



Millions of Palestinians living under Israel's military occupation and as refugees are being denied their rights to health and dignity. MAP is working to change this. It has been their driving force for more than 40 years, and the need has never been greater. MAP has been working with Palestinian communities to deliver locally-led health and medical care to those worst affected by Israeli occupation, discrimination and oppression. Teams provide immediate medical aid to those who need it at times of crisis and heightened violence, while also developing local capacity and skills to ensure the long-term development of the Palestinian healthcare system.

More details from www.map.org.uk

(Collection Baskets in Churches or to the Vicar at Crispins, Lockerley)

Lent Course 'The Chosen'

Thursdays 7-8.30pm, Wellow Village Hall

26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March

We will watch an episode of 'The Chosen'

(TV Series about the life of Jesus)

and then have a discussion over snacks and desserts.

Community Lunches in Lent

Come for a soup, bread and cheese lunch on Saturdays in Lent between 12 and 2pm

Saturday	Venues and Hosts
28 th February	Karen Walker's Barn – Lodge Farm, The Green, West Tytherley SP5 1LA
7 th March	Manor Cottage, Frenchmoor Lane, East Dean SP5 1HA (Nick and Suky Turner) <i>(Parking at The Old Brewers SP5 1HU)</i>
14 th March	Coach House, East Tytherley SP5 1LE (Rob Scoones & Joanne Nash)