

# TOGETHER IN FAITH



## From the vicar's study...

Lent is a sacred season in the life of the Church - a forty day journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and leading us to the joy of Easter Sunday, Lent invites us to slow down, reflect, and return to God with renewed devotion.

This year, as we walk this path together, we are reminded of the words of Joel 2.12: 'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.' Lent is not about perfection, but about transformation. It is a time to examine our hearts, lay aside distractions, and draw closer to Christ.

Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus modelling prayer and sacrifice, especially during His forty days in the wilderness (Matthew 4.1-11). As we follow His example, consider choosing a spiritual discipline that helps you grow - perhaps setting aside daily time in Scripture, fasting from something that competes for your attention, or serving someone in need.

May this season be one of renewal, humility, and hope. As we move towards the cross and the empty tomb, may we experience the depth of God's love in a fresh and powerful way.

Grace and peace to you all this Lenten season.  
God bless  
Katrina

## Church Services

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Lent 2  
10.00 Holy Communion  
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17  
John 3.1-17

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Lent 3  
10.00 Holy Communion  
Romans 5.1-11  
John 4.5-42

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Mothering Sunday  
10.00 Holy Communion  
2 Corinthians 1.3-7  
John 19.25b-27

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Passion Sunday  
10:00 Holy Communion  
Romans 8.6-11  
John 11.1-45

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Palm Sunday  
10:00 Holy Communion  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Matthew 21.1-11

### Morning Prayer on Zoom

Tuesdays at 9.15am  
Please see Joyce for details

## For information

### Prayer requests

If you have any prayer requests please contact Rev'd Katrina Robinson-Brown.

In March we will be praying for people who live on: Woodlands Drive, Wool Place, Armitage Close and Ashfield Avenue

### Lent course

Our Lent course this year is Living Faith – invitations from the cross. Explore our invitation from Jesus to forgiveness, service, hope, adoption, empathy and trust. We will meet Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings, more information below.

### Donations for the refuge

Any items of food, household cleaning materials or toiletries are gratefully received by the Refuge. They have limited storage space so these donations are all that can be managed. Please can any use by dates be checked on donations.

### Churchwarden information session

There is an information evening via Zoom on Tuesday 24 March from 7.00pm – 8.30pm for anyone who is interested in finding out more about the role of churchwarden, please see Katrina for further details.

### St Aidan's Charity Shop

#### Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm

### Draw results

March Draw Results:

1st prize: No. 43, Val Sparling, £15  
2nd prize: No. 67, Ruth Sherrin, £10  
3rd prize: No 70, Linda Tims, £5

## Events this month



### Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th March  
10.00am - 12 noon



### Baby and Toddler Group

Tuesday 10th March  
9.00am - 11.00am  
Free entry



### Lent course at the vicarage

Mondays at 11.00am  
Wednesdays at 7.00pm  
Throughout March

## Get in touch

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