

THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE BULLETIN MARCH 2026

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" And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened".

Luke 11:9-10

CLERGY THOUGHTS

Seasoning the year!

Christmas is over, and all of a sudden, pancakes have been cooked, tossed and eaten, and we are in the season of Lent – when the daffodils nod more wisely, the hedgerows are burgeoning with new life and the countdown to the festival of Easter commences.

'Lent' from the old English of when the days lengthen and 'may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This explains the characteristic notes of Lent - self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

Now is the healing time decreed
for sins of heart and word and deed,
when we in humble fear record
the wrong that we have done the Lord.
(Latin, before 12th century)¹

The 'observance of Lent' was at first undertaken by the baptismal candidates, for whom it was the final part of their preparation before initiation into the Church in the Easter liturgy. It was not long before the Church realized the benefit to all Christians of joining in a season of preparation marked by penitence expressed in prayer and fasting. It is this sense of preparation, and so of eager expectation with Good Friday and Easter Day always in view, that should characterize the season of Lent.

The popular idea of giving things up in Lent, however inadequately it is often understood, has its liturgical expression in the stark simplicity of Lenten worship. In part this is to express a spirit of penitence. But it is also in order to provide striking contrast with the joyful celebration of Easter'.²

We have many things to 'do' from downing soup to exploring the desert sojourners, and courses in between to help us mark this special season, but more important is not to spend too much time 'doing', but rather 'being' – being conscious of taking time with the Lord, in reflection and prayer.

As much as this season becomes a time of spring-cleaning our homes and dwellings, as a recent visit to the recycling centred wonderfully demonstrated, inwardly it is a spiritual season of the spring-cleaning of our hearts and minds, a time of restoration whereby, in a few weeks' time, we might tread more deeply the pathway of passion and so live more joyously resurrection life.

I pray we all find a Lenten journey that truly refreshes our whole being as disciples and ambassadors of faith in Christ Jesus.

Revd Mark

Notes: 1 & 2 – taken from the introductory notes to the liturgical sourcebooks 'Times and seasons', and 'Lent, Holy Week and Easter'.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER AND ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY

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**ALL SAINTS - MID-WEEK MORNING PRAYER followed by soup lunch –
11.30m EACH THURSDAY THROUGH LENT** All Welcome. No need to book for lunch.

PLEASE NOTE – the St Agnes Fourth Sunday Communion will start at 4.30pm This service will revert to the later time of 6.00pm from April after the clocks go forward.

MON 23rd MARCH - CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – ST AGNES CHURCH – 6.00pm for around 45 mins. *“In contemplative prayer, we learn the art of finding ourselves in God in stillness and in silence”.*

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

Instead of the annual box collection day, I am having an open day from 10.00 onwards on Tuesday 10th March at The Rafters, Warden Road, Totland for all supporters of the Children's Society. Many previous box holders have discontinued using their box because cash is not always easily available these days and prefer to donate by standing order, direct debit or a one-off annual donation. I will still collect donations to forward to the TCS from boxes, by cheque or cash. It would be good to see all our supporters, come and have coffee, soup lunch or a cup of tea. We look forward to seeing you.

Gill Kingston. 01983 75267”

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Meet **First Saturday** of each month. All welcome.

The **FLOWER TEAM** are happy to do special arrangements on a particular Sunday to commemorate special memories/events. Plenty of notice and a small donation would be all we need. If you would like to try your hand at arranging - contact Jan Evans at jan_evans@btopenworld.com.

THE CRAFT GROUP will meet in All Saints on **Mondays 2nd, 16th March, 30th March**. All welcome for craft, tea and chat. Bring a project or join in with the church craft ideas.

ALL SAINTS BELL RINGERS meet on **Wednesday evenings** from 6pm to 7pm – new ringers welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on the **first Tuesday** of the month.

ALL SAINTS CHOIR practice **Friday evenings** at 6.30pm. New members welcome (No audition required).

CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY

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CONCERTS at Christ Church

THE TRITONE SINGERS - a concert of sacred choral music - SAT 21st MAR 7pm

Tickets £10 on the door or in advance from the choir.

THE WEST WIGHT CHOIR, WITH GUEST ACCOMPANIST JAMES LONGFORD

Music for Easter, including Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' – **WED 1st APRIL 7pm** Tickets £10 at the door, in aid of the Mountbatten Hospice. Refreshments will be available during the Interval in aid of the Church.

SUN 1st MAR – Our first Sunday of the month Breakfast service – Breakfast from 10 am - Bacon rolls, croissants, fruit, tea/coffee, fruit juice. All welcome. Morning Worship follows at 11am.

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 4pm to 5pm, Vision Prayer. CURRENTLY meeting in the Annexe. Join us to pray for the current and future ministry of Christ Church both as a church and as part of the wider communities of the West Wight Benefice of CofE Churches and Churches Together in West Wight.

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB Last Saturday of the month with an early start and prompt finish. To express interest or find out more, please contact Chris Jagger on chrisjagger42@gmail.com or text to 07818675528

WINTER WARMERS RAIL. Our rail is well stocked with coats, gloves, scarves etc. Please spread the word and take a look yourself! Take what you need, donate what you don't! Church is open each day during daylight hours.

EACH MONDAY 2pm - 3.30pm - Our Place Totland. All welcome for tea, cake and chat.

THANK YOU, Our February coffee morning, raised £260 for the West Wight Sports and Community Centre; huge thanks to all who came along, all who helped, and all who baked! There will be no coffee morning in March. Our next one will be on Saturday 25th April.

ST JAMES, YARMOUTH TELL ▪ TEACH ▪ TEND ▪ TRANSFORM ▪ TREASURE.

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PALM SUNDAY 29th March 2026 Come and join us at Yarmouth Harbour office on Palm Sunday around 10.30am after which we'll walk to St. James Church Yarmouth. Follow the donkey and Jesus. All are welcome to join us, as we process to St James for the service at 11am followed by refreshments.

PANCAKE RACES – what fun! Pancake day was very well attended - by around 400 children from Freshwater and Shalfleet primary schools, together with lots of parents in support. Year 6 from both schools (around 50 children) were welcomed into St. James Church to enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits. Rev. Mark chatted to them about some of the many artifacts in the building. We were delighted to host them - they were a credit to the school – they were very well behaved and left happy.

LENT There is a **Lent course** underway in Yarmouth on Wednesday afternoons. For more details, please contact either Revd Mark or host - Janice Aslin 01983 760825. **Lent lunches** – see under Churches Together West Wight news later in the Bulletin.

HOLY WEEK - Stations of the cross will be set up in St James during Holy week from Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April for personal prayer and reflection during the day when the church is open.

CHURCH GARDEN - A lot of work has been done in the church garden and is on-going – creating a lovely space for rest and reflection. If you would like to help in the garden, then please let the Churchwardens know.

COAT OF HOPES in Yarmouth (see later in the Bulletin for further information and look out for the programme of its journey on flyers and posters).

But as part of its journey on **SUN 15TH MAR** The coat will be walked from Freshwater Sports Centre at 1pm to Yarmouth on Sunday 15th March. This will conclude with a celebration at Yarmouth Community Hall at 3pm. Remember we have our regular third Sunday gathering for tea and cake at St James from 4pm with the evening service at 4.30.

THE 'BUILDING PILLAR'

St. James Church has gathered a small body of people together, called the Building Pillar (made up of members of the PCC and the wider community), who are looking into the work that needs to be done to the fabric of the building. The Pillar and the PCC are working with advice from our Architect Simon Goddard who will be project managing the work – which primarily relates to securing the roof! Before any work can take place, we need to apply for grants and have further exploratory surveys.

It is expected that a community meeting will be held in the church, during the Spring, at which Architect Simon Goddard will outline our needs and requirements and what specialisms we will be seeking, especially with regards to grant applications. Look out for notices - everyone will be welcome to attend if they wish.

We are pleased, also, to let people know that as part of the plans for the fabric of the church, the PCC are looking to create a refreshments area/kitchen at the back of the church - ensuring, of course, that it doesn't detract from the historical features and atmosphere of the church.

ST MARY'S, BROOK and ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE

St Mary's, Brook and St Peter & St Paul, Mottistone this month -

SUN 1st MAR	BROOK	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 8th MAR	MOTTISTONE	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 15th MAR	MOTTISTONE	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 22nd MAR	BROOK	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION

ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET

Our Sunday services this month are:

SUN 8th MAR	11.00	MATINS
SUN 22nd MAR	11.00	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

ST SWITHINS, THORLEY

Our regular 2nd Saturday coffee morning continues to be held from 10am – 11.30am All welcome.

Our services this month -

SUN 1st MAR	11.00	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 15th MAR	09:30	MORNING WORSHIP

BOOKS & JIGSAWS FOR SALE/EXCHANGE – we have a permanent feature at the back of the church.

FOOD BANK BOX - back of the Church - Please remember to support this vital service.

ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE

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BRING THE SPARKLE BACK TO ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE!

Every 6 months the Chandeliers in the church need a good deep clean, so come along and help give them a shine. Anytime between - **10.00 - 12.00 on Saturday 7th March**. Refreshments and Brasso will be provided.

CELTIC ENCOUNTER – Noting that there are Celtic encounters now in Brighstone and Porchfield and coming soon – in Yarmouth – details will sit under its own tab a little later in the Bulletin.

ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE

SUN 15th MAR **09.30** **A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE CALBOURNE VILLAGE NEWS FOR DETAILS OF OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

SERVICES

SUN 8th MAR **11.00** MORNING WORSHIP *
SUN 22nd MAR **11.00** HOLY COMMUNION *
SUN 29th MAR **11.00** SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY

* Please note our regular services have swapped around

EVENTS

WED 14th MAR **11.30 – 14.00** Lent Lunch, Shorwell Parish Hall for the Latin Link – booking would be helpful – please email shorwellchurchwardens@gmail.com
THU 18th MAR **10am - 12 noon** Bacon Butties at Shorwell Parish Hall
WED 19th MAR **10am - 12 noon** Church Coffee Morning at St Peter's
TUE 24th MAR **2pm - 4pm** Craft Afternoon at St Peter's.
SAT 28th MAR **10am – midday** Church gardening tidy up. Meet at church, 10-12 noon. Bring your own gardening tools please. Refreshments & homemade cakes.

Get in touch: Barbara & Richard: shorwellchurchwardens@gmail.com
David: shorwellpccsec@gmail.com

HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN (and Porchfield Village Hall)

SUN 1st MAR **09.30** HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 15th MAR **15.00** AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Please note – there is no Celtic Encounter in March in Porchfield – please check out details of the Lenten Quiet Morning on March 12th which features later in the Bulletin

CELTIC ENCOUNTER – Moving forward - noting that there are Celtic encounters now in Brighstone and Porchfield and coming soon – in Yarmouth – full details of all Celtic Encounters will sit under its own tab a little later in the Bulletin.

OTHER NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

CURATES' CORNER

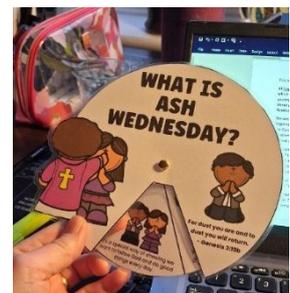
Candlemas to Ash Wednesday

This term I have had my first real taste of primary school life for over 20 years—and I am still recovering.

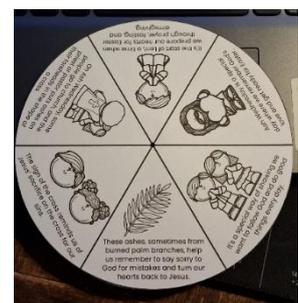
At Epiphany, I found myself dressed as a Wise Man, home-made crown, including a long regal cape which probably made me look more like The Hooded-Claw in the Penelope Pitstop cartoon of yesteryear. Epiphany is about Christ being revealed to the nations, and there is something fitting about proclaiming that mystery to children who immediately ask, "Did the camels come inside?" Revelation invites questions; the Magi had them too.

We dressed the children in white stoles for Epiphany and Candlemas—the beginnings. As candles flickered in the school hall, Simeon's words about Jesus as "a light to lighten the Gentiles" felt wonderfully immediate. Even Groundhog Day crept in, with its weatherlore and Candlemas rhymes. Folklore and faith both try to read the seasons; the Christian story gathers that instinct and points us to Christ, our true light.

Then came the Ashing Service with KS2. I received my first pot of palm ashes—mixed with oil and astonishingly black. The children's questions were



colour of light and new



superb: where do ashes come from? Why use them at all? We travelled from Job in dust to Jesus' call to repent. Some were thoughtful, some slightly bewildered, one later concerned about 'playground status' on realising it wasn't the coolest of accessories.

Later I sat with Reception, cutting and colouring-in "ashing-wheels." There is theology in scissors and crayons. "Why do we turn?" one child asked. Because God turns towards us first.

By the end, I was exhausted—such energy! Yet in their honesty and curiosity I glimpsed something essential. The Church's seasons—light, candles, ashes—are not abstract ideas. In a busy school hall and classroom, they become wonderfully real. And Christ is revealed there too.

CELTIC ENCOUNTERS IN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

Launched by our Lay Pioneer Ali Mascarenhas – originally in Brighstone – Celtic Encounters is growing – over the past year or so there have been regular gatherings in The Village Hall in Porchfield as well as in Brighstone and look out soon for the chance to join in at St James, Yarmouth – hopefully on a Saturday afternoon.

The next Celtic Encounters will be in April –

CELTIC ENCOUNTER – TREES - GUARDIANS OF OUR HERITAGE

Thursday, 9th April at 4pm

the Olive Garden, St Mary's, Brighstone

Tuesday, 14th April at 3pm

at Porchfield Village Hall

Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

If the weather is wet, the Celtic Encounter will be in the church.

Further information text or ring Alison on 07870 509153.



QUIET MORNING at PORCHFIELD

You are invited to a

CELTIC ENCOUNTER - LENTEN QUIET MORNING

STEPPING STONES AND STUMBLING BLOCKS

A Lenten Journey of remembering to resurrection

We will consider how stones in the Bible may speak to us today and there will be times for quiet contemplation. A light lunch will be shared together afterwards.

Thursday, 12th March at 10am-2pm At Porchfield Village Hall All welcome.

There's no cost but donations towards hall hire and lunch welcome. **Booking is however required.** To book contact Alison on 07870 509153/ alimascarenhas@aol.com. Please book by **Monday, 2nd March** and let us know of any special dietary requirements.



CHURCHES TOGETHER WEST WIGHT - CTWW

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Whilst some Lent groups are full, others still have spaces so do consider joining one.

LENT LUNCHES

The Churches Together West Wight (CTWW) Lent Lunches will take place at:

Freshwater Methodist Church on Saturdays March 21st and 28th, 12 noon -1.30pm

Donations for the Mountbatten Hospice. Volunteers please to make soup, serve and generally help on the day. Contact your CTWW rep (or Hazel Britton or Doreen Dace) to offer help or with any queries. Thank you.

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The Men's Breakfast Club is now well under way. We meet regularly on the last Saturday of each month.

Anyone wishing to express their interest – please contact with Chris Jagger on chrisjagger42@gmail.com or text to 07818675528

YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST WIGHT

There are three church schools and two youth projects within the West Wight Mission Community.

- The Federation Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth.
- Brighstone Church of England Aided Primary School
- The **West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)** - www.wwcyp.com
- The **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** - www.southwightyouth.org for School Years 6 to 13

SCHOOL SNIPPETS - sharing snippets of news from our associated church schools.

THE FEDERATION CHURCH SCHOOLS OF SHALFLEET AND FRESHWATER & YARMOUTH



Freshwater & Yarmouth
CE Primary School

A JOURNEY OF HOPE: THE COAT OF HOPES VISITS OUR SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth. This March, our school communities will be welcoming a very special guest: the Coat of Hopes.



The Coat is no ordinary garment. It is a patchwork coat currently on an ongoing walking pilgrimage through the UK, travelling toward the end of the climate and ecological emergency. Having walked over 1,900 miles and been worn by hundreds of people, it arrives as a physical



tapestry of our collective prayers and promises.

WHAT IS THE COAT OF HOPES? - When you see the Coat, you are invited to ask:

*"Where are you going?" * "What is your purpose?"*

The answer lies in the patches. Each piece of the coat has been sewn by someone along the pilgrimage route, representing their hopes for the places they live and the land they love. It is a symbol of stewardship, connection, and courage.

A MEANINGFUL CONNECTION TO MOTHERING SUNDAY

As this visit coincides with our Mothering Sunday theme, we see a beautiful parallel. Just as we celebrate the maternal aspects of love—love that is gentle, nurturing, strong, and protective—the Coat reminds us of our duty to nurture God's creation. It encourages us to foster a love that allows life to flourish, connecting us to the natural world and to each other.

THE VISIT ITSELF - We have a wonderful day of reflection and activity planned, including a special assembly at each school and also the chance to take the Coat to our preschools for simple, interactive storytelling, allowing our youngest children to experience its message through touch and play.

"Wearing and Sharing"

Perhaps the most moving part of the visit will be the opportunity for children and staff to wear the Coat. As the "Coat Song" is sung, those wearing it are invited to take a moment of stillness—standing in connection with the hundreds who have worn it before them and the miles of British landscape it has witnessed.

Curriculum & Faith Links - This visit isn't just an event; it's a living lesson. It links directly to our Church School values and our Collective Worship:

RE: Reflecting on God as Creator and our role as stewards of the Earth.

PSHE: Exploring themes of belonging, community, and our responsibility to future generations.

Environment: Strengthening our respect for the natural world.

We look forward to sharing photos and reflections from this special day in the next edition.

"To hope is to give ourselves to the future—and that is an act of love."

Elizabeth Grainger (Head Teacher)



BRIGHSTONE CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Ivy Bee have had a busy and creative time in RE. They caught a plane to Makkah (or walked up to the hall) where they became pilgrims on their Hajj. They took turns to be tour guides explaining what happens at each point of the experience, which is a fundamental part of the Muslim faith.



On the Tuesday before half term, we celebrated Pancake Day / Shrove Tuesday (a week early, as Shrove Tuesday took place during the half term holiday). The children enjoyed pancakes, ice cream and chocolate sauce for dessert, and we all took part in pancake races after lunch. They all had a flipping good time!

The term ended with a fantastically fun disco! The children had been looking forward to it all day, and, once the time arrived, they entered the hall through golden streamers to be greeted with disco lights and colourful decorations. The children were all singing and bopping along to their favourite songs and had a great time.



Mrs Rebecca Lennon, Headteacher

BRIGHSTONE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS MONTH:

Praying for

Staff and residents of Brighstone Grange Care Home, Keith Cram, Pat Conn, Alec, Kelly Russell.

Our clergy for their health and well-being.

Our Lay Readers, Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Pastoral assistants.

We give thanks for answered prayer.

And we pray for the families of all those recently bereaved.

(If anyone else leads a prayer chain or holds a prayer list in our parishes and wishes to share the names of people who would appreciate ongoing prayers, please let me know - JB/Editor)

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (& COLOURS)			
(as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2025)			
	Gold (G)	White (W)	Purple (P) Red (R)
Sun 1 st Mar (G or W) <i>2nd Sun of Lent</i>	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5. 13-17		Psalm 121 John 3:1-17
Sun 8 th Mar (G) <i>3rd Sun of Lent</i>	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11		Psalm 95 John 4:5-42
Sun 15 th Mar (G) <i>4th Sun of Lent</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Exodus 2:1-10 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	or or or	1 Samuel 1:20-end Psalm 127:1-4 or 34:11-20 Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25b-27
Sun 22 nd Mar (P) <i>5th Sun of Lent</i>	Ezekial 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11		Psalm 130 John 11:1-45
Sun 29 th Mar <i>Palm Sunday</i>	LITURGY OF THE PALMS Matthew 21:1-11 LITURGY OF THE PASSION Isaiah 50:4-9a PASSION Matthew 26:14-end of 27		Psalm 118:1-2 19-end or 118:19-24 Psalm 31:9-16 or 31:9-18 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54

WEST WIGHT BENEFICE ONLINE

TUESDAYS 08.30 – ONLINE MORNING PRAYER *Cut and paste or right click* on the following link:

[Zoom Link for Tuesday Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 844 0554 0706 Passcode: 604971

SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP ON THE FOURTH Sunday of the Month at 11am:

Use the following link just before the service

[4th Sunday Zoom Link for Morning Worship](#)

MORNING PRAYER IS SAID EACH THURSDAY AT 8AM AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE in the Olive Garden or in the Porch if wet!

A THOUGHT SHARED ... a past poem by Anne Linnington written following her encounter with the extract shared last month from CONJECTURES OF A GUILTY BYSTANDER by Thomas Merton

Diamond in the dark

Diamond in the dark

Formed by fire

Come to light

Cut and polished

Sparkling brightly

Multifaceted

Viewed against the darkness which gave it birth

Radiates the light supplying worth

And shines for all to see

Shines for all eternity

Remember - if you come across an inspiring piece of writing/hear an inspiring message from a sermon or – like some of our church community – write about the love of God and how God works among us and within us – consider if this might be something others might like to hear about. Get in touch via fytparishes@gmail.com

MARCH 2026 SERVICES IN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE CHURCHES with HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY (correct at circulation).

SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2nd Sunday of Lent

09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	HOLY COMMUNION
09:30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	MORNING WORSHIP with the Coat of Hopes *
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	HOLY COMMUNION
18.00	ST MARY'S, BROOK	EVENSONG

THURSDAY 5th MARCH

11.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING PRAYER (Followed by Soup Lunch)
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SUNDAY 8th MARCH – 3rd Sunday of Lent

08.30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP with the Coat of Hopes *
09.30	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	MATINS
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 15th March – 4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

08:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION with the Coat of Hope *
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
15:00	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	AFTERNOON WORSHIP
16:30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	EVENING WORSHIP (refreshments from 16.00)
18:00	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	EVENSONG

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH – 5th Sunday of Lent

08.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST MARY'S, BROOK	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	HOME ZOOM	ZOOM
11:00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	HOLY COMMUNION
16:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY 23rd MARCH

18:00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
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SUNDAY 29th MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP

The following Holy Week and Easter services & Church events are planned and will be re-confirmed in the April Bulletin and on notice boards in the run up to Easter

MONDAY 30th MARCH

ST JAMES, YARMOUTH WEEKLONG DISPLAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

TUESDAY 31st MARCH

18:00 ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER SERVICE OF PRAYER & READING OF THE PASSION

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

19:00 CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY CONCERT – INCLUDING STAINERS CRUCIFIXION

THURSDAY – 2nd APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:30 ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER MORNING PRAYER FOR LENT

18:30 ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY HOLY COMMUNION

18:30 ALL SAINTS, BRIGHSTONE HOLY COMMUNION

18:30 ST SWITHIN, THORLEY HOLY COMMUNION

FRIDAY – 3rd APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 FRESHWATER METHODIST HALL WALK OF WITNESS

14:00 ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE HOUR AT THE CROSS

14:00 ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER HOUR AT THE CROSS

14:00 CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY HOUR AT THE CROSS

SATURDAY 4th APRIL – EASTER EVE

21:00 ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY SERVICE OF LIGHT/EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY 5th APRIL - EASTER DAY

TBC BEACH SIDE, FRESHWATER BAY DAWN SERVICE time to be confirmed

09:30 ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY MORNING WORSHIP

09:30 ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER HOLY COMMUNION

09:30 ST SWITHIN, THORLEY HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 ST JAMES, YARMOUTH HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 ST PETER'S, SHORWELL HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 ST MICHAELS, SHALFLEET HOLY COMMUNION

15:00 HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN HOLY COMMUNION

16:30 ST MARY'S, BROOK FAMILY SERVICE FOR EASTER

*** Be part of the journey –
THE COAT OF HOPES is on its way
Arriving in Brighstone on Saturday 28th February.**

The Coat of Hopes was created in 2021 for COP26. Delegates were invited to try it on, feeling the weight of people's hopes for the planet. Patches have been added along the way. They represent the prayers and hope for the places people call home. Since then, it has continued its walk across Britain, collecting more patches and inviting all who encounter it to wear the coat and walk with it.



For more information see the Coat of Hopes website via this link - [coat of hopes](#) and look out for the programme sent alongside this Bulletin. The coat will be at services in Brighstone, Freshwater and Totland (see schedule) and will be leaving West Wight via Yarmouth on the afternoon of March 15th – why not catch it at CHOYD at 3pm and then go to the St James at 4.30 (refreshments from 4.00pm)

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