

# St. Ed's TOGETHER

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## LOVE

In the month of February, we celebrate Valentine's Day and we greet our loved ones. This is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of love. There is a special place for love in the Bible. God loves people and the entire creation and people are meant to love God. We use the word 'devotion' while referring to personal prayer. The devotion refers to love. Prayer is a time for us to be in loving communion with God.

It always fascinates me when I read the epistles in the New Testament written by John. These were the letters he wrote to churches in his time and they are relevant to all Christians and churches. 'Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness' (1 John 2. 10 – 11). To be loving is to be in the light and to be hating a fellow human being is to be in darkness.

John tells us that love is not merely an emotion, it is a spiritual quality because, John says, that God is love and that love is from God.

'Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love' (1 John 4.7,8).

He goes on to say that if anyone claims to love God but hates fellow human beings is a liar, the truth is not in them. Hate is seen as evil in the New Testament.

Jesus taught that we need to love our neighbours. Jesus went one step further and proclaimed that the entire law and the prophets are about love. Loving God and loving fellow human beings as we love ourselves is true spirituality.

St. Paul the great writer says, 'And now faith, hope, and **love** abide, these three; and the greatest of these is **love**' (1 Corinthians 13:13).

When we look at the sad reality of war, the harshness of violence and harm in the world, we can see the destructive power of hate that takes peoples lives, breaks families and relationships. The world is a place of grief without love.

Love is the way the only way the world can be transformed.

## Prem

## LOVE

As we all know there are all types of love, love for your parents/partners/children/friends etc and for your pets. Pets become part of your lives, part of the family, much more than just a dog or just a cat, for those living on their own a dog or a cat can give a lot of pleasure and companionship, did you know cats purr is at a frequency that aids healing!!

I thought I would share a couple of eventful days in my life with my animal family who I love dearly, in a lot of ways Ralph helped get me through the Covid Lockdown when I could only see my family through the wind..

On Thursday morning this week I was up dressed and ready to go to church for the Thursday 9.30am service and the drop-in and lunch club, with 15 minutes to spare I thought I would sit with the animals and have a cup of tea. I had the two kittens asleep on my lap, and two dogs next to me, suddenly the dogs hear something a 100 miles away and start barking, the kittens jump up my cup goes flying out of my hand, the end result is I need to change ALL my clothes and dry a white kitten covered in tea, I got out the door with 2 minutes to spare!

Today (Friday) I over slept by 2 hours so I started the day on the backfoot. One of the first jobs each day is to sort out the kittens litter tray, today I was sorting it out, Stan my black kitten decided he could not wait so used the empty plastic toy box to have a pee, so of course on my out of the room I trip over the toy box and now there is cat pee all over the front room floor, (thank goodness for laminate floors) so I then I had to mop the floor.

But this is what you do for your animal family, you know when you first get them they are for life and that can be 20 years if you are lucky. Animals give you unconditional love and there is nothing like sitting in the evening with kittens on your lap and dogs by your side as you watch the tv. I cannot imagine a life without my animal family and the love and company they give me.

**Lesley, Ralph, Ted, Sid & Stan.**





Love is an emotion involving strong attraction, affection, emotional attachment or concern for a person, animal, or thing.

Love comes through the eyes that see  
And through the ears that hear,  
For people are quite beautiful,  
And words make feelings clear.

Love comes through the hands that touch  
With unabashed affection,  
For only skin-to-skin can love  
Maintain its true direction.

Love comes through the tastes and smells  
Of fresh and well-cooked food,  
For in the gift of nourishment  
Is much else that is good.

But though love comes through senses five,  
Love comes from the heart,  
For there resides the greater love  
Of which ours is a part.

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**Submitted by Jacqueline**

## *Love Quotes:*

“You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams.”

**Dr. Seuss**

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

“You may not be her first, her last, or her only. She loved before she may love again. But if she loves you now, what else matters? She's not perfect—you aren't either, and the two of you may never be perfect together but if she can make you laugh, cause you to think twice, and admit to being human and making mistakes, hold onto her and give her the most you can. She may not be thinking about you every second of the day, but she will give you a part of her that she knows you can break - her heart. So don't hurt her, don't change her, don't analyse and don't expect more than she can give. Smile when she makes you happy, let her know when she makes you mad, and miss her when she's not there.”

**Bob Marley**

“There is nothing I would not do for those who are really my friends. I have no notion of loving people by halves, it is not my nature.”

**Jane Austen** - Northanger Abbey

“If I had a flower for every time I thought of you...I could walk through my garden forever.”

**Alfred Tennyson**

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it--always.”

**Mahatma Gandhi**

**Jacqueline**

***'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God' – 1 John3:1***

Yes, I am a Fordham by blood and birth, but, a child of God, by the Holy Spirit and my second, new birth.

Our Father God has extravagant love, echoed in the ageing disciple, John, in his letter to the churches.

Whatever our circumstances or needs, we can look to our gracious heavenly Father. He loves to shower us with his love and care.

This prayer is on my heart - 'Giving God, thank you for pouring yourself out in love for me, supremely through Jesus' death on the cross. I receive your love and care'

**Lesley Fordham**

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## **LOVE**

The summer of love began in San Francisco in 1967. It was in part rebellion against the Vietnam War & young people being drafted into the Military against their will. It was a dirty war as all wars are and the young people of the time were against it.

There were Hippies in the USA & UK who were strongly against military action, Ban the Bomb was on people's lips & marches from Aldermarston in Berkshire were a regular occurrence, led by Lord Donald Soper a Methodist minister, Socialist & Pacifist.

That summer he was involved with the first Love-in in Hyde Park which was associated with the legalise cannabis event. Lord Soper spoke at Hyde Park Corner, addressing the social changes, anti-war sentiment & youthful idealism that characterised the era.

I was already married with a tiny baby but I have never forgotten the optimism of those times & my sadness as wars & conflict continue

**Mary De Silva**

# BIBLE QUIZ – February 2026

## PLANTS OF THE BIBLE

Here are 12 questions about plants mentioned in the Bible

1.	This one grew on the plain of Sharon. (Song of Solomon Ch2v1)	
2.	Its seed is the smallest, but it becomes a tree. (Matt. Ch13v31-32)	
3.	A baby was laid in a basket made from its leaves. (Exodus Ch2v3)	
4.	Rahab hid two men under stalks of it. (Joshua Ch2v6)	
5.	Solomon was not arrayed like one of them. (Luke Ch12v27)	
6.	Gideon was beating this out in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. (Judges Ch6v11)	
7.	A prophet likened all flesh to it. (Isaiah Ch40v6)	
8.	Manna was similar to the seed of this plant. (Numbers Ch11v7)	
9.	Oil from it went to Egypt with Joseph. (Genesis Ch37v25)	
10.	An Egyptian saw fourteen ears of this in a dream. (Genesis Ch41v5-7)	
11.	Two women returned to Bethlehem as this one was being harvested. (Ruth Ch1v22)	
12.	Jesus spoke of Himself as being this one, and His Father the grower. (John Ch15v1)	

***Ian Beazley***

## LOVE

How to define love; The Ancient Greek Philosophers identified many forms of LOVE, Familial, Romantic, Platonic, Unconditional and Self, then you have other varieties of LOVE as used by modern authors Fatuous, Unrequited, Empty, Compassionate, Infatuation, Obsessive and Idolatry. They use phrases like doting on, carry a torch for, bewitched by, crazy for, bowled over by.

We often say I Love this or I Love that when what we really mean is like. You often hear people say they have a Love of food or a Love of the Arts when another word could be used i.e.: "passion".

Ultimately Love is used for a profound personal experience that brings Joy, connection and sometimes heartache. We all hope to experience Love in our lifetime it is what we do with it that counts.

I wish lots of Love to you all.

## Gill

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**GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU** written by Irish writer Sam Mcbratney in 1994. It is about two hares. Little Nutbrown Hare asks Big Nutbrown Hare guess how much I Love you and the answer is to the moon and back.

There are many songs about LOVE, the one I find most evocative was written by Dolly Parton. It tells of the break-up between her and her mentor and duet partner Porter Wagoner when she decided to pursue a solo career. She sang the song to him to explain her need to leave. He then subsequently produced the record for her. The rest as they say is history.

The lyrics are as follows: If I should stay. I would only be in your way. So I'll go, but I know. I'll think of you each step of the way. And I will always love you. I will always love you. Bittersweet memories. That's all I'm taking with me. Goodbye please don't cry. We both know that I'm not what you need. But I will always love you. I will always love you. I hope life treats you kind. And I hope that you have all. That you ever dream of. And I wish you joy and happiness. But above all of this I wish you love. And I will always love you. I will always love you.

Knowing the story behind the lyrics makes it better to understand why it was written.

## Gill

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## LOVE QUOTES AND SAYINGS

LOVE is patient. LOVE is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It does not dishonour others. It is not self seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. LOVE does not delight in EVIL but rejoices with the TRUTH.

*A definition of love is written in Corinthians 13 : 1 - 8.*

We love because He first loved us.

*1 John 4: 19*

Life is the flower for which LOVE is the honey.

*Victor Hugo.*

Where there is Love there is life.

*Mahatma Gandhi.*

Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only LOVE can do that.

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

*Mother Teresa.*

I love you to the Moon and back is a common sentiment you find in advertising and on many greeting cards. It comes from a children's book

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**Gill**

## OBITUARY

**Lynette Henry** was a long-standing member of St Edward's, many of us will remember how she always had a dance in her walk, how she used to like to sign her name St Lynette after one of our past priests called her that in conversation. Lynette sang in the Choir; she was also one of the first women to serve the wine during the Eucharist and continued to serve until her eyesight and Covid prevented her. She died on the 17th January 2026 aged 90 years. The Funeral Service has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at St Edwards Church at 10.15am, followed by the Committal at Croydon Crematorium East Chapel at 12noon.

**MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE**

## BURNT BASQUE CHEESECAKE

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### **Ingredients:**

Butter for the tin,  
800g soft cheese,  
225g caster sugar,  
2 tbsp plain flour,  
200g soured cream,  
4 medium eggs,  
2 tsp vanilla.

### **Method:**

Heat oven to 240c/fan 220c/ gas 9;  
leave plenty of space above the middle shelf.

Butter a deep 20cm loose bottom cake tin.

Lay out 2 large sheets of baking parchment one on top of the other, with one sheet turned 45 degrees, so the corners point in different directions. Push into the tin, pressing into corners and leaving plenty of paper above the rim.

Press creases up the sides, but don't worry about being too neat - grooves give this cheesecake it's characteristic look.

Beat the cheese and sugar for 1 - 2 minutes , until sugar has dissolved - check by rubbing some mixture between your fingertips. If it feels grainy, keep mixing.

Add flour, soured cream, eggs, vanilla and 1/4 tsp salt.

Beat until smooth.

Pour into tin. Give the tin a sharp bang on worktop to remove air bubbles.

Bake for 30 minutes.

The cheesecake should be deeply caramelised on the outside, puffed up like a souffle and still have a wobble.

Cool in the tin, it will sink as it cools.

Chill for at least 1 hr. Will keep in fridge for 2 days.

**Gill**

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# EASY CHILLI CON CARNE

Dairy-free Egg-free Nut-free

## Ingredients:

2 tbsp **olive oil**  
2 **onions**, chopped  
2 **garlic** cloves, crushed  
1kg/2lb 4oz lean **beef mince**  
250ml/9fl oz **red wine** (optional)  
2 x 400g tins **chopped tomatoes**  
3 tbsp **tomato purée**  
2 red **chillies**, thinly sliced, or 3–4  
tsp dried **chilli flakes**  
1 tsp ground **cumin**  
1 tsp ground **coriander**  
1 **cinnamon** stick or ½ tsp  
ground **cinnamon**

## Method:

Heat the oil in a large, heavy-based saucepan with a lid and fry the onion and garlic until softened. Increase the heat and add the mince, cooking quickly until browned and breaking down any chunks of meat with a wooden spoon. Pour in the red wine, if using, and boil for 2–3 minutes. Stir in the tomatoes, tomato purée, fresh chilli or chilli flakes, cumin, ground coriander, cinnamon and Worcestershire sauce and crumble in the stock cube. Season well with salt and pepper.

Bring to a simmer, cover with a lid and cook over a gentle heat for about 50 minutes to 1 hour, stirring occasionally until the mixture is rich and thickened.

Add the kidney beans and fresh coriander. Cook for a further 10 minutes, uncovered, before removing from the heat and add any extra seasoning if necessary.

Serve with lime wedges, rice, guacamole, soured cream and a big green salad.

## Recipe tips

The chilli is much tastier a day or two after it's cooked because the flavours develop and the texture becomes richer. Simply leave to cool, stick in the fridge and gently heat before serving.



good  
shake  
of **Worcestershire sauce**  
1 **beef stock** cube  
2 x 400g tins red **kidney beans**,  
drained and rinsed  
1 large bunch  
fresh **coriander** leaves, roughly  
chopped  
salt and freshly ground **black  
pepper**  
lime wedges, rice,  
guacamole, **soured cream** and  
green salad, to serve

If you're eating the chilli on the day, you prepared it, any leftovers can be frozen in individual portions in well-sealed sandwich bags or boxes. Reheat from frozen in a saucepan of water for about 15–20 minutes until steaming hot.

**What can I add to chilli con carne for more flavour?**

Spices such as ground cumin, coriander and cinnamon round out the flavours without adding much heat (that's where the chillies come in). If you enjoy smoky flavours, try adding smoked paprika in addition to the other spices.

In this recipe, red wine, Worcestershire sauce and beef stock add depth of flavour and some sweetness, but you can also add a square or two of dark chocolate at the end. Also, browning the meat thoroughly will add lots of flavour.

**Lesley Clay**

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**EASY EGG MUFFINS.** For Breakfast or lunch, makes 8 serves

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**Ingredients**

1 tbsp oil,	large pinch smoked paprika,
150g broccoli finely chopped,	50g cheddar or gruyere grated,
1 red pepper finely chopped,	small handful of chives
2 spring onions sliced,	chopped.
6 large eggs, 1tbsp milk,	

**Method,**

Heat oven to 200c/ fan 180c gas 4. Brush half the oil into the holes of an 8 hole muffin tin.

Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan and add the broccoli, pepper, and spring onions, fry for 5 minutes, set aside to cool.

In a bowl, whisk the eggs with the milk, smoked paprika and half the cheese.

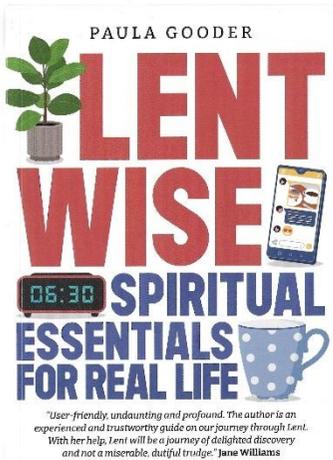
Add the cooked vegetables.

Pour the mixture into the muffin into the muffin holes and top with the remaining cheese and a few chives.

Bake for 15 - 17 minutes until golden brown and cooked through.

**Gill**

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**Lent Course** - Our Lent Course will meet on five Thursdays in the Church Hall Meeting room on **5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March** at **7.30 pm, ends at 8.40 pm**. This year we shall be using a book called "**Lentwise Spiritual Essentials for Real Life**". The church will provide a book for each person who attends the lent course. Each book costs £8.99. There will be no charge for the book but if you are in the position to buy or make a small donation toward the cost that would be appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please add your name if you plan to attend. Thankyou



Sunset on the cusp on Spring  
**Mary De Silva**

## *I am the Alpha & the Omega, and I Love You, Now and Ever*

**BEN:** Dear Father, what is the unquestionable truth of all?

**GOD:** Dear Little Ben, thank you for your wise question. The highest truth is that *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water [...]”* (Revelation 21:6) because I have always loved you, my children, in the beginning, now, and I will until the end. From Me you will always have what you need. Through my only Son, Jesus, I gave you the greatest love. If you abide in him, you will have eternal life and experience my everlasting love, *“for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”* (John 3:16)

**BEN:** Thank you, Father. I love you too! But how would you describe love, exactly?

**GOD:** I am Love, Ben. *“[...] Love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”* (1 John 4:7-8). *“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.”* (1 John 4:16).

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul perfectly describes the Love that comes from My very essence: *“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends”* (13:4-8), because My Love for you will be with you in eternity. Therefore, carry Me with you in your soul, *“clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”* (Colossians 3:14).

**BEN:** Thank you, Father. But how can we clothe ourselves with You, with love, in our daily life?

**GOD:** By loving Me and by loving one another, as I have loved you. Jesus declares, *“This is my commandment, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind [and with all your strength.]”* (Mark 12:30) *“This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it”* (Matthew 22:37-39), *“that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* (John 15:12-13).

*“All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.” (1 John 3:24)*

**BEN:** Yes, it is so important to love each other. It keeps us happy and at peace. But how can we love You more?

**GOD:** It is very simple, little Ben. I know you love Me when you are grateful for the grace and blessings I provide you with every day, and when your deeds honour my commandments. *“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” (1 John 3:18)*

St. Ignatius of Loyola, in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, reprised this concept, dogmatising that:

***Love is to be expressed more in deeds than in words; Love consists in the interchange between two parties: the lover gives to the beloved what they have themselves and the beloved does not have, and vice versa.***

He also created a spiritual exercise aimed to gain love from Me, to feel My love for you, through the practice of gratitude:

**Candida Mulé**

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## CONTEMPLATION TO GAIN LOVE FROM GOD

*(To be exercised every day, twice – morning on rising and at night, before sleeping)*

### **Preparatory Prayer**

Ask God that all your intentions and actions may be directed purely to the praise and service of God.

### **Two Preludes/Contemplations**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Prelude/Contemplation**

Imagine to see yourself standing before God, the Angels, and the Saints interceding for you.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prelude/Contemplation**

Ask God for the grace you want, that is, for the inner knowledge of the great good you have received by God, so that - by being completely grateful - you may be able to completely love and serve God.

### 3. Four Chief Points

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Point - Remembering What God Has Given You

Bring to memory the benefits received by God - Creation, Redemption, particular gifts and blessings, pondering - with deep feelings - on how much God has done for you, how much He has given you of what He has, and how much God desires to give Himself to you, according to His will.

End by reciting this offering, the following Love Oblation to God, and - once done - reflect on yourself, considering with reason and fairness, what you should offer and give to God, that is - everything that is yours, and yourself with it, like someone who makes an offering to God with deep love.

#### LOVE OBLATION TO GOD

"Take, Lord,  
and receive all my liberty,  
my memory,  
my intellect,  
and all my will,  
all that I have and possess.  
Thou gavest it to me:  
to Thee, Lord, I return it!  
All is Thine,  
dispose of it according to all Thy will.  
Give me Thy love and grace,  
for this is enough for me."

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Point - Pondering on What God Has Given to All Creatures

Look how God dwells in the creatures and in the elements, by giving them life, reason, understanding, and feelings; and so in you, giving you life, animating you, giving you feelings and understanding, making you a temple of God, by being created to the likeness and image of God.

Then reflect on yourself, and end with the Love Oblation to God like in the 1st Point.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Point - Pondering on How God Provides on Heaven and Earth

Consider how God works for you in all the things created on Earth and in Heaven - elements, plants, fruit, animals, giving them life, preserving them, giving them feelings and provisions.

Then reflect on yourself, and end with the Love Oblation to God like in the 1st Point.

### 4th Point - Pondering on How All Gifts Come from Above

Look how all the good things and gifts descend from above (i.e. your humble power comes from the supreme and infinite power of God, as well as justice, goodness, pity, mercy etc.)

Then reflect on yourself, and end with the Love Oblation to God like in the 1st Point.

### Colloquy - with God

Have a conversation with the Father, asking Him to give you the grace to have knowledge of the things mentioned in the four chief points.

At the end of the colloquy, recite Our Father.

**Sent by Candida Mulé**

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## YOUR NOT ALONE.

You're not alone today.

He promised to be With you through the darkest night.

He'll Rock you to sleep in the bosom of his love and cradle

You in the palm of his hand. Even when others turn their backs on you

He will never leave you nor forsake you.

Aren't you glad you have him?

*Psalm 50:15 Genesis 28:15*

## YOUR MONTHLY GARDENING CHECKLIST

March is a crucial month for gardening in the UK, marking the start of spring and the perfect time to prepare your garden for the growing season.

### Key Gardening Tasks for March

1. **Tidy Up Borders:** Remove debris and spent plants from your garden borders. Trim back old growth of perennials and grasses to make way for new spring growth.
2. **Plant Summer-Flowering Bulbs:** Now is the time to plant summer bulbs such as lilies and gladioli for a vibrant display later in the season.
3. **Sow Vegetable Seeds:** Start sowing hardy vegetable seeds directly into the soil as soon as conditions allow. This includes peas, carrots, and radishes.
4. **Prepare the Soil:** Incorporate compost or well-rotted manure into your soil to improve its structure and nutrient content. Aerate the soil by forking over beds and breaking up any clumps.
5. **Prune Shrubs:** Finish pruning any remaining shrubs, especially those that flower later in the season. This includes cutting back dogwoods and willows for their colourful stems.
6. **Mulch Beds and Borders:** Apply a layer of mulch to suppress weeds and retain moisture in the soil as temperatures begin to rise.
7. **Check Garden Structures:** Inspect and repair fences, trellises, and raised beds to ensure they are ready for the growing season.
8. **Water Houseplants:** As temperatures warm, increase the frequency of watering for houseplants, ensuring they are well-hydrated.
9. **Start off Dahlia Tubers:** Towards the end of the month, begin to start off dahlia tubers indoors for a late-summer display.
10. **Create Bug Habitats:** Place bug boxes or bundles of hollow stems in sheltered corners of your garden to encourage beneficial insects. It will also encourage your young gardeners.

By following these tasks, you can ensure your garden is well-prepared for the vibrant growth of spring and summer. Happy gardening!

**Lesley Clay**

## SIMPLE RIDDLES FOR OUR TEENS.

1. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have nobody, but I come alive with the wind. Answer: Echo
2. I have seas but no water, towns but no people, coasts but no sand, and mountains but no land. Answer: A map
3. You're in a race and you pass the person in second place. What place are you in now? Answer: Second place
4. I have keys but open no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter but can't go outside. Answer: Keyboard
5. What has many teeth but cannot bite? Answer: Comb
6. I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old.  
Answer: Candle
7. What gets wetter the more it dries? Answer: Towel
8. Forward I am heavy, but backward I am not. Answer: Ton
9. What has a head and a tail but no body? Answer: Coin
10. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?  
Answer: Stamp

### Tips for Using Riddles

- Family or Friend Game Nights: Mix easy and challenging riddles to keep teens engaged and competitive.
- Brain Exercise: Encourage teens to explain their reasoning before revealing the answer to enhance critical thinking.
- Online Collections: Websites like Reader's Digest, HugATeen.com, Your Teen Magazine, WikiHow, and RiddleSpark offer hundreds of free riddles suitable for teens, ranging from funny to tricky and thought-provoking.

These riddles are perfect for keeping teens entertained, sparking laughter, and challenging their minds in a fun, interactive way.

**Lesley Clay**

## **Church Events for the next 3 months.**

Saturday 4th April: 10.30 am -12.30 pm  
Children's Easter workshop with Easter egg hunt.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday Service  
Easter bonnet parade for Young & old, girls & boys.

Saturday 30th May: 11am-3pm  
Plant sale outside the North Door  
Refreshments inside the church.

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## **WORSHIP AT ST EDWARDS**

Sunday Early service 9 am this is also live streamed on Facebook.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is an All-age worship with  
Eucharist & music 10.30 am

Sunday main service 10.30 am Eucharist with music

Thursday Morning Service 9.30 am in the Chapel

**The next Sunday school will be  
on Sunday 22nd February**

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## **Next Deanery Confirmation Service dates:**

14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at St John the Evangelist, Shirley

8<sup>th</sup> November 2026 at St Edward King and  
Confessor, New Addington

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St. EDWARD KING AND CONFESSOR CHURCH  
New Addington

**March 2026 Worship Services**

**Sundays 9.00 am and 10.30 am, Thursdays 9.30 am**

Date	Readings
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12.1–4a
	Romans 4.1–5, 13–17
	<u>John 3.1–17</u>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Luke 16.19–end
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17.1–7
	Romans 5.1–11
	John 4.5–42
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Luke 11.14–23
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 4th Sunday of Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY	Exodus 2.1–10
	Colossians 3.12–17
	Luke 2.33–35
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Matthew 1.18–end</u>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 5th Sunday of Lent	Ezekiel 37.1–14
	Romans 8.6–11
	John 11.1–45
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	John 8.51–end
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY	Isaiah 50.4–9
	Philippians 2.5–11
	<u>Matthew 26.14—end of 27</u>

## VALENTINE'S DAY DANCING

We all has a great time, a lovely evening of laughing and dancing and meeting new friends. The dance raised over £350 towards the extension for the garden of remembrance.



## REGULAR EVENTS AT EDWARDS

### A WARM SOCIAL SPACE:

St Edwards will be open every Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm  
As a warm social space during these worrying times of rising  
energy and food prices: People are welcome  
to call in whenever they wish,  
and stay for as long as they like.

These will be tea/coffee and biscuits available all day, there are  
board games to play if you wish or just to read a book or chat.

**Please do come and join us and spread the word to  
anyone you think may like to come.**

### Singing for fun

An informal singing group every Thursday 3-4 pm in  
church, we sing all the old-time favourites accompanied  
by the piano and Fr Prem on the Guitar.

Everyone welcome.

### CAMEO

A group for retired folk who would like to meet on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2-4 pm in the church  
hall for tea/coffee cake and a chat. Everyone welcome.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY  
04 03 26**

## St. Ed's Together

Welcome to our February edition of our Parish Magazine from St Edward King and Confessor in New Addington.

This magazine is available as printed copies, our church website and A CHURCH NEAR YOU.

If you wish to receive an electronic copy, kindly give your email ID to Lesley Clay ([lesleystedwards1958@gmail.com](mailto:lesleystedwards1958@gmail.com))

Thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue.

**COVER PIC: Church Floral arrangement by Stella Cheetham**

Hope you enjoy reading this issue.

The Eds Together is a platform for you to share your thoughts, experiences, share recipe's, poems, art, short articles.

**Theme for the march issue  
will be EASTER JOY.**

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