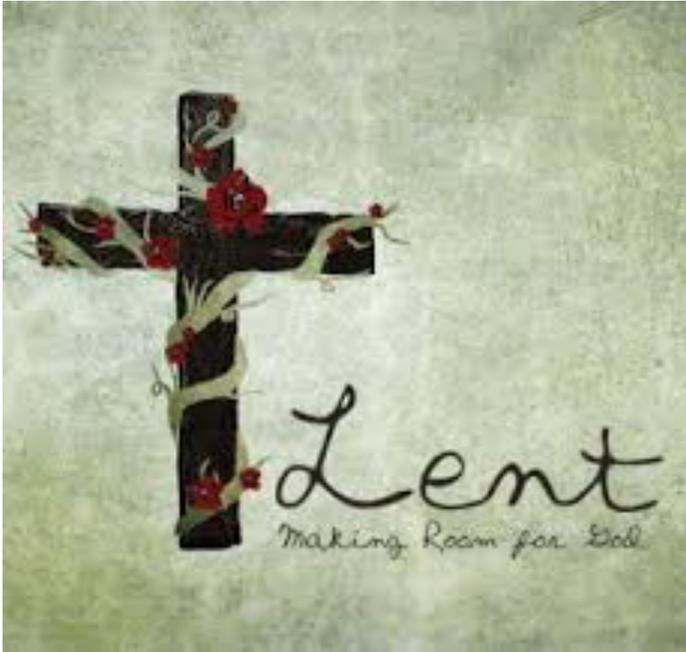


St Mary and All Saints, Dunsfold,  
Sunday, February 21, 2021

# ePEWS NEWS

First Sunday of Lent



10am Live Holy Communion service from St Mary and All Saints, Dunsfold via Zoom.  
Celebrant: Reverend Ian Maslin

Click on the link below to join our service.

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**Readings and collect for the First Sunday of Lent.**

OT: Genesis 9: 8-17  
NT: 1 Peter 3: 18-end  
GOSPEL: Mark 1: 9-15

Collect for the 1st Sunday of Lent: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## OUR CHURCH AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S LENT FUND THIS YEAR

In recent years Dunsfold parish has been acclaimed for its generosity in raising much-needed funds for the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Appeal.

Our successful fund-raising has been based on a weekly Lent lunch with diners making donations after a simple meal of soup and bread, cheese and biscuits.

We're challenged this year because lockdown rules ensure we can't meet together in groups. Instead we'd like to make this proposal.

If you're a regular host of a Lent lunch will you please donate the money you would spend on buying the provisions you'd supply to your guests as your donation? If you're usually a guest at one or more of the lunches please will you consider making your normal donations to the cause?

And if you are abstaining from something for Lent, will you consider donating the savings you make into our Lent fund please?

We are abundantly aware that these are trying times for everyone. We simply ask that you give whatever you can and help us support a charity that works tirelessly to help the needy and most vulnerable in our Diocese and abroad.

There are two ways to make your donations. You can make a cheque payable to Dunsfold PCC and write on the back Lent Appeal and pass it on to our treasurer, John Gray. He lives at The Old Reading Room, The Common, Dunsfold, GU8 4LL.

You can also make a direct transfer into our church bank account with the reference: Lent Appeal.  
The details are: Dunsfold PCC. Sort code: 30-94-41. Account number: 01828639.

These are tough times for us, our families and for charities. Let's do our best as a church community to support a cause we know is worthy and true.

## HOME DELIVERIES AVAILABLE FROM OUR POPULAR POP-UP STALL

The coronavirus has prevented the proper roll-out of the Pop Up Stall on The Common but Judith Lahey-Bean and Anne Cannings have been working hard producing some splendid home-made marmalade and Sheila Jones is primed to deliver to your home. To make an order please call Sheila on 200204.



## REVEREND IAN MASLIN'S REFLECTIONS ON WHAT GOOD NEWS REALLY MEANS

**Christian good news is quite distinct. Today's Gospel reading says that Jesus was proclaiming the good news from God. Jesus was proclaiming that God's will for the world was being fulfilled.**

The Kingdom of God, the reign of God in which people are reconciled to the Father and restored into a right relationship with Him, is being established even as Jesus speaks. So, for the Christian, good news is news that recounts the building of the kingdom of God.

This is the message of Christ, His news is the good news from God, the only good news that is good for all people. As disciples gathered around Him, and as they heard and understood what the good news was, and why it would transform their lives,

Jesus would send them out in their turn to spread that wonderful 'good news' to everyone; to all people. How do we recognise good news from God?

Jesus' preaching of the good news was accompanied by forgiveness of sins and miracles of healing.

The good news restores broken lives; it gives hope; it drives away fear; it promotes true peace; it is concerned for the well-being of others who cannot care for themselves; it is concerned with building up what is good, and destroying what is evil.

**The good news is centred on Jesus; He Himself was, and is, the good news that He proclaimed. He did not just talk about God, He is God.**

He drew people to Himself and they found life in Him. That is our testimony too; when we recognise God in our lives, when we respond to Him and begin to relate to Him, we will find life; life in all its fulness.

So, our Christian life is to recognise the power of the good news; to see what it has done for us; to give thanks to God; and to bring other people to receive the news with joyful hearts.

This may be by acting out the good news. It may be by speaking about God. It may be by our honest exploration of our faith with others. It may be by our prayer.

Proclaiming the good news involves us in it, and we become part of it: a people who are reconciled to God, speaking of a kingdom which we have glimpsed, and in which we long to live fully and completely.

We are not all called to be celebrated speakers and preachers, though some of us may be.

We are not all called to shout the Gospel from the rooftops and in the streets, though some of us may be.

We are not all called to write eloquent articles about our faith, or even to sell all we have and go to faraway places, though some of us may be.

But we are all called to live the life God has created us for, in living, dynamic relationship with Him.

In short, we are called to be ourselves, and we will truly find ourselves when we truly find God, our own good news.

Amen

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**CHURCH:** The Lent course being staged in our parish and parishes around the Church of England.

**WORLD:** Christians and other minorities under pressure from the State in China.

**THE SICK:** Amanda and Hugh, Tim Bailey, Michael Burt, Sarah Godwin and John Davies, Jan and Mark Knott, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Jacky Williams, Alli, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Sami Bennewith, Lizzy Laverty.

**THE DEPARTED:** Paddy Laverty.

## DUNSFOLD CHURCH IN ACTION

**Our commitment to Dunsfold Church in Action has never wavered and while life has become a little easier than in the first lockdown members of the church community are still helping the less mobile around the parish.**

**But we have been asked to reproduce the list of first responders you can call on for assistance. It might be for shopping or to help you fulfil a medical appointment. It may even be that someone feels lonely and isolated. We are here to help.**

**If you need help don't hesitate to call:  
Rev Ian Maslin (priest in charge) 200048  
Susie Maslin 200048  
Sheila Jones (churchwarden) 200204  
Jan Richardson (churchwarden) 200519  
Pam and David Walker 201140**

## SAFEGUARDING IN YOUR CHURCH

We take safeguarding seriously in Dunsfold Church. If you have any concerns or information you wish to pass on please contact our safeguarding officer, Hazel Wiltshire on 01403 753847 or email her at [hazelwiltshire@talktalk.net](mailto:hazelwiltshire@talktalk.net)

## THE LAST WORD...

**GEORGE HERBERT, priest, poet, MP (1593-1633), whose life we commemorate on February 27th.**



Teach me, my God and King,  
In all things Thee to see,  
And what I do in anything  
To do it as for Thee.

