

## All Saints Church Awbridge - March 2026



### Lent

“For God so loved the cosmos that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will have everlasting life”

John 3 v 16



We are now in the season of Lent which prepares us for the story of the Passion in Holy Week and the amazing story of Jesus' Resurrection which we celebrate on 5 April, on Easter Day. As part of this journey we have a Lent Course on "Journeys and Resting Places", in Awbridge Village Hall, Committee Room, Wednesdays, 7-9pm, on 4, 11, 18 & 25 March. There are also lunchtime sessions, at Braishfield Church Room, 12-2pm, on the same dates. Mothering Sunday, the mid-point of Lent, will be celebrated at Awbridge Church on Sunday 15 March with cake and posies of course. Before the end of March, Awbridge School will be coming to church for their Easter Service.

**150th Anniversary of All Saints Church 1876-2026**, this year, we are celebrating this anniversary in lots of different ways. Our next social event is on Saturday 28 March "Celebrity Dinner with Rod Bransgrove, OBE and chairman of Hampshire County Cricket Club", 7pm, at Awbridge village hall, tickets are £25 per person, plus licensed bar and raffle. Tickets can be booked on line, using the link on the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations page of our website: [www.awbridge.church](http://www.awbridge.church). For further information contact James for booking a table, email: [jdalexander350@gmail.com](mailto:jdalexander350@gmail.com).

This is shortly followed by a "Come and Sing Messiah", on Easter Saturday 4 April, tickets to sing, are available at £20 per person, using the link on the 150th celebrations page at [www.awbridge.church](http://www.awbridge.church). For those with tickets there are also rehearsals in the church, 7-8 30pm, from Wed 11 March. There are also some audience tickets, for further information contact Chris, email: [chris.s.thompson@me.com](mailto:chris.s.thompson@me.com).

**Messy Church** in February, for Lent, was all about "Doing Kindness". Our next session will be during the Easter Holidays, on Friday 10 April, 3 30 pm-5 30pm, at Braishfield Church Room, with an Easter theme.

Our Breakfast Service in February looked at God's Love through doing, like Jesus, with examples of St Valentine, healing people and Edith Cavell, a nurse in WW1, who died after helping British prisoners escape from German occupied territory, both died as martyrs for their faith. Our Contemporary Worship service also looked at God's love, this time, through the eyes of the Father of the Prodigal Son, our next service, in March, will see the same story through the eyes of the Prodigal Son.

Our film clubs are progressing well with The Children's Film Club seeing "Ratatouille" at half term and the Cinema Club, for grown-up's, looking forward to a story about "two elderly ladies on a rescue mission", chosen by Sarah, on Wed 11 March, at 1 30 pm, in church, entry by donation. The Children's Film Club will be back on 9 April, in the Easter Holidays.

As Spring progresses you might like to contribute to our Plant Stall, for the village fete in May, as it is now time to plant some seeds or divide up perennials all in aid of church funds. We would also welcome donations of puzzles and jigsaws.

**Eco-tip for March:** Maybe you would like to take part in a local litter pick or beach clean during "The Great British Spring Clean" (Friday 13-Sunday 29 March), the nation's biggest mass-action

environmental campaign. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together. If you would like to join in locally, the Awbridge ADVA Litter Pick is on Saturday 7 March, 9 00 am at Awbridge Village Hall. Maybe you could pray for your local area as you do your litter pick. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at [keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean](http://keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean).

## Services and Events in March

<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	9 30 am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesdays 4,11,18,25 March</b>	7-9pm Lent Course at Awbridge Village Hall, Committee Rm.
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	9 00 am Family Breakfast Service at Awbridge Village Hall 6 30 pm Deanery Contemporary Worship Service
<b>Wednesday 11 March</b>	1 30 pm Cinema Club
<b>Sunday 15 March</b>	9 30 am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday
<b>Sunday 22 March</b>	9 30 am Morning Worship
<b>Saturday 28 March</b>	7pm Celebrity Dinner with Rob Bransrove at Awbridge Village Hall
<b>Palm Sunday 29 March</b>	10 00 am United Benefice Service of Holy Communion for Palm Sunday at All Saints, Braishfield ( <i>NB Clocks change today</i> )

## Other Activities

<b>Coffee Hub</b>	Every Tuesday in the church rooms from 9.15 – 11.30 am
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	Before Coffee Hub on 3 & 17 March from 9 00 am
<b>Lent Course</b>	Wednesdays 4,11,18 & 25 March 7-9pm at Awbridge Village Hall
<b>Craft &amp; Chat</b>	Fridays 6, 20 & 27 March from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185
<b>Lunch Club</b>	Wednesdays 11 & 25 March, 12 noon, church rooms Contact Sarah Keith 340707
<b>The Ark Toddler Group</b>	Fridays, during term time from 9.15 am to 11.00 am

in Awbridge Village Hall  
Please contact Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314

## Useful Church contacts

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