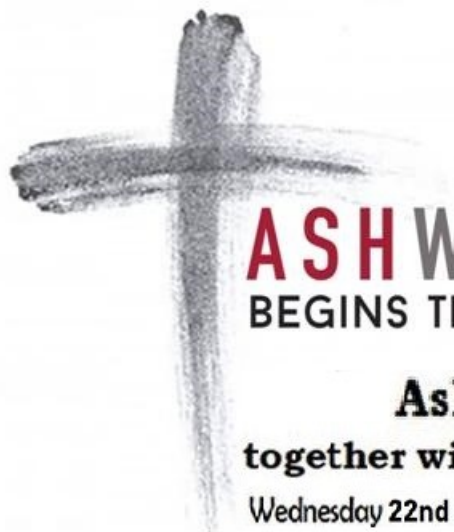


Holy Trinity & St Hugh's Bulletin February 2023



ASH WEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

Ashing Service
together with St Mary's Bridgwater
Wednesday 22nd Feb, 7pm, at Holy Trinity Bridgwater

Lent Groups at Holy Trinity

A Lent Discussion group will happen after the Thursday morning services, at about 10.45am, on the following Thursdays:

***23rd Feb, 2nd March, 16th March,
30th March, 5th April***

We shall be using an excellent course introduced by the diocese about 20 years ago:

“First to the Lord”

Informal, fun and informative look at some popular Bible stories over tea, coffee and biscuits.

Everyone is very welcome. You can dip in and out. You don't have to come to every session!





Dates for your Diary

2	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Morning Prayer with Rev Dean
5	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	11.15am	Easter choir practice
6	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
		Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space
9	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Bible Study Group
12	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	11.15am	Easter choir practice
		StH	3.00pm	Evensong
13	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
		Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space
16	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
19	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	11.15am	Easter choir practice
20	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
		Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space
22	Wednesday	HT	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Ashing Service
23	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Lent Group 1
26	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		StH	3.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
27	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
		Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space
2	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Lent Group 2

Holy Trinity Choir

We'll be looking at some songs for Easter very soon. If you would like to join us in our fun and informal choir, do stay behind for a brief meeting after 10am church on 5th February. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join.

Apologies for any errors or omission in this edition of *The Bulletin*. Any missed out items will be mentioned in notices during Sunday Services. *Ed*

Dear Friends,

This month sees the beginning of Lent - that six week period when we embark upon a quiet journey of self-examination and prayer as we make our way towards Good Friday and Easter. Please do come along to Holy Trinity at 7pm on Ash Wednesday (22nd February) when the Lenten pilgrimage will begin with a service of ashes. We shall be joined by our friends from St Mary's Bridgwater.

A suggestion for one way in which we might draw closer to God's goodness and love during Lent is to commit during this period to pay extra special attention as we take communion on Sundays, and, for some, on Thursdays. The following little reflection is based upon a recent offering in the daily devotional magazine "Word For Today" (*published by UCB 220123*).

Taking communion can be a meaningless ritual, or an intimate time spent in the presence of Jesus.

Cleopas and his companion met some women who had just been to the empty tomb and reported that Jesus was alive. But try as they might they couldn't believe it. Cleopas and his friends were travelling home to Emmaus when Jesus suddenly appeared and walked along with them. First He opened their eyes to see that the crucifixion wasn't the tragedy they thought, but a fulfilment of prophecy and God's way to redeem a lost world; something to celebrate and not be sad about. Later, as He sat in their home and ate supper with them, *'he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him'* (Luke 24.30-31).

Are you battling fear and doubt today? Are you wondering if God will keep His promise to you? He will! This Emmaus story proves that Jesus loves doubters enough to walk with them, take away their fears, and strengthen their faith; and he did this as they broke bread. So next time you're taking communion, stop and pray, 'Lord, speak to me. Show me Your will and Your way.' That's a prayer He will answer. Your mind may be confused and your anxiety great, but He will show up and meet you at the point of your need.

God bless you for a peaceful, reflective and blessing-filled Lent.

Rev. Will



Anniversary Blessing

During the **10am Holy Trinity Service on 26th February** we will be blessing Andy and Anne Cox, a local Hamp couple with longstanding connections to Holy Trinity, as they celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Do come along to celebrate with them and pray for them.



ASDA Foundation,,

Holy Trinity has been chosen for Green Token Giving at Asda Bridgwater Branch. Vote for us today and we could receive £500 from #AsdaFoundation #Community. Your vote means we can expand our Social Morning and offer more to the community. Vote now!! Votes can be placed once every seven days from 1st January. To place your vote, go to www.asda.com/green-tokens and select Bridgwater_branch from the drop-down box.

Regular Church Services at Holy Trinity

Every Sunday: 10.00am Holy Communion (1 hr)
Every Thursday: 10.00am Holy Communion (½ hr)

Regular Church Services at St Hugh's, Durleigh

2nd Sunday: 3.00pm Evensong (45 mins)
4th Sunday: 3.00pm Holy Communion (50 mins)

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