

# Holy Trinity & St Hugh's Bulletin March 2023



## Lent Groups at Holy Trinity

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

**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!



**2nd APRIL**

**Bring and share lunch**

**Sign up sheet and food list will be at the  
back of the church during March**

**Lunch will follow the APCM**

**Everyone is welcome**

*(see back page  
for more info)*



## Dates for your Diary

2	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Lent Group 2
5	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	11.15am	Easter choir practice
6	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
7	Tuesday	HT	7.00pm	Holy Trinity PCC meeting
8	Wednesday	Hall	12.45pm	"Hamp Drop-In"
9	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Morning Prayer
12	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	11.15am	Easter choir practice
		StH	3.00pm	Evensong
13	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
		Vicarage	10.30am	St Hugh's PCC meeting
16	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Lent Group 3
19	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	11.15am	Easter choir practice
20	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
23	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Morning Prayer
26	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	12.00pm	Baptism
		StH	3.00pm	Holy Communion
27	Monday	Hall	10.00am	Social Morning
29	Wednesday	HT	1.00pm	Hamp Infants' Easter assembly
30	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Lent Group 4
2	Sunday	Mansfield Pk	9.55am	Walk of witness
		HT	10.05am	Palm Sunday Communion Service
		HT	11.15am	HT Annual Meeting (APCM)
		HT	12.00pm	Bring 'n Share Lunch

### **HAMP DROP-IN, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL, 12..45pm ON 8TH MARCH**

A chance to meet and chat with local social and care providers: housing, councillors, advisers, restorative justice, police, Hidden Voices, etc, etc. Refreshments!

Rev Will and Karen are taking a few days away from 21st-25th March. Rev Dean will be in charge!

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,

The early weeks of this year have been overshadowed by great catastrophe and shock. February will forever be remembered for the catastrophic earthquakes which hit south east Turkey and north west Syria on 6th February. The awful suffering, death and destruction which has been wrought upon those countries, and upon families, friends and onlookers the world over, is almost too much for words.

Certainly there are no words which can begin to explain why such a terrible thing has happened. And this tragedy falls in the midst of continuing suffering and devastation in Ukraine which continues to haunt that country and to fill us all with anguish and fear. The disaster's nearness to Christmas recently passed is significant, for at Christmas God broke into the world not so much to put an end to suffering, but to join with us right in the midst of human suffering so that we can know that he knows what it's like, that he cares, that he cries in pain and anguish with us.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." That's hard to accept when all there seems to be is suffering and devastation? Maybe the light these past weeks has been in the responses to suffering - the response of millions of ordinary people the world over: praying, giving money, giving goods, giving time, giving skills, giving themselves. Compassion, bravery, courage and love have shone out of the darkness of this tragedy like a bright beacon in the night.

And now we are into Lent – that period of quiet reflection as we watch and wait to remember the devastation and suffering of that first Good Friday, followed by the promise and hope of new life which Easter Day brings. These weeks leading up to Easter are a God-given opportunity for us to rest a little from the frenetic busy-ness that commands so much of our time. It is a space for us to spend time reflectively in God's presence. It is a time for us to listen for his still small voice for us as individuals and for us as church communities.

*What we need to know  
is the inmost desire in the heart of Christ,  
which is that we should come to the Kingdom with Him.  
He alone knows the way,  
which is that of the cross.*

*~Thomas Merton~*

Every blessing for a quiet and peaceful Lent.

*Rev. Will*



## **Palm Sunday, 2nd April**

10am, meet in Mansfield Park to begin the procession to Holy Trinity for our ***Palm Sunday service*** (if you don't wish to process, you can join us in Church. We should be there by approx 10.05am).

Followed by Holy Trinity's ***Annual Church meeting***, followed by ***Bring 'n Share Lunch***

You are strongly encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting at which the Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected for the following 12 months. You will read and hear reports about the church's activities, buildings and finances over the past year. If you would like to be involved with the PCC or any other of the various committees, do have a word with rev Will. He would love to hear from you!

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The **Annual Meeting for St Hugh's** will be after Evensong at 3.45pm on 23rd April at St Hugh's. You are warmly invited to attend ... and offer your services if you like!

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> January. To place your vote, go to [www.asda.com/green-tokens](http://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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