

Please pray for the family and friends of ....

- Gillian Barr whose funeral is at Blandford St Mary on February 23rd
- Adrian Tuite whose funeral will be held on 24th Feb in Tarrant Keynston
- Ruby Barnes whose funeral will be in Spetisbury Church on March 9th  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory



And for those who are unwell and have asked for prayer:

John and Jo, Jane

You can send a prayer need anytime to our dedicated email prayer network and our members will pray for you. You can also become a member of the prayer link. Simply email with your prayer need and/or your request to Tony Parker.

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### Readings for March 1st

Genesis 12: 1 - 4a, Romans 4: 1 - 5, 13 - 17, John 3: 1 - 17

## The Two Rivers Benefice News Sheet.

for the parishes of *Spetisbury, Charlton Marshall, Blandford St Mary, Langton Long, Tarrant Rushton with Tarrant Rawston and Tarrant Keynston with Tarrant Crawford.*



**'Seeking God, serving others, stronger together'.**

### Sunday February 22nd

- 9:30 - Communion at St Mary's Church, Charlton Marshall
- 9:30 - Morning Worship at St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury
- 11:00 - Communion at All Saints Church, Langton Long
- 11:00 - BCP Communion at St Mary's Church, Tarrant Rushton

### Readings

Genesis 2: 15 - 17, 3: 1 - 7      Romans 5: 12 - 19      Matthew 4: 1 - 11

### Collect for the day - The First Sunday in 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 may we 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.

### Post Communion prayer

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Looking Ahead....

### Sunday March 1st

10:45 Together Communion with Bishop Karen  
at St Mary's Church,  
Charlton Marshall



### Sunday March 8th

9:30 - Communion at St Mary's Church, Blandford St Mary  
11:00 - Morning Worship at All Saints Church, Langton Long  
11:00 - Family Service at All Saint's Church Tarrant Keynston

### Sunday March 15th

9:30 - Communion at St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury  
9:30 - All Age Worship at St Mary's Church, Charlton Marshall  
11:00 - Morning worship at All Saints Church, Langton Long  
11:00 - Communion at St Mary's Church, Tarrant Rushton

**Morning Prayer** - Every Thursday by Zoom, 9:00am.

Use link below or join meeting with ID & Passcode

<https://tinyurl.com/TwoRiversBen>

The code for all Zoom services is: 705 869 3298, passcode:zB3Med

**Home Group** - Next on Weds 25th February (and then fortnightly)

Everyone Welcome For more information please contact

Robin Turnbull at [robin.turnbull@gmail.com](mailto:robin.turnbull@gmail.com)

### Opportunities for Coffee, cake and community chat...

**St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury**

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month 10:00 -11:30am

**St. Mary's Church Blandford St Mary** Monthly coffee and cake event -

next on March 19th, 10:00 - 11:30am

**'CRAFTERNOOONS'** First Thursday in the month at St. Mary's Church,  
Blandford St Mary , 2.00 - 4.00pm. £3.00 including refreshments

**Coffee Stop at Charlton Marshall Parish Centre**

10:30 - 12:30 Tues - Friday every week.



## What's Happening....

### Lent across the Two Rivers Benefice

Friday morning prayers will be at 9.00am for about 30 minutes.

They will be held at a different church each week...

20th February - Tarrant Keynston

27th February - Spetisbury

6th March - Langton Long

13th March - Blandford St Mary

20th March - Tarrant Rushton

27th March - Charlton Marshall

*Everyone is also invited to join in the following talks throughout Lent*

Milton and Blandford Deanery Present

**The Lent Deanery Lectures 2026**

Blandford Parish Centre, The Plocks, Blandford Forum DT11 7DW

Wednesdays 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**25th February: Canon Dr Clare Amos**

'The Gospel of Matthew - A mountain-top experience'

**4th March: Professor Christopher Hancock.**

'By what authority? Identity and conflict within the Church'

**11th March: Dr. David Edwin Orton P.H.D L.L.M.**

"Interpreting the Bible for the Church",

**18th March: Revd Dr Helen Williams**

'Science and Faith'



The next lunch meeting of

**'Good Companions'**

**(Bereavement Support Group)**

**will be Tuesday 24th February**

*Then again on Tuesday 24th March*

**12.30pm at All Saints Church, Langton Long.**

We look forward to seeing you again, and as always, any newcomers would be so welcome to join this lovely, friendly group and enjoy a tasty lunch together.

For further information, please contact

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**1st and 3rd Friday  
of every month**

**All Saints Church,  
Langton Long**

**Langton Lunches**

**Hospitality Warmth  
Food**

12-2pm - eat in or take  
away

Donations welcome