



Wareham's Church of England Family Weekly Update 21st February 2021

Traditionally the season of Lent has been time of self-examination and repentance in order to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, when we celebrate our Lord's passion and resurrection. It is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and also reading and meditating on God's holy word. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

The Collect for today

Heavenly Father, your Son battled the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Bible Reading(s)

Colossians 2:16-23 - Matthew 12:1-13

Verse of the Week –

***Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...
(1 Peter 5:8,9)***



Services in the Parish this week;

9.30am Sandford All Age Service online Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion at The Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.30am Parish Online Service -

YouTube Watch here:

<https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

you can listen to the service by dialing: 01202

078008 (charged at local rate)

Wednesday 24th February 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – St Martin-on-the-Walls



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- Jesus, our great high priest, who was tempted in every way as we are and who prays for us in our temptations
- all those who have been vaccinated
- signs of spring appearing around us

We pray to God for:

- wisdom to use this season of Lent to draw closer to God and that we will discern his guiding voice
- generosity towards those who suffer
- a fair distribution of vaccines around the world

Those asking for prayer:

Margaret Wason, Lyn Dowdall, Libby and Matthew Richter, the Reverend Margaret Mulrairie, Lily Brough, Dawn Russell, Lottie Bugler, Robin and Maxine Humphries, Geoff Foulds, the Reverend Ann Ashcroft, Nikki Bashford, Carolyn Jarman, Edna Farley, Anne King

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Raymond Ronayne, Lilian Housham, Robert Anderson, Terry Sinnick, Renate Osmond

Our Mission Prayer:

Pray for the work of Tearfund, working around the world to end poverty. At this time they are asking for prayer for their work in Myanmar. Please pray for peace, that there will be no brutality or violence, and that the democratic process will be upheld. Pray for safety, protection and provision for Tearfund staff and their partners at this difficult time and that they will be able to keep in contact with all of them.

Tuesday weekly prayer Zoom meeting

Our weekly Zoom prayer meeting will start at 7.30pm. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, please contact Debs or Stuart. All are welcome to join us to pray online.





Virtual Coffee after the Service!

Please join us for online 'virtual coffee' and fellowship after our Sunday services. Just put on the kettle and **join us on Zoom at 11.15am**. The link will be sent in an email by Debs (please contact 01929 550905 if you don't receive this, and if you need technical help to use Zoom, please contact Simon or Stuart). All are welcome!

FOOD BANK

'Wareham food bank! People can continue to donate items using the collection points in Sainsbury's and Co-op. In particular they require tinned meat and tinned veg, also pasta and rice, so if you can donate when you go shopping, that would be much appreciated. In order to try to meet demand, Wareham food bank is also purchasing food to be given away, so another way we can support them is by making financial donations. This can be done using the following bank details:



Account name: Purbeck Gateway Church Sort Code: 60-22-45 Account no: 72115440 If using online banking, please use this reference: Account 2 – foodbank

Sharing what God may be saying to you

We believe that God speaks to us today, as we read the Bible and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's work in us. When you read the Bible and spend time with God in prayer, it is good to begin by asking God to speak to you, and to be open to what he may be saying. If you sense God speaking to you in this way, and it is something that is relevant to the wider church, we would encourage you to share it with a member of the ministry team, particularly if you feel it would build up and encourage others. So please do contact a member of the ministry team, we would love to hear what God may be saying to you, so that we can share and pray into these things when we pray together as a team each week. Thank you.

'GREEN TIP'

As a church we now have to calculate and report our carbon footprint and we are currently working on calculating ours and thinking about ways we can reduce it. There are various online tools we can use to work out our own personal footprints. Why not try one of them and see if there is anything you could change to reduce yours? The WWF one available at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/> is simple to use and will give you some general tips to reduce your footprint.



Fairtrade Quiz

February 22nd - March 7th is Fairtrade Fortnight so come and test your knowledge and find out more about cocoa farmers adapting to climate change in Sierra Leone at the Fairtrade Quiz and video evening on Wednesday February 24th at 7pm. A zoom link will be sent out soon.

PASTORAL VISITING AND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE VULNERABLE

In some extreme cases Clergy are able to carry out home visits, please contact the Team Rector or Team Vicar if required.

HELP AND SUPPORT IN THESE TOUGH TIMES

Whilst there is much support amongst parishioners in various home groups and amongst friends and neighbours, we are keen to make sure that this stretches to everyone in need. We would like to set up a telephone support network across the parish and so if you are interested in helping or if you know of anyone who might appreciate a call, please contact the office or a member of the Ministry Team.

Also, there is a scheme that provides meals for those who find themselves in need of an occasional helping hand (or if you can help). Please contact, Linda on 01929 289236 to find out more.



Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

| | Psalm (s) | Old Testament | New Testament |
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| Monday 22nd February | 10, 11 | Jeremiah 4:19-end | John 5:1-18 |
| Tuesday 23rd February | 44 | Jeremiah 5:1-19 | John 5:1-19 |
| Wednesday 24th February | 6, 17 | Jeremiah 5:20-end | John 5:30-end |
| Thursday 25th February | 42, 43 | Jeremiah 6:9-21 | John 6:1-15 |
| Friday 26th February | 22 | Jeremiah 6:22-end | John 6:16-27 |
| Saturday 27th February | 59, 63 | Jeremiah 7:1-20 | John 6:27-40 |

Parish Office

The Parish Office is now closed due to the new Covid-19 restrictions but is able to answer all telephone and email enquiries Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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