

# **WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE**

***“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”***

***Sunday 20 February 2022 2nd Sunday before Lent***

Sunday's Gospel speaks of Jesus' power over a storm, in a week when our country has been hit by two storms, I'm writing in the lull between them, without knowledge as to the full effects!

Storms can, however, be fearsome things. Walking on Dartmoor a couple of weeks ago, one day we were in strong winds, and it was difficult to move when walking into them, cold when we stopped and if I'm honest slightly scary too. Strong winds are respected by the most experienced of sailors and fishermen including the disciples who were used to the sudden storms on the Sea of Galilee.

On this occasion Jesus, once he has been woken up, calms the storm causing the disciples to ask themselves: 'who is this, that he commands even the wind and the water, and they obey him?'

Who is this?

Were they I wonder thinking of Psalm 107 which speaks of the people of God encountering difficulty, for example: during their wanderings, delivered from darkness, healed from sickness and storms calmed. In each case the people cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and he answers them, resulting in praise and thanksgiving.

I wonder how we cry out to God in trouble, and how we respond when it feels as if He is asleep in the boat. But I wonder too if we respond to what He does with thanksgiving, watching out for and recognising him at work in situations. The results may not be as dramatic as in our Gospel or Psalm 107, but God is still there and God is still working so let us thank him and call out to him in our need.

## **Bible Readings**

**Sunday 13 February Psalm 65, Revelation 4, Luke 8:22-25**

**8:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David**

**10:30am Holy Communion Kingweston**

Monday Psalm 71, Genesis 29:31-30:24, 2 Timothy 4:1-8

**9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville**

Tuesday Psalm 73, Genesis 31:1-24, 2 Timothy 4:9-end

Wednesday Psalm 77, Genesis 31:25-32:2, Titus 1

**9am Morning Prayer Barton St David**

Thursday Psalm 78:1-39, Genesis 32:3-30, Titus 2

**9am Morning Prayer in Lydford**

Friday Psalm 55, Genesis 33:1-17, Titus 3

Saturday Psalm 76, Genesis 35, Philemon

**Sunday 27 February**

**8:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse**

**10:30am Holy Communion Barton St David**

**4:00pm Faith 'n Fun pancakes in Keinton churchyard or church if wet.**

Morning Prayer has restarted in in all three parishes, 9am on Monday in Keinton, Wednesday in Barton & Thursday in Lydford.

Joan Harland's service of thanksgiving will be in St Peter's West Lydford on Friday 4 March at 12:00pm, preceded by a private cremation.

## **Forthcoming worship**

27/2/22 8:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

4:00pm Faith 'n fun Keinton Churchyard

2/3/22 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

6/3/22 8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

## Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection



## YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB\\_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57)

## Forthcoming courses:

During Lent you have a choice of course!

We're holding a benefice Lent course using the Diocesan materials, this will meet on Monday afternoons: 7, 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April from 2-3:30 and in the evening on Monday 7 and then Wednesday 16, 23, 30 March and 6 April 7:30pm

All at the Rectory, all are welcome.

## Living in Love and Faith

In the Deanery we're also rerunning Living in Love and Faith, an opportunity to think about our response to some of the issues raised by issues of identity, sexuality and gender, if you'd like to know more then please speak to Jane & she will put you in touch with someone who did it last time around! These are

on a Tuesday evening 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March in St Ben's Glastonbury at 7 – 9pm

### **Bible Book Club**

Bible Book club is reading the Letter to the Ephesians and our next meeting will be in the new year, because the Advent course is on the day we'd planned to meet! Why not come along & see what happens?

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- Masks are no longer required but we continue to encourage their use in our buildings.
- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- We continue to take details of who is present for track and trace
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and in one kind only

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