

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

"Jesus Lives: Follow Him"

Sunday 13th March 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent

In Morning Prayer at the moment we're reading the account of Jacob and his sons', particularly Joseph. This causes some to want to burst into song, following the example of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. It also shows some of the challenges of family life at the time.

Joseph is someone who makes mistakes, who is mistreated and falsely accused. When he meets his brothers I always wonder if he is 'playing' with them out of spite, or a genuine desire to know what their motivations are. There is however no doubt of the emotion involved in the later stages of the account, particularly the reunion and reconciliation which happens. At the end of the account and after the death of their father Joseph says to his brothers: 'Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good in order to preserve a numerous people' (Genesis 50:20)

It is hard sometimes to see how God can take and use harmful and difficult situations, and that is particularly the case at the moment. It isn't that God intended for the harm to happen, but He uses it to bring about good in the lives of others. So maybe we can read the account and ask ourselves:

'How have we seen the hand of God at work in our lives, even when the circumstances were difficult and challenging?'

So how do you see God at work in the midst of the pain and difficulty, or joy and rejoicing. Are we like Joseph able to trust God in the midst of all that is going on around us? Please let me know if you'd like to talk about this!

Bible Readings

Sunday 13 March Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

10:30am Benefice Holy Communion Kingweston

Monday Psalm 32, Genesis 43:16-end, Hebrews 1

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

2pm Lent Group The Rectory

7:30pm Benefice Council Keinton Mandeville Church

Tuesday Psalm 50, Genesis 44:1-17, Hebrews 2:1-9

Wednesday Psalm 35, Genesis 44:18-end, Hebrews 2:10-end

9am Morning Prayer Barton St David

7:30pm Lent Group in The Rectory

Thursday Psalm 34, Genesis 45:1-15, Hebrews 3:1-6

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford

Friday Psalm 41, Genesis 45:16-end, Hebrews 3:7-end

Saturday Psalm 25, Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 13:54-end (Joseph of Nazareth)

Sunday 20 March

8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

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

Forthcoming worship

13/3/22 10:30am Benefice Service Kingweston

20/3/21 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

27/3/22 Mothering Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am All Age morning worship Barton St David

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

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.

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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Help for people of Ukraine

Jennie Cooper, Churchwarden in Lydford has made contact with an organisation taking aid to Ukraine and to refugees in Poland. Alongside this bulletin is a list of the items that they need.

The first load was successfully dropped off this week and a new list is attached, please note they can no longer take bedding, clothing etc, please do read and use the list.

These can be left in the back of Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston or Barton St David Churches or in Lydford given to Jennie Cooper or Ralph Berry