

# **WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE**

***“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”***

***Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent***

This Sunday is ‘Refreshment Sunday’, Mothering Sunday and or the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.

For some people Mothering Sunday is a joy, as they celebrate with members of their family and enjoy time together. For others it is painful, reminding them of difficult relationships, bereavement, or the lack children despite hoping for them.

Mothering Sunday is of course about both mother church and families. The readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday all remind us of God’s love and care in the midst of our human lives and all that they include. The Gospel for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, the parable of the prodigal son shows us this love in a graphic way.

A father allows his son to go away, taking his future inheritance with him, and then when the funds have run out, he welcomes him back, in a way that would, in Jesus’ time have involved considerable loss of face for the father. The older son meanwhile is unaware of his brother’s return and appears to be dissatisfied with his father’s reception of him.

There are many questions raised by this parable, but maybe today we can ask ourselves:

- Who am I willing to care for even if others disagree with me?
- Who is the lost son, the younger one who comes back, or the older one who disagrees with his father?
- Whose love and care do we give thanks for this week, and how are we going to do that?

## **Bible Readings**

**Sunday 27 March Psalm 32, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse**

**10:30am All Age Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday Barton St David**

Monday Psalm 77, Exodus 2:11-22, Hebrews 9:1-14

**9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville**

**2pm Lent Group The Rectory**

Tuesday Psalm 79, Exodus 2:23-3:20, Hebrews 9:15-end

Wednesday Psalm 90, Exodus 4:1-23, Hebrews 10:1-18

**9am Morning Prayer Barton St David**

**7:30pm Lent Group in The Rectory**

Thursday Psalm 86, Exodus 4:27-6:1, Hebrews 10:19-25

**9am Morning Prayer in Lydford**

Friday Psalm 102, Exodus 6:2-13, Hebrews 10:26-end

Saturday Psalm 32, Exodus 7:8-end, Hebrews 11:1-16

**2pm 'Big Tea' in Keinton Village Hall**

**Sunday 3 April 2022**

**8:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville**

**10:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse**

## **Forthcoming worship**

3/4/22 8:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse (followed by annual meeting)

10/4/22 10:30am Palm Sunday Benefice Service Barton St David

Holy Week

11/4/22 7:00pm Compline Lydford on Fosse

12/4/22 7:00pm Compline Keinton Mandeville

13/4/22 7:00pm Compline Barton St David

14/4/22 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Kingweston

15/4/22 Good Friday

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

2:00pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' a Devotional service of words and music Lydford on Fosse

17/4/22 Easter Day

8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Holy Communion 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/video?s?view=57](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/video?s?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 now voluntary, it is your choice whether or not you wear one

- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- 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 using wafers and wine from small glasses, we will discuss returning to coming to the rail to receive after Easter
- We have reinstated Tea and Coffee after our church services, where we have people to prepare it.

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**Help for people of Ukraine**

Jennie Cooper and Ralph Berry, along with John Long delivered a second load to those taking aid to refugees and others in Poland/Ukraine

We are not going to deliver any more loads

However please do continue to pray for the situation, to seek peace and maybe to donate to the Disaster Emergency committee and if you are able to maybe consider hosting a refugee or family.