

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 3rd April 2022 5th Sunday of Lent

This Sunday our focus turns towards the cross as we enter the final two weeks of Lent.

We see that focus in both our readings, Paul speaking of everything as rubbish save knowing Jesus Christ and his desire to share in both his suffering and the power of his resurrection.

If I’m honest at times I’m far more interested in sharing in the power of the resurrection than suffering.... The latter just seems too hard and too painful and yet:

- I know that it is in those difficult times that I grow the most
- I know that unless I’m willing to stand up and be counted as a follower resurrection power doesn’t make much sense
- I know that at times my focus changes and I lose sight of what it means to follow Jesus
- I know that at other times following is the best way to be and to live

So how are we going to approach Holy Week and Easter given the centrality of that that it encompasses:

We have a variety of worship on offer during Holy week, why not look at the list and decide what you’d like to come to.

If you are unable to attend, then maybe read the account of the last week of Jesus’ life through the week, walking through it and contemplating all that it includes.

Bible Readings

Sunday 27 March Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

8:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse followed by Annual Meeting

Monday Psalm 73, Exodus 8:1-19, Hebrews 11:17-31

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

2pm Lent Group The Rectory

Tuesday Psalm 35, Exodus 8:20-end, Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Wednesday Psalm 55, Exodus 9:1-12, Hebrews 12:3-13

9am Morning Prayer Barton St David

7:30pm Lent Group in The Rectory

Thursday Psalm 40, Exodus 9:13-end, Hebrews 12:14-end

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford

Friday Psalm 22, Exodus 10, Hebrews 13:1-16

Saturday Psalm 23, Exodus 11, Hebrews 13:17-end

Sunday 10 April 2022 Palm Sunday

10:30am Benefice Service of Holy communion Barton St David

Forthcoming worship

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/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 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.