

Church News for Sunday 14th February 2021 Sunday before Lent

Following the success of PhoneChurch during the first lockdown and with Covid-19 rates rising once again in our area, a discussion was held at an emergency meeting of the 6 Parishes. After reviewing the options, the PCC's opted to revert to PhoneChurch during the current National Lockdown, this has been approved by Bishop Nick. This will be reviewed at our meeting on the 24th February.

To join in simply call 03300 945 940 then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 # and use Guest PIN: 3885 # please see below for more detailed information.

Sunday 14th February Sunday before Lent

09:00 Morning Prayer

10:00 BCP Holy Communion

16:00 Evening Prayer – Zoom (Taizé Music)

Readings 2 Kings 2.1-12, Psalm 50.1-6, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, & Mark 9.2-9

Evening Readings Psalms 99, 1 Kings 19.1-16, 2 Peter 1.16-21

Collect Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - Morning Prayer

18:00 Tuesday - Clypping Service - a service of blessing on our Churches, Homes, & Communities

09:00 & 18:00 Wednesday - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Clypping 2021

Clipping the church is an ancient custom that is traditionally held in England on Easter Monday or Shrove Tuesday. The word "clypping" is Anglo-Saxon in origin, and is derived from the word "clyppan", meaning "embrace" or "clasp".

Clipping the church

involves the congregation holding hands in a ring around the church. Once the circle is completed onlookers will often cheer and sometimes hymns are sung. Following the ceremony, a sermon is delivered in the church and there are refreshments. Christians adopted this tradition to show their love for their church and the surrounding people.

Please email for a link to the Zoom or use code 527 308 5317 - 5DDf4A

This year we are having a Zoom Clypping and Pancakes service! Please do join us with pancakes ready and if you can a Lemon (all will be explained on the night)! As we can't hug the Church this year we have included a Clypping Blessing Card so you can go to your Doorsteps and then come back to the Zoom!



Ash Wednesday

Since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

As a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of preparation for Easter, we invite you to receive on your head in ash the sign of the cross, the symbol of our salvation.

This year we have sent out packs with both liturgy and small envelopes containing ash made from last years palm cross, for you to mark this important day at home. If you are able, please do join us at our services at 09:00 or 18:00, however, we have also included a card with instructions if you would like to do so on your own. Please click here for a downloadable copy of our Ash Wednesday At Home Card



It is very important that you use the ash as provided and do not mix it with water!

BCP Collect Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 21st February Lent 1

09:00 Prayer & Praise

10:00 Holy Communion

16:00 BCP Evensong

Readings Genesis 9.8-17, Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Peter 3.18-22, & Mark 1.9-15

Evening Readings Psalm 119.17-32, Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19

Collect Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

During the week - Phone Church

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - Morning Prayer

09:00 Wednesday - Holy Communion

Sunday 28th February Lent 2

09:00 Holy Communion

10:00 BCP Morning Prayer

16:00 Revive – Zoom

Readings Genesis 17.1-7,15,16, Psalm 22.23-31, Romans 4.13-25, & Mark 8.31-38

Evening Readings Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

Collect Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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During the week – PhoneChurch

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - Morning Prayer

09:00 Wednesday - Holy Communion

Sunday 7th March Lent 3

09:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Morning Prayer

16:00 BCP Evensong

Readings Exodus 20.1-17, *Psalm 19**, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

Evening Readings Psalms 11, 12, Exodus 5.1 - 6.1, Philippians 3.4b-14

Collect Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week – PhoneChurch

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - Morning Prayer

09:00 Wednesday - Holy Communion

20:00 Saturday - Compline

PhoneChurch is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on your phone everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to best use this system and whilst responses during the service are working well, communal singing is causing problems - so for the moment please just listen to the music as it plays rather than singing along.

Weddings Baptisms & Funerals

Weddings can only take place in incredibly special circumstances and with 6 people present. Funerals 30 people present. There continue to be complex restrictions and procedures in place and these services will look and feel very different to what you might be used to so please do talk with Rev'd Chris at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment. **For the latest update from the Church of England please visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>**

Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every other Wednesday. Our next meetings are on 24/02/21 and 10/03/21 at 16:15 on the PhoneChurch number.

Rev'd Chris will be taking Friday 19th and Tuesday 23rd as his rest days.

Wensley Deanery Synod is meeting via Zoom at 19:15 on Thursday 18/02/21

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is on Wednesday 24th at 11:00 via Zoom

Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectio Divina

Friday afternoons at 16:00 - Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the 'ear' of the heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the Living God.

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

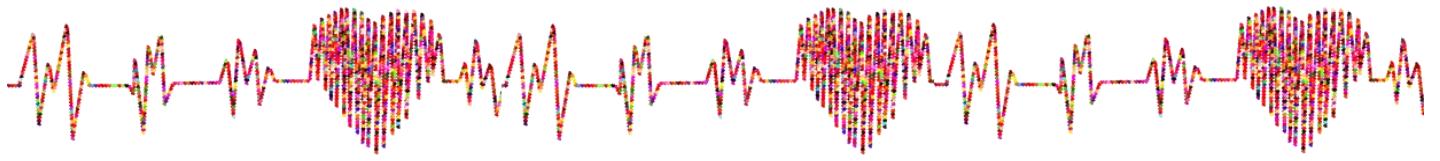
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Lent

Study Group

Rhythm of Life - Lent Course



Come and join us on Zoom for six sessions, as we explore a healthy spiritual rhythm of life.

Sessions will provide an opportunity to engage with the seven Rhythm of Life areas for deepening commitment:

Praying Reflecting Encouraging Sharing
Resting Celebrating Creating

Each session will be 90 minutes in length, including a 10-minute break. The framework will consist of video clips, Bible passages, discussion questions, break out groups for discussion and prayer.

The weekly sessions will begin at 19:30 on Wednesday 24th February let us know if you would like to take part or simply join us on the night. The Link above will take you to the Zoom.

#LiveLent - Book and App

Both the book and the accompanying daily reflections encourage all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives.

We witness to God's story and the impact this has made to our story so that others might also find their story taking on new meaning in the light of God's love. While the current restrictions on daily life necessitated by the pandemic present significant challenges, the suffering and isolation many continue to face make the need for us to share God's love with our communities greater than ever. Rather than just being a Lenten discipline, this year's #LiveLent is a joyful invitation to make witness a normal part of the Christian life, the natural overflow of a life lived in devotion to Christ.

The App is available in the App Store and we have copies of the printed book available - please contact Rev'd Chris if you would like a copy.

Compline

We will be rounding the week off with a service of Compline each Saturday during Lent on PhoneChurch
Do come and join us.



#LIVE LENT



God's Story
Our Story

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Wensleydale Filling Station

Mike & Pauline send us this message.

This Friday (12th) would have been our first Filling Station meeting of 2021. Lockdown, however, is continuing to affect our plans. There will be many who are struggling through this Covid time but there can also be opportunities to share in prayer and worship 'countrywide' using recorded and streamed services as well connecting without local church via YouTube, Facebook and telephone services.

I have uploaded a video to the Wensleydale Filling Station YouTube Channel, for you to watch. Matt Hirst spoke at our meeting in November 2019. Here he is talking about Worship in the Wilderness as his church in Rawtenstall begins (early) a Lent series using some 'Engage Worship' resources. He begins by inviting people to 'Learn to Journey with God through the desert places'

I hope you have time to watch this (and imagine you're in a Filling Station meeting!).

Use this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEpfZgcc__w

We will start again as soon as it is practically possible but until then let us share together through a series of Monthly video talks.

God's Blessing to you all

Lisle's Limericks

Rev'd Lisle has offered us the following reflections on the Gospel readings for the next two Sundays

Up a mountain apart Jesus then led
his closest friends. To the summit they sped.

Bathed in radiant light
he became dazzling white.

"It is good to be here", Peter then said,

though with James and John he was filled with
fear.

A cloud overhung, no meaning was clear
for them to make sense
of this moment intense.

"Listen to my Son; it's Him you'll revere."

Mark 9.2-8

"Store not up for yourselves treasures on earth
where thieves can break in and steal your purse,
where rust degrades
and moth invades.

Store it in heaven, where your heart finds its
worth."

Matthew 6.19-21

One of Lile's Limericks has now been set to sound and is very much worth listening to -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JppbkElKhJ4&feature=youtu.be>

Hambleton Foodshare

Please consider donating the following items

Sponge puddings

- UHT Milk
- Angel delight & Jellies
- Tinned Mixed Veg
- Small jars of coffee
- Cereal Bars
- Deodorant
- Toilet Roll
- Shampoo

Thank you - all donations are gratefully received.

www.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk

if you need a food parcel E mail - <mailto:info@hambletonfoodshare.org.uk> or ring 07514 244158

At the moment we don't need Pasta, Tinned fish, Tinned tomatoes, soup or beans thank – you. Please also check all items are in date before donating them – Thanks very much



Liberia News

Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes



Simon is a dentist leading a team at a clinic at the Eternal Love Winning All (ELWA) Hospital in Monrovia. Grace is a nurse and will support Simon as well as seeking God's direction for her role in the mission field. The couple are sent by St Gregory's Church, Crakehall and are working for Serving In Mission (SIM)

Rosemary Gaven is our local contact and keeps us update with the news they send. After an extended stay in Johannesburg because of Covid and a long, tiring journey, Simon and Grace eventually arrived back in Liberia on the evening of Monday 8th February. Fortunately, their Covid experience was not severe with Simon not contracting it at all and Alison and Grace mildly. However, Charles their son in law had the worst reaction to it but is well again although he still gets breathless and tires easily. Apart from that incident they thoroughly enjoyed their time with their family.

At the moment they are in quarantine in their home catching up with a few things before they go back to work. They are trying to adjust to being back in the extremely hot and humid conditions.

There is much joy at Eddie passing all his first subjects now and he is already well into his second-year studies very well aware of the hard work that awaits him. There are new things ahead at the Clinic with a newly qualified Liberian lady dentist who trained in the Philippines for 5 years coming to help out for 6 weeks. Grace hopes to get her UK nursing registration renewed amongst many other things for them both.

Please pray for renewed energy and positivity for them as they go back to work in often challenging, difficult and hot situations.

And Finally

From Rev'd Chris

At our BCP Evensong service on Sunday, a small number of us gathered at PhoneChurch and prayed and listen to the scriptures together as we do Sunday by Sunday. Sometimes we have a song as well as Sung Responses and this week I chose to sing a few verses of 'For those in peril on the sea' as the second lesson was 'Jesus Calms the Storm' (Luke 8.22-25). And just as I started to sing Siân came into my study with her latest piece of craftwork 'Heather & the Swan'. The timing could not have been more perfect - I didn't know what she was crafting and she didn't know what I was singing and preaching about. I'm not suggesting it was a message from above, but it did amuse and made me wonder about the little mouse and what adventures she might find - I guess I watched too much Bagpus as a child!

With the ongoing uncertainty that we all live in at the moment, it can certainly feel like we are being like the boat is being battered by the storm, but just like for the disciples Jesus invites us to put our trust in Him.

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

