



St Thomas'



St Andrew's



St Mary's



Holy Trinity

February 2023 Newsletter

“Lent”

Lent begins this month. For centuries this has been a season of fasting and spiritual preparation within the Christian faith. Perhaps you're already considering what you might give up for the six weeks of Lent this year?



Lent is about so much more than being a slightly healthier, more sober or better version of ourselves for a time. If giving up chocolate or alcohol is a real spiritual blessing to you, then that's great! But if not.... perhaps you might consider taking something up for Lent this year instead? Something that might really help you to grow in your faith and in your relationship with God this year. Here are just a couple of ideas that you might to try:

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 22nd February. There will be two services of Holy Communion with Ashing in the Benefice:

9:15am – Holy Trinity, Coates
7:30pm - St Andrew's, Whittlesey

- You could find a new book to read this Lent? If you get a chance to visit our local Christian bookshops, I'm sure they'd have some titles they can recommend. I will be reading 'Women of Holy Week', by Paula Gooder, this Lent season.
- You might like to make a renewed effort to find a little time each day to set aside and spend with God; whether that's in quiet prayer, listening to a hymn or a song of worship, and/or reading some of the Bible.
- You could follow the Church of England's 'Live Lent' reflections, available via the app or in booklet form.
- You could join one of the Lent courses happening in the Benefice (further details on this coming soon).

For more information on what's happening across the Benefice, you might like to visit our website: www.pathway-church.co.uk

Holy Trinity

A Lenten Lunch will be held at 1.00 pm on
Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at Holy Trinity Church, Coates.

Alongside a selection of soups, served with crusty bread, there will also be a raffle and a bookstall with pre-loved books. All are welcome.

COST: £5 per person

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Saturday 11th February -

English Breakfast and a Chat with friends, to be cooked between 9.00 – 10.00 am, (but you can stay as long as the conversation lasts)! in Pondersbridge Village hall.

Adults £5.00
Children - £3.00.

Places must be booked in advance.

Rosemary – 01733 844599. Carol - 01733 844497.

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Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th February – 11.00 am – 3.00 pm

St Thomas' will again be holding their Half Term Activities in the Village Hall and St Thomas' Church, over three days. This is a popular occasion for children in our community and a good example of the fellowship that has developed with families.



Sunday 19th February 2.00 – 5.00 pm – Games Afternoon

Held in St Thomas' Church, we have the usual Carpet Bowls, Snooker, Table Tennis, Darts, plus Board games for everyone to try out. Reasonably priced hot refreshments will be available during the afternoon.

Entry is free but donations are always welcome. - *Warning, there may be road closures in our village which could affect this event. If you want to make sure please contact Paul 07720719420 or Carol 01733 844497.*



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