



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Sunday 21 February Lent 1

Weekly Diary

Sunday 21 February

10.30am St Mary's Holy Communion
5.00pm Zoom Evening prayer

Wednesday 24 February

10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
5.00pm Zoom Evening prayer

Lent 2021

For daily prayer and reflections why not try the Church of England's Lent daily reflections, called 'God's story, Our story' - available free at: www.churchofengland.org/livelent or download the app to phone or tablet from the App Store.

'Six Gospel Steps'

During Lent there will be weekly led reflections following on from evening prayer on Sunday and Wednesday on the theme Six Gospel Steps – starting on Sunday 21st Feb. These reflections will also be able to be viewed on our weekly vlog, posted on our website and Facebook page.

Week one: 'A time in the wilderness'

Week two: 'A time of hope'

Week three: 'A time to get real'

Week four: 'A time to be loved'

Week five: 'A time to be lifted up'

Week six: 'A time to enter in'

The Gospel of Matthew Challenge

In Lent, I wondered whether people would be interested in joining their priest each day in reading Matthew's Gospel. We would start on Monday 22 Feb and read Monday through to Friday each week. With 28 chapters, this should build nicely into Holy Week. If you do take up the challenge, can you please let me know; I plan to phone someone each day and share a chapter with them.

Zoom Evening Prayer through Lent

Evening prayer is available Sunday and Wednesday at 5.00pm via Zoom. The Sunday evening prayer is taken from the Celtic tradition and the Wednesday evening prayer is from common worship. Please let me know if you would like to attend, so that I can send you a Zoom link.

Collect for the week

Heavenly Father,
Your Son battled with the powers of darkness
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days
to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to Your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for this week

Those in our books of prayer
For our Lenten Journey
For refreshment and peace in our lives
For our Bishops and church leaders
For all church denominations
For our three church families

Meet the new PCC

Bill Howkins. Hi. I'm Bill and I live in Pulborough with my wife Sue. I have been associated with St. Mary's for quite a few years and although I moved to Pulborough in 2012 I have always considered Easebourne to be the place where my spiritual roots are set down. Having had a lengthy career in the fire service I now work as a fire safety advisor both within the NHS and as a freelance consultant. I enjoy playing the guitar, walking and visiting new places ... when we can.

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