

BENEFICE BULLETIN

Sunday 28 February

Lent 2

Weekly Diary

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9.00am St Peter's Holy Communion
10.30am St Mary's Holy Communion
5.00pm Zoom Evening prayer

Wednesday 3 March

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

Lent 2021

'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 February. These reflections may be viewed on our weekly blog, 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

Almighty God,
by the prayer and the discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings, and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for this week

Those in our books of prayer.
For the poor of our world
For the homeless
Those who are bereaved
Those who are close to death
For ourselves

World Day of Prayer

Friday 5th March at 2.30pm on Zoom

This year's service, prepared by the women of Vanuata, will be held on Zoom - service booklets and donation envelopes available in St Mary's Church. For further info and Zoom details please contact Alison Davis 816642: alitdavis@gmail.com or, the service host: midhurstmethodisttech@gmail.com I'm 'attending' to represent St Mary's/our benefice and doing two readings, unless I can find someone else attending who is willing to read.

Meet the new PCC

Sue Parry (Safeguarding Officer) I have lived in and around Midhurst since we moved here when I was about 4. In 1986 I was married in West Lavington and went on to have two beautiful daughters, Emma & Alice and now have two grandchildren Ruby and Max. We started attending church at St. Mary's when Emma was a toddler and have been coming regularly as a family since then. I have been working in the NHS for about twenty years as an administrator in several different positions. Myself and my daughters are leaders in local Girlguiding groups, and I am currently the Division Commissioner for Petworth Division. St. Mary's church family and local community has found a very special place in my life and heart. Derek invited me to become the safeguarding officer about 3 years ago due to my interest in children's and vulnerable adults' safety and wellbeing.

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