

## BENEFICE BULLETIN

### Sunday 8th February Second Sunday before Lent

#### Weekly Diary

##### Sunday 8

9.00am	St Peter's	Family Service
10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

##### Tuesday 10

10.00am	St Mary's	Little Lambs
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##### Wednesday 11

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
3.00pm	St Mary's	Friendship Tea

#### ECO TIPS: Carbon Fast for Lent

Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God.

The Climate Stewards' Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation.

Beginning on 18 February (Ash Wednesday), you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. You can find out more and sign up: [www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/](http://www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/)



#### Church Electoral Rolls

As we move towards our Annual Meeting, we are updating our electoral rolls so if you would like to be added to the list please contact Liz Bounton in the first instance.

#### Lent Groups 2026

Our Lent course this year is produced by the Diocese and takes a look at St Matthew's gospel. The course will run twice each week, on Tuesdays at 5.00pm and on Wednesdays 11.00am after midweek communion and coffee. The sessions are:

- Feb 24/25 - How do I know God wants me?
- March 3/4 - What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?
- March 10/11 - The teaching of Jesus
- March 17/18 - The miracles of Jesus
- March 24/25 - Jesus' Passion

Please do come and join our Lenten journey but don't worry if you can't make every session: each one gives us a valuable insight into the life and ministry of Jesus.

#### Daily Lent Devotions

The Church of England has produced a booklet, 'Draw Near' containing daily devotions for Lent - please speak to Derek if you would like a copy.

In addition, the free daily devotional phone app

**Everyday Faith** will carry reflections from Draw Near every Monday to

Saturday throughout Lent. You can find out more about getting the app for your phone here:

[www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith](http://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith)



*"Draw Near is all about teaching us how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. And we will find that, in doing so, God will draw nearer to us, too."*

Archbishop Sarah Mullally & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

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