

BENEFICE BULLETIN

Sunday 2 March Sunday next before Lent

Weekly Diary

Sunday 2

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| 8.30am | St James | Holy Communion |
| 10.30am | St Mary's | Family Communion |
| 6.00pm | St Peter's | Evensong |

Shrove Tuesday 4

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| 10.00am | St Mary's | Little Lambs |
| 2.00pm | St Mary's | Women's Fellowship |

Ash Wednesday 5

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| 10.00am | St Mary's | Holy Communion with hymns and imposition of ashes |
| 11.00am | St Mary's | Morning Coffee |

LIVING HOPE

Daily reflections through Lent

Derek and Liz invite you to join them in committing to Living Hope this Lent- a daily reflection from the Church of England that takes only 2-3 minutes to read each day but will provide encouragement and spiritual food for thought this Lent. Download the app for free on Apple Store or Google Play or pick up the free booklet in church on Sunday and see if you can build a healthy holy habit this month!



ECO CHURCH

Take time to reconnect with God and creation during Lent

Delve deeper into the Bible to see how we are not apart from creation but a part of it. There are lots of excellent resources to support you, including a new booklet, 'The Whole Easter Story: why the cross is good news for all creation'. This new resource for Lent 2025 invites us to explore the broader impact of the Easter story for all of creation through Bible readings, reflections, and stories from A Rocha's global conservation efforts: www.arocha.org.uk/the-whole-easter-story For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

LENT GROUPS

Join us as we explore how Holy Week is reflected every Sunday through the music, confession, prayer and communion we share in our weekly worship together. An engaging and interactive course, suitable for absolutely everyone - come and join Derek and Liz as we seek to draw nearer to God and one another this Lent. Held at St. Mary's Church Easebourne on Tuesdays and Wednesdays:

Tuesdays - 6pm (starts 11th March)

Wednesdays - 10.45ish (starts 12th March) after our 10am Holy Communion service, join us from 10 or as we regroup for the session after coffee.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Emma our PSO has organised Safeguarding training for all members of our congregation. **Basic training** would be recommended for those who are interested or who are new to safeguarding and would like a place to start from. I would like to invite those who help at Messy Church, Little Lambs, the Social Gang and members of the Choir to come along. **Foundation training** is for those who have done basic training and need this for their role, e.g. church wardens, PCC members, etc Once you have completed your training you will only need to refresh the highest level that is relevant to your role once every three years.

Weds 26th March Basic training - evening session at St Mary's, Easebourne 6pm (a beginner's course)

Tues 15th April Foundation training – afternoon session at Rogate School 2pm (more in-depth course)

MIDHURST FOOD BANK

Supplies are low after more families accessed the food bank during the recent half-term. If you are able to make a donation, your gifts of tinned or dried food items into the basket at the rear of church would be very welcome indeed!

ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

It's time to renew our electoral roll across the benefice. There are forms in each of the churches, and we would be grateful if you could complete these as soon as possible and return to Liz Bounton, who can also answer any queries on 01730 816405.

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