

# **The Benefice of Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney**

## **The Second Sunday of Lent - Sunday 28th February 2021**

### **Daily Reading Sunday 28th February to Saturday 6th March**

#### **Sunday 28th February - (2nd Sunday of Lent)**

##### **Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 - 16**

God makes a covenant with Abram to give him and his descendants the land of Canaan. God gives Abram and his wife Sarai new names, Abraham and Sarah, and promises that Sarah will bear a son.

##### **Romans 4: 13 - end**

Paul explains that God's promise depends on faith, and is for all who share the faith of Abraham. His faith was reckoned to him as righteousness and will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus from the dead.

##### **Mark 8: 31 - end**

Jesus teaches that he will be rejected, killed and rise again on the third day. Peter rebukes him, but Jesus rejects his rebuke and tells his disciples that those who lose their life will save it.

##### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March (David)**

Psalms 80, Jeremiah 7:21-34, John 6:41-51

##### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Chad)**

Psalms 89:1-18, Jeremiah 8:1-15, John 6:52-59

##### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Psalms 119:105-128, Jeremiah 8:18-9:11, John 6:60-71

##### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Psalms 92, Jeremiah 9:12-24, John 7:1-13

##### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Psalms 88, Jeremiah 10:1-16, John 7:14-24

##### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Psalms 97, Jeremiah 10:17-24, John 7:25-36

**Next Sunday will celebrate The 3rd Sunday of Lent**



##### **Collect**

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

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

For grace to keep Lent faithfully.

All continuing to provide spiritual and pastoral care to our parishes and those within the wider community during this period of COVID-19.

All our Church, Messy Church and Youth Alpha families that they may continue to deepen their faith.

Those serving God, here and abroad: Nick Parish training for ordination, Sarah Attwood as she continues her ministry with the church in Bosnia.

Those in need of long-term prayerful support: Andrew Pitchford, Lynn Wells, Ian Tennant, Samantha Taylor, Ted Weston, Alf Booth, Kay Howard, Claire Rose, Audrey Morris, Joan Taylor, Robin Nelson, Carl Baker, Shirley Wells, Lorna Griffiths, Karen Perks.

Prayer requests: Nazanin that she may be released in March when her sentence is due to end, for her family awaiting that day; all affected by the coronavirus and all seeking to contain & combat this pandemic.

Those who have recently died and those known to us, Rest in Peace; for their families and friends who mourn them, that they find comfort and strength in God's presence.

## **BENEFICE SERVICES AT ST WYSTAN'S**

**10.00am on SUNDAYS**

**Will continue during this lockdown.**

### **PLEASE NOTE LIVE-STREAMING WILL BE ON ZOOM**

These are the instructions for joining

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7855049461>

Meeting ID: 785 504 9461

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

Enter the Meeting ID: 785 504 9461 when prompted. There is no password required.

The service will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook afterwards.

### **ROADMAP TO RECOVERY**

The implications of Monday night's announcements for Places of Worship have not yet been confirmed by the national church. The Diocese will filter them down as soon as they are available and of course they will be passed on to you as soon as we know. While weddings, funerals and baptisms have had some direct guidance from the Government, other areas of our worship, mission and ministry have to be clarified through discussion with civil servants and those of other denominations and faiths.

### **WINTER OPENING TIMES - OUR CHURCHES CONTINUE TO BE OPEN FOR PRAYER**

**ST MARY'S [EVERY DAY] 10.00 – 3.00pm.**

**ST WYSTAN'S [WEEK DAYS] 10.00 - 4.00pm**

**St Wystan's is open on Saturdays 10.00AM – 3.00pm** then it will be cleaned and set up ready for Sunday.

On **Sundays** the church will be cleaned after the service and then open for prayer until **4.00pm**.

### **DAILY PRAYER – A small group of us continue to say Morning Prayer each weekday from 9.00 – 9.30am**

We use a Service Order from Iona Abbey. We 'meet' on Zoom and the telephone link works for this as well. If you wish to join us, then you are most welcome. Please ask Rebecca for a copy of the service order and a Zoom link.

### **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER SERVICES**

Those who enjoy Book of Common Prayer services may wish to explore the site of The Prayer Book Society where they advertise many such services on Sundays but also mid-week services.

<https://www.pbs.org.uk/churches-and-services/-1>

### **World Day of Prayer - Friday 5 March 2021 - 'Build on a Strong Foundation'**

The 2021 World Day of Prayer service has been prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu, an archipelago of 80 islands in the South Pacific. The Day of Prayer this year will be different as we will not be able to meet together for our usual service. All over the world, people will be worshipping on the day but in new ways. We have copies of the service booklet which can be delivered to your address. To ask for one please contact Ruth as soon as possible on 01283 702804 or [gregruhtattwood@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:gregruhtattwood@btinternet.co.uk)

Details about services that will be livestreamed or available on YouTube are available at <https://www.wwdp.org.uk> or ask Ruth for one we can share on the day, perhaps in the evening when we would normally meet.

Vanuatu was discovered by the Spanish in 1606, Captain Cook named the islands the New Hebrides. In 1980 came independence and they were renamed Vanuatu. Education is not compulsory or free on the islands, and most families can only afford to educate their firstborn child, and boys get priority. Malnutrition is a growing problem and violence, both physical and sexual, affects approximately 60% of women and girls. Safe drinking water and adequate sanitation facilities are major concerns: in rural areas people may have to walk for an hour to find water! Find out more and share with the people of these islands by joining in with the service.

As printed in the magazine:

### **REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES – A PLACE OF MEMORIAL**

As Covid continues so many more of us have been unable to attend a funeral of a loved one or a friend. Others will have been unable to grieve in a variety of ways because of the guidelines enforced at the moment. Many can't visit the graves of loved ones because of travel restrictions. With Mothering Sunday [March 14<sup>th</sup>] and Easter [April 4<sup>th</sup>] both falling in the next few weeks, not being able to do such things will be all the harder to bear.

Many have come from within and outside our Benefice to St Wystan's in Repton to light a candle and say a prayer, but we felt that for others, perhaps you, a family member or a friend, that might not be enough or that going into church might feel awkward.

**From Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> until mid-April** we are setting aside an area near the Lychgate in St Wystan's Churchyard in Repton as a Place of Memorial. A low fence will enclose an area of grass and the first yew tree. On one side there will be a Cross made out of the Christmas Trees used in Church this last December.

**Anyone is most welcome** to come and place flowers, photos, momentos, or any item with special significance on the ground either under the tree or around the Cross. If you wish to hang a prayer, photo, ribbon or lightweight memento from the tree you are most welcome to do so. [*We know that Churchyard regulations don't allow such things but this is a special one off event in a defined area so we are turning a blind eye for 7 weeks*].

All we ask is that you don't leave anything made from glass, or which is dangerous or easily breakable, and please, do not hang things from the tree over the path. We reserve the right to remove items that are not 'safe'.

As part of the **Marie Curie National Day of Reflection** on **Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11.50 am** [marking 1 year since the first lockdown began] there will be a short act of remembering and giving thanks leading up to the 1 minute of silent reflection at 12.00noon. Again, anyone is most welcome to come along for that special time.

The Place of Memorial will continue through Easter [our Christian Festival marking the death of Jesus and Celebrating His Resurrection] another time when many people also remember loved ones by visiting graves and so on. At our services on Mothering Sunday and Easter a special prayer will be said for all our loved ones.

We plan to clear the area later in April so would ask if you wish to retrieve a memento you do so before **Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

We do pray continually for all those who die and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones – may you know God's peace if you are mourning at this time.

Martin the Vicar

### **From Bishop Libby**

My Friends,

I pray you a Lent full of generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love.

Lent this year seems to resonate with wider society and reflect the lived experience of daily life. We seek to find meaning and purpose as we look back and mourn our losses, as we look around and work to respond to current need, and as we look forward to a future that is not yet clear. This Lent we pray for the gifts of faith, hope and love.

As the introductory words for the service of Ash Wednesday remind us, for centuries Christians across the world 'have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting'.

I share with you the words of Pope Francis suggesting what Lent observance might be this year:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.  
+ Libby

### **CHRISTIAN AID GIVING THANKS AND DONATIONS**

The Diocese of Derby is now supporting an initiative by Christian Aid to give both thanks and a donation once you have received the vaccine.

The donation will be used by Christian Aid to help vulnerable communities around the world access soap, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic.

Christian Aid will also support vaccination programmes in countries where it is operating by providing data on hard-to-reach populations to local health services and by challenging misleading information about the virus and vaccination, as well as any stigma faced by those who contract Covid-19.

[Full details are available on the diocesan website.](#)

### **ST WYSTAN'S CHURCH PORCH**

Works have been completed on the porch so we hope that the scaffolding etc will soon be removed. While they were on site we were able to get a couple of small leaks in the nave roof and pointing around the 'windows' of the Crypt repaired. Thank you again to Virginia, George, the Building and Churchyard Committee and all those who have helped out with extra cleaning, during the time these necessary works have been undertaken.

### **DAILYHOPE PHONE LINE**

DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone.

A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life.



The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.

**"With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are."**

*Archbishop Justin Welby*