



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet 14 February 2021 The Sunday next before Lent



Light and Love

Those who plan marketing campaigns for supermarkets some time in advance will have known for a while that three days which make them a lot of money in different ways all fall rather close to one another this year. The Chinese Lunar New Year began on Friday (**12th February**) (Year of the Ox); it is St Valentine's Day on Sunday (**14th February**); and Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) comes on Tuesday (**16th February**). These are the supermarkets' priorities: selling Chinese food, then flowers and chocolates and finally lots of flour, eggs, lemons and quite a lot of Nutella! The Church has other dates too! The making of pancakes reminds us that the following day welcomes the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. It is a tradition that the church always remembers the moment when Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop on the Sunday before the beginning of Lent. Jesus' appearance becomes dazzling white, as in that moment transformation takes place. Each of these three 'commercial' festivals celebrate something which they have in common with the Transfiguration and indeed the beginning of Lent – light and love. Each, in its own way shows the transformational power of God's love for us – shown in that light which shines in the darkness – as new beginnings, loving relationships and the coming together to eat rich food before a time of reflection are all celebrated. Lent, too, offers the time to shine a spotlight on things which have perhaps been shrouded in darkness and to bear witness to the love of Christ in his death and passion. With prayers for you all for a holy and blessed Lent. Fr James





Happy Chinese New Year!



Happy St Valentine's Day!



**Happy Pancake Day
(Shrove Tuesday)!**

The Eucharist for the Sunday next before Lent

Organ Voluntary

Hymn *New English Hymnal* 243

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Welcome

Words of welcome to those in church and those online are given.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

[For private reflection 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.]

Hymn *New English Hymnal* 178

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.**

Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the bidding

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Christ will transfigure our human body and give it a form like that of his own glorious body. We are the body of Christ. We share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Organ music is played. At the end this prayer is said.

Holy God, receive all we bring before you this day, and bring us also to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this day he revealed his glory before his chosen witnesses and filled with divine splendour the human flesh in which he is one with us. So he prepared his disciples to bear the scandal of the cross and showed that in the Church, his body, the same glory would be fulfilled that shone forth from him, its head. And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise your glory without end:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei *The Agnus Dei is said as the bread is broken.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion *The sacrament is distributed. Organ music is played.*

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices *The notices and announcements are given.*

Hymn

**Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia! Lead our praises,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
Bring us to your jubilee;
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.**

**Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions
Make us for a while forego:
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.**

**In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep glad Easter
With the faithful saints on high;
There to you for ever singing
Alleluia joyfully.**

The Blessing Christ Jesus, the splendour of the Father and the image of his being, draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Voluntary

Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH

Our Ministry Team James Stewart, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Nicole King
Our Bishops Graham, Alan and Jonathan **Archdeacons** Karen Hutchinson, Steven Betts, Ian Bentley **Ecumenical** Methodist Church: East Anglian District Chairman, Julian Pursehouse
Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Canada.

THE WORLD

All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic all key workers in NHS and all fields of frontline work, particularly all our Schools – Dussindale Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Louise Norgate), Hillside Avenue Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Mr Phoenix), St William's Primary and Nursery (Headteacher: Sarah Shirrass), Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form (Principal: Penny Bignell).

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Hopton Close, Howard Close, Hyde Court
Our community Those struggling with the national lockdown and remembering all our civic leaders at Town, District and County level.
Vaccination Giving thanks for those who have already received the first dose of their vaccine, for those working in the NHS to roll out the programme and for those waiting to hear.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Alan Harrison, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrod, Rita Ward, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Jean Mayhew, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Mark King, Chloe Smith MP, Alan Fleming

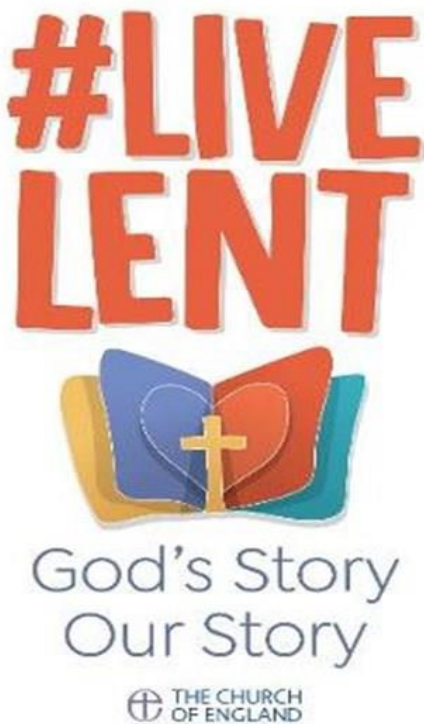
THE DEPARTED

The recently departed Barbara Allcock (13 February), Paul Rayner, Jean Mowbray (17 February), Betty Gage (18 February), Graham Reynolds (24 February), Haydn Morris (26 February), Thomas Watson (26 February), Jayne Basford (4 March), Herbert Davy (8 March), Trevor Sexty
Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including John Bradshaw (15 February), Henrietta Moy (19 February)

Other notices and announcements

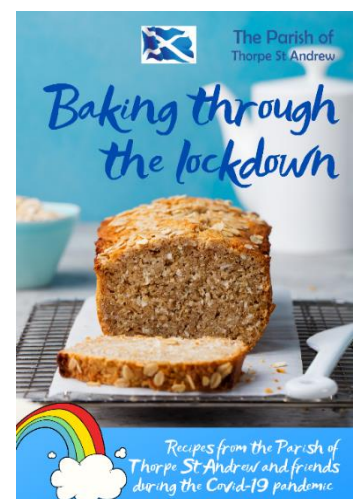
CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER The church will remain open between 10am and 4pm Tuesday to Sunday but be closed on Mondays. Covid-19 precautions are in place and seating is limited.

ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED The church will stream the Parish Eucharist online at 9.30am **LIVE** on Facebook each Sunday from the Parish Church. Until further notice, only those involved in the online service may attend. Funerals will continue to go ahead in both churches limited to 30 people. Morning Prayer will be said by the clergy alone. Please do be in touch with any prayer intentions.



#LIVE LENT I am pleased to say that I have a supply of the Church of England's Lent resource - #Live Lent. It is a small 100 page booklet and has something for each day of Lent. We will use it for our Lent Study group but it is useful thing to have to help us keep a holy Lent. They are available for £2.00 each. Please can you email me to order a copy, and also confirm whether you will be attending our Lent Study group – 6 Wednesdays from 24 February onwards: rector@thorpeparishchurch.org or 01603 439160. They start at 2.30pm each week.

'BAKING THROUGH THE LOCKDOWN' RECIPE BOOK Copies can be purchased from church, Mazzoni's Newsagents, Gordon Barber Funeral Directors. They can also be ordered by email from Christine Cutting (cutting248@btinternet.com) or by phoning the Rectory or leaving a message on the answerphone **01603 439160**. We will deliver free in Thorpe St Andrew/Thorpe End. Beyond that postage and packing starts at £2.00.



ZOOM COFFEE and LENT LUNCHEES From this week onwards, through Lent, we will alternate our Zoom Coffee Morning and Zoom Lent Lunches. The first Zoom Lent Lunch will be on Friday 19 February at 12 noon. The next Zoom Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 25 February at 11.00am. Please do support these if you can. It is a great way of staying in touch. Zoom details will come out with the weekly email. Bring your own soup or coffee and cakes, biscuits...!

HAYDN MORRIS RIP Haydn was a much-respected member of our community and within the sporting life of our city and county as Director of Sport of UEA, he was also a long serving and respected Magistrate and stalwart of our 8.00am congregation. A great privilege to minister to and a shining example of the best that his native Wales can produce. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean, Ian, Gill, Richard and their families. His funeral is by invitation only. It will be live streamed on Friday 26 February from 12.15pm onwards (funeral starts - 12.30pm) on our Facebook www.facebook.com/ThorpeStAndrewParishChurch It will be available to watch afterwards. We will raise the Welsh flag from our flagpole at 4.00pm on the day before the funeral (25 February) and it will fly over the weekend and on the Monday (St David's Day) as a tribute to dear Haydn.

GIFT AID The treasury team would like to say "thank you" to all of you who have returned the completed gift aid forms so far. If you haven't done so yet, please can you get this back as soon as you can. Huge thanks to Margaret Hope, Robert Chalmers and Sally Entwistle and all who assist.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL Thank to you all for the way in which you have responded to giving during this pandemic. Please continue to give as generously as you can. There is a lot to do this year and we will need as much financial support as possible. When we are in a position to return to church we will provide more information about how you help us. If you have a question in relation to giving in any way whatsoever please contact our Treasurer on her email: treasurersa@gmail.com If you don't 'do email' please do have a word with the Rector – 01603 439160.

ASH WEDNESDAY We will be burning a few of last years' palm crosses to make ash for this year. Envelopes with a prayer and the words said as the ashes are imposed and a small amount of ash will be available to collect from church from Tuesday 16 February onwards.

THE BUCK: A PLANNING UPDATE The owners of The Buck have submitted substantive applications for changes to be made at the site. They are proposing that a café/bistro run from the front of the ground floor, with a drinks licence remaining. Tables and chairs will be placed outside on the piece of land outside the bay window. The rear ground floor (kitchen area) along with the first and second floors will comprise two residential flats. They plan to create from the outhouses (behind the beer garden) and the toilet block three small retail/business units. The current owners hope that parking for the church on a Sunday will still be possible. If you have ever parked there, eaten or drank in the pub, or are a resident of Thorpe St Andrew then as a member of the public you are entitled to make comment on the planning process with Broadland District Council. The details are available to view online at www.broadland.gov.uk/plans by inserting the application number 20210178. You can make comments by using the Add Comments button, or by sending in a letter to Broadland District Council. The deadline is **25 February**.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH LENT APPEAL 2021

This year as a diocese we will be joining together to give towards the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Together in Unity' appeal to support churches and communities around the world during the pandemic. In his letter inviting us all to contribute Bishop Graham writes: "I have been so inspired by the response of churches and individuals in our diocese during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your part in that. Now I'm asking us all to turn our thoughts to our sisters and brothers in some of the poorest communities around the world by supporting this year's Lent Appeal. The pandemic has put a great strain on those who are already vulnerable, and as usual, it is they who suffer most. I invite you to be Jesus' hands and feet in offering assistance through the Archbishop's Together in Unity Appeal. Thank you." To support the appeal visit www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/lent-appeal/ Donations marked Lent Appeal can, when safe, be put through the Rectory Office door. If we return to church in time we will have a separate collection in church.

Lent 2021 – our online programme

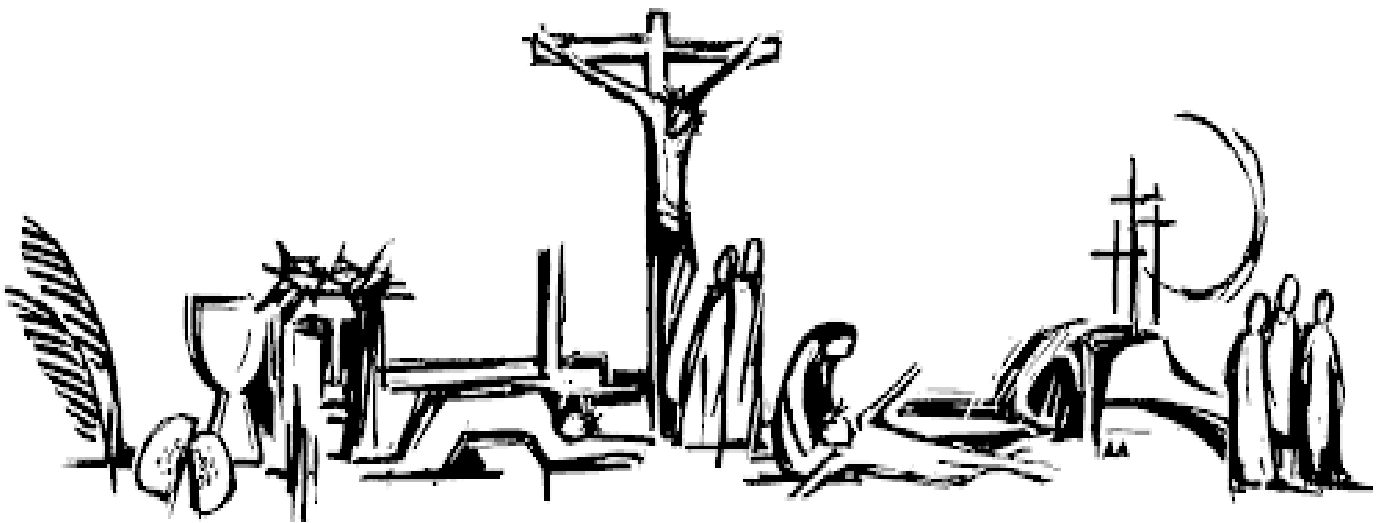
17 February Ash Wednesday Service online: 6pm

19 February, 5 March, 19 March Virtual Lent Lunches by Zoom. A chance to come together (and a change from Zoom Coffee) – 12.30pm. Bring your own soup.

24 February, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March Lent Study Group.

A real chance to join together this Lent when other commitments are not possible.

Each session takes place at 2.30pm



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