

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

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MARCH 2020

In February, we began our journey of Lent. During March our journey continues. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and on all that he has done, and is doing, for us. It is a time for reflection, for saying sorry, and also for discovering who we are within the light of Jesus, and the good news that he came, and comes daily to proclaim. I know you will each approach Lent differently – spending time in prayer and Bible reading, giving up things or taking other things on. There are also opportunities for us to do this together. There are the Lent lunches that we share with other churches through Churches Together in the Ortons. On Thursday evenings, the Thursday Evening Group will be following a Lent course over the next few weeks.

Sarah B also had a great idea of sending a verse every day by email during Lent. If you would like to receive this, and several of us are already joined up, please email her on sjbereznyckyj83@gmail.com and Sarah will add you to the list. Through these various ways, and in our everyday lives, I pray that we will all discover a little more about our amazing God during this season of Lent.

Of course, a part of Lent is also to pray, and I encourage us all to be praying, and praying for our country and for our world. It is important for us always to be praying. But let's remember, the amazing thing is – God responds to our prayers. He loves to hear the pleas of his people. Let us bring our world to God in love that he will respond to the world he loves.

And as we pray, so we also celebrate. A very Happy Birthday to all who have a birthday this month. And a Happy March, and Lent, to everyone.

Yours in Christ.

Sarah

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Morning Prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.00am
Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 5.00pm to pray for our community

Sun 1 st Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Time For God *
Sun 8 th Mar	10.00am	Morning Worship <i>with Children's Groups</i>
Fri 13 th Mar	11.00am	Communion Service at The Maples
Sun 15 th Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Children's Groups</i>
Thu 19 th Mar	11.30am	Communion Service at Homenene House
Sun 22 nd Mar	10.00am	All Age Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Healing Communion
Sun 29 th Mar	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 5 th Apr	10.00am	All Age Palm Sunday Holy Communion

*An informal service, especially for families, children & young people

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EVENTS DURING FEBRUARY

CCH* is Christ Church House

Mon 2 nd Mar	12.30pm	Lent Lunch, St Luke's, Orton Malborne
Thu 5 th Mar	11.00am	Lunch Club – Please ring Gay – 01733 233230 before Sunday 1 st March to book a meal. <i>Concluding with</i> 2.00pm Holy Communion Service 7.30pm Thursday Evening Group, Church
Fri 6 th Mar	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service, Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville – all welcome 9.00pm Compline, Church
Tue 10 th Mar	12.30pm	Lent Lunch at Christ Church with Christian Presence Church Council, Church
Wed 11 th Mar	7.30pm	Little CCogs, Church
Thu 12 th Mar	1.15pm	7.30pm Thursday Evening Lent Group, CCH*
Fri 13 th Mar	11.00am	The Maples Communion Service 2.00-4.00pm Coffee Connect @Christ.Church Do come along to chat, eat cake, laugh 7.30pm Drink at The Dragonfly 9.00pm Compline, Church
Sat 14 th Mar	8.15am	Prayer Breakfast, Church
Wed 18 th Mar	12.30pm	Lent Lunch, Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville
Thu 19 th Mar	11.30am	Homenene House Communion Service 7.30pm Thursday Evening Lent Group, CCH*
Fri 20 th Mar	9.00pm	Compline, Church
Wed 25 th Mar	10.30am	Coffee at QD
Thu 26 th Mar	12.30pm	Lent Lunch, St Michael's, Chesterton
	1.15pm	Little CCogs, Church
	7.30pm	Thursday Evening Lent Group, CCH*
Fri 27 th Mar	9.00pm	Compline, Church
Wed 1 st Apr	9.30am	St John's Church School End of Term Service

LENT LUNCHES

All start at 12.30pm

Monday 2nd March – St Luke, Orton Malborne
Tuesday 10th March – Christ Church with Christian Presence
Wednesday 18th March – Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville
Thursday 26th March – St Michael's, Chesterton
Friday 3rd April – Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 1st Mar: Please pray for our journeys through Lent – individually and together, that we would encounter our amazing God, in the silence and reflection, in the ordinariness of every day. Please pray too for all those affected by flooding across our country.
- 8th Mar: Please pray for the effect that coronavirus is having on our world. Please pray for all those who have died and their families, and for those who are ill that they may recover. Please pray for a vaccine, and for wisdom as to how the virus might be contained.
- 15th Mar: Please pray for peace in and around our world. Especially please pray for the people of Syria and Iran.
- 22nd Mar: On this Mothering Sunday, please pray for our families, for all families and all within the family of God's people.
- 29th Mar: Please pray for all of us and for each other as we learn and seek to be Christian disciples – followers of Jesus in our everyday lives – at home, at work, at play, from Monday to Saturday, and on Sunday.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

5th March – Thursday Evening Group
14th March – Prayer Breakfast
21st March – Keith's Group
28th March – Ayo's Group

NOTE

If there is anything that you would like included on the Notice Sheet for March, please contact me before the 20th February 2020. Please pick up the Newsletter for Children, Families and Young People.