



Pews News for 21st February 2021

Our Priest-in-Charge is Reverend Belinda Marflitt.

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Prayers will be said by Belinda, every morning and evening at the Vicarage. If there is anything specific you would like her to pray for please email her on beneficerevb@outlook.com or phone her on the number above

Weekly Services 21st – 28th February 2021

Day	Time	Service	Location
Sunday <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30 am 11 am - 4 pm	Morning Service Churches open for Prayer	Zoom All Churches
Monday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	10 am - Noon 8 pm	Churches open for Prayer Compline	All Churches Zoom
Friday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Sunday <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30 am 11 am - 4 pm	Morning Service Churches open for Prayer	Zoom All Churches

Due to the Covid-19 situation, all Church based services have been cancelled until March 2021 ([See Benefice Website](#))

Would you like...

...**this newsletter** in your Inbox every week? Please email Judy at office@psdbenefice.org.uk

...**a regular Zoom invitation** to our Sunday 9.30, Morning Prayer, or Compline services? Please let Belinda know which one(s) you would like at beneficerevb@outlook.com

...**help with Zoom**? Go to <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk/support-info/zoom> or call Barry (01258 480713) or Martin (07540 777707)

Future items for this news sheet should be sent to the Benefice Administrator at office@psdbenefice.org.uk by Monday 12.00 midday.

Collect for the Week of 21st February

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for week beginning 21st February 2021

Day	Morning	Evening
Saturday 20 th Feb 2021	Psalm 71 Jeremiah 4.1-18 John 4.43-end	Psalm 73 Genesis 41.1-24 Galatians 3.15-22
Sunday 21 st Feb 2021 1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-9 Mark 1.9-15	Psalm 119.17-32 Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 Luke 13.31-end
Monday 22 nd Feb 2021	Psalm 11 Jeremiah 4.19-end John 5.1-18	Psalm 13 Genesis 41.25-45 Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tuesday 23 rd Feb 2021	Psalm 44 Jeremiah 5.1-19 John 5.19-29	Psalm 49 Genesis 41.46 - 42.5 Galatians 4.8-20
Wednesday 24 th Feb 2021	Psalm 6 Jeremiah 5.20 - end John 5.30-end	Psalm 28 Genesis 42.6-17 Galatians 4.21-5.1
Thursday 25 th Feb 2021	Psalm 42 Jeremiah 6.9-21 John 6.1-15	Psalm 142 Genesis 42.18-28 Galatians 5.2-15
Friday 26 th Feb 2021	Psalm 22 Jeremiah 6.22-end John 6.16-27	Psalm 55 Genesis 42.29-end Galatians 5.16 - end
Saturday 27 th Feb 2021	Psalm 63 Jeremiah 7.1-20 John 6.27-40	Psalm 4 Genesis 43.1-15 Galatians 6
Sunday 28 th Feb 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22.23-end Mark 8.31-end	Psalm 135 Genesis 12.1-9 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

NEWS



~New~ Moment of Light

Jesus, sweet mystery of life, at last I've found you.

Now I know that you're the secret of it all.

Gone the longing, seeking, striving, waiting, yearning;

the burning hopes, the sad and idle tears that fall.

For it is you, and you alone, the world is seeking;

It is you and you alone who's set apart.

You'll be the end, as you were the beginning,

And it is you who dwells within my heart.

Anon

~New~ Thought for the Week '*... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.*' - 1 Tim 6.11

Lent is a snowfall in the soul. Just as snow makes us see our landscape in a different light, making us renavigate our environment and wonder at the sight of our own breath, so Lent invites us to distil, reimagine and remember the fragile miracle of our own self.

We are reminded here that we brought nothing into the world and will take nothing out. As ash is placed on our head on Ash Wednesday, the cross is placed on the heads that house our brains, the centres of our will power and decision-making. These are being called back to life, to a balanced sense and a proportionate understanding of ourselves. Along with Timothy, we are encouraged to pursue love, gentleness and what is right. This letter, like Lent, asks us to stop being indifferent, cautious and compromised. It speaks of the 'life that really is life', the one that is activated and sustained by love of God and our neighbour.

Time presses upon us and tells us we're too busy to be reflective, but our souls know better. Souls die from lack of reflection. Unawareness, like money, is a root of all evil too. Responsibilities distract us and tell us we're too involved with the 'real' world to be concerned about the spiritual questions. But it is always spiritual questions that make the difference in the way we go about our public and day-to-day lives.

Mark Oakley

Do you like Compline? Belinda will be saying Compline (Night Prayer) using Zoom on Thursdays during **Lockdown at 8 pm**. If you receive a regular invitation to the Sunday Zoom service, you will receive an invitation to Compline from Belinda, so you can just turn up if you wish. The order of service can be found at <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk/an-order-for-night-prayer-2>.

These services are being recorded, so if you miss one, or don't use Zoom you can

- go to <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk/compline-recordings>, or
- call Barry on 480713 for a direct link by email

NOTICES

Lent Reading

There seems to be a plethora of reading material for Lent this year or perhaps I've just had the time to peruse and reflect. Here are two books which might interest you.

Rooted in Love. Lent reflections on life in Christ. Introduced by Bishop Sarah Mullally. This book offers 40 reflections that lead us deep into the meaning and practice of life in Christ today. Prompting questions such as: Who is the Christ we serve? What does it mean to be part of the body of Christ? How can we live more Christ centred lives? If you prefer to dip in and out of a book, this is perfect. Each reflection is followed by a suggested response/action and prayer. Some of these reflections and prayers will be read during Lent in Morning Prayer and Compline.

Living his Story – The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021. Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele. 'Stories tell us who we are, where we belong and how we relate to the world around us. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the story at the heart of the universe, and yet the Church now finds itself in a culture that has largely forgotten this good news. How can we convey the extraordinary love of God to our neighbours in a strange post-Christian world?' An excellent read, challenging and thought provoking.

This year's Lent Course.

'Encountered. Meeting God in ordinary places' by ***Claire Benton-Evans.*** A course which explores the ordinary places of the Easter story in which the extraordinary events of Jesus's life, death and resurrection occurred. The five sessions and accompanying meditations will ask us to examine the reality of these places which Jesus knew so well, and engage with the Gospel stories in a fresh, informed and imaginative way. The sessions will also encourage us to look at the ordinary places in our own lives and rediscover them as places where we might meet the living God.

If you cannot find the book on the normal book sites, the book can be purchased from the author here <https://www.clairebentonevans.com/books.html> at the bottom of the webpage.

If you'd like to join the course, please let Belinda know by 22nd February. The sessions will be every Wednesday at 3.00pm on Zoom, beginning on Wednesday 24th February. The last session will be Wednesday 24th March.

REMINDER! Old Laptops and Tablets for Home Schooling

If you have an old surplus laptop or tablet will you consider lending or giving it to our local schools. Judy Jakes will ensure that no private information is on the machine before it is passed to the school for use by students. **Thank you to Barry for sorting out four of his devices that were gathering dust – any more out there?** Please contact Judy on office@psdbenefice.org.uk for more information.



Used Stamp Appeal for bone cancer research.

THANK YOU ... to all those who have saved up your stamps and got them to me. . I now have a large amount to send off. Please continue to collect your stamps and support this cause. Every single stamp helps. Thank you everyone.
Jacqui Torrance

Opening of Churches for Private Prayer.

The churches of St Peter, St Nicholas and Holy Trinity are open on **Thursday mornings from 10am to Noon** and also on **Sundays from 11am to 4pm** (except when there is a service in the church on the same day).

When the churches are closed our **church porches** will still be open. If you would like us to pray for someone or a situation, you are welcome to write it down (it can be anonymous), place it in an envelope provided and put it in the basket which can be found in the Church porches of St Peter, Pimperne, Holy Trinity, Stourpaine and St Nicholas, Durweston. They will be collected on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, due the current restrictions, we are not able to provide pens and paper. Information about our services, morning and evening prayer can be found on our website <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk>.



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Church and Zoom Services - The Service rota for the next few weeks can be found on page 12 and on the Website; **please read!** Services are open to all and everyone across the Benefice.

COVID-19 Track and Trace Government Requirements

All venues, including Churches must display a QR Code for Track and Trace purposes that can be scanned by individuals on entering the Church using the COVID-19 App on their Smart Phone.

If one doesn't have a Smart Phone, then the normal paper based collection of Phone Number will continue.

Guidelines on how to use the COVID-19 App with the QR Code can be found on on the Web at <https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/user-qr-guide.pdf>

The NHS COVID-19 App can be downloaded from your favourite App Store - Apple App Store or Google Play.

REMINDER! Collection plate. Our churches may be closed, but they still need to be maintained and insured so that they will be ready for worship when the doors do finally open. Many of you normally support the church by putting money into the collection plate. If you have been saving your money up, could you perhaps now consider paying by standing order? If you would like more information on this method of payment, please contact your church treasurer:

St Peter's Velda Andrews Holy Trinity Caro Mackay St Nicholas' John Young

Thank you to all those who have already done this.

Benefice Magazine March 2021

March Issue should be available on 1st March

It has been decided to issue the Benefice Magazine **online** as a monthly edition. Its success will depend on YOU!

Judy Jakes needs:

- **Photos** of anything you think might be of interest to people in the three villages
- **Articles** on things that have happened between May 2020 and now
- **Information** on things that are planned (Covid permitting of course)
- **Adverts** for your business

Please send content to Judy on dpsbenefice@gmail.com **by 22nd February.**
Thank you.

RESOURCES

Help is being offered to those who are self-isolating or unable to get to the shops:

Pimperne Village – Age Concern Kath Oxlee main office 01258 475582
Stourpaine Village – Age Concern Jackie Arnold 07545 212989

BLANDFORD FOOD BANK A big thank you to all who have contributed so far. **Food bank items are still required** and can be put in the plastic bins located in the Porch at St Peter's Church and at the Vicarage, Stourpaine. Please contact Revd Belinda on 0333 0118088 if you have any questions regarding this.

Specific requests are this time are:

Long Life Milk; Tinned Vegetables; Rice; Tinned Fruit and Tinned Fish.

Resources on our Website. <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk>

Item	Menu Link
Orders of Service:	Services for this time
Recordings:	Services for this time > Rev Belinda's Prayer Services
Contact Form:	Contact > Support
Pews News:	Pews News
Benefice Magazine:	Benefice Magazine
Open the Book videos	http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk/open-the-book
News:	News
Latest News:	On the home page

The Church of England website has some useful resources. If you have access to the web the link is www.churchofengland.org.

BBC Radio is also a great resource, particularly if you unable to access the websites:

- The **Morning Service** on BBC Radio 4 Longwave Mon - Fri at 09.45,
- **Sunday Worship** on BBC Radio 4 at 08.10 and on BBC Local Radio at 8am
- **Choral Evensong** on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 15.30 and Sundays at 15.00

No internet? Try the Daily Hope phone line

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England, on your phone! The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly for those unable to join online church services.



Hymns for Sunday 21st February

1 Forty days and forty nights

thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

3 Let us thine endurance share,
and awhile from joys abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

4 And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before
grant we may not faint nor fail.

5 So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), Francis Pott (1832-1909)

- 1 **Just as I am, without one plea**
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

- 1 **Father, hear the prayer we offer:**
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

- 2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

- 3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Love Maria Willis (nee Whitcomb) (1824-1908), Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)

1 **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,**
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch William Williams (1717-1791) Translated by Peter Williams (1727-1796)

Sunday and Principal Services for 21st February to 7th March 2021

+++Please note Services and times subject to change due to changing Covid-19 Restrictions +++

Date	Time	Service	Location
February			
21st	9:30	Morning Service	Zoom
28th	9:30	Morning Service	Zoom
March			
7th	9:30	Morning Service	Zoom
	11am	Holy Communion	St Peter, Pimperne
14 th	9:30	Morning Service	Zoom
Mothersing Sunday	10am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Peter, Pimperne



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