

# The Priory Church of St Mary

## Keep in Touch

### March 2023

## Lent Prayers and Resources



*Lord, be with me in all the hard moments of this week, help me face up to my sin in the certainty that you love me beyond measure. Amen.*

### BLESSING FOR THE DAYS AHEAD

Go with confidence into the days ahead, trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.

God will not abandon you, for you are the work of His hands- His own creation – and His love endures forever.

So go in joy to love and serve the Lord!

*Celtic Daily Prayer*

### Lent Resources

Throughout Lent, Bishop Cherry has been reflecting on discipleship -specifically lamentation, forgiveness, prayer, generosity, solidarity. In the last of this series, Bishop Cherry reflects on 'calling'.

<https://www.facebook.com/monmouthdiocese/videos/721418338545798>

Locally the HoMMA clergy have encouraged us to meet and have distributed resources via email. A time to share your faith and prayers. This week we are looking at social justice and what it means to our faith.

Contact Sarah Rosser for details:

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<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=596394432531281&set=a.563311565839568>

For something different try Dust & Glory: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-resources-lent>

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is an opportunity to pray and share refreshments with our friends from the Catholic church. Each week during Lent we meet at 3pm on a Friday in alternate locations and we will meet on 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Catholic church in Usk.

You may ask what Stations of the Cross are? The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on His journey to Calvary

## Dates for the Diary

- Stations of the Cross - Fridays 3pm (Catholic church on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023)
- 19th March - 4pm - Mothering Sunday Service (All Age)
- 26th March - Lent Lunch (Tickets from Dee, Carol or Sarah)
- 1st April- 10-12 - Ladies Group Coffee morning with hot cross buns - all welcome 'at British Legion
- 1st April - 10-4 - Foodbank Gift Day (volunteers to help – please contact Debbie)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 10:30 – Psalm Sunday (including blessing of new Altar Cloth)
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – 6pm - Maundy Thursday Service
- 7th April - Good Friday Walk of Witness (Details to follow)
- 7th April - 2 pm ' 7 last words of Jesus' A service pf prayer and meditation
- 9th April - Easter Sunrise service on Blorenge (talk to Sally, Carol or

Let's Celebrate all the work we do at St Mary's in the Community

Open the Book  
Baby and Toddlers

Support Ukrainian Guest  
Ukrainian Clothes Collection

Raven House Trust  
Catholic Food Kitchen

Ladies Group

Earthquake Appeal  
Little Hill Growing Group

There is so much more we can do together – contact Sally, Carol, or Sarah if you have an hour to spare

Next Meeting  
10th November at 1.00pm

Team  
St. Mary

Team St Mary

The MA will be holding the Annual Vestry Meeting at the end of April. Details will shortly be announced.

Prior to this we will be meeting as a team on **26<sup>th</sup> April at midday** to elect our local church representatives for St Mary's.

Please see our noticeboards for details if you would like to attend – just turn up on the day!

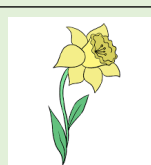
If you wish to be considered for a role – please contact Reverend Sally.

## St David's Day Celebrations



Dydd Gwyl Dewi

On 1st March 40 people joined together in St Mary's to celebrate St David's Day. It was a joyful service of bilingual readings, prayers and hymns, led by Rev Sally, our 'girl from Kent'. Afterwards we all enjoyed a cup of tea with Welsh cakes and bara brith.



### The Words of St. David

Keep faith, Say the Creed, be joyful, and do the little things you have seen me do.

The Baby and Toddler Group also celebrated St David's day with dressing up, crafts and singing.

