

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'.

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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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Daily Reflections ⊕ for Lent and Holy Week 2023 iith in oui Future Prepared by Archdeacon Ian Rees March 14th Verse: When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7 Reflect: This was a passage about justice. The woman in the account had been caught in the act of adultery and the punishment in the Jewish law at the time was stoning, but Jesus was introducing a new way, a new law. This was underpinned by mercy and grace. Jesus was offering a second chance. Sometimes when we think about people who are struggling financially, or battling against addictions we can think that they've brought about their own problems. Bluntly put, they're getting what they deserve. The wonder of the gospel of Jesus is that we regularly don't get what we deserve because of this underpinning of mercy and grace in God's relationship with us. So, we're reminded that we're not in a position to judge, but just to try and love. And that has an impact on how we view others as we are called always to share compassion Action: Think about how you could stand up for others today, especially those whose voice is not being heard. You might like to look at advocacy organisations such as A International or more local organizations such as Citizens Advice, MIND, Age UK. Vision Branch: Social Justice

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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 17th 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 17th 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)
- 2nd April 10:30 Psalm Sunday (including blessing of new Altar Cloth)
- 6th 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

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 26th 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



to follow)

Earthquake Appeal
Little Hill Growing Group

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

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

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.



