

ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Sunday 7th (Second Sunday before Lent)

10.00 Family Eucharist on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83466419966?pwd=WFV1ekFWcG4wSU9MQ2l1NTFrTXFOU09>
Meeting ID: 834 6641 9966
Passcode: 124080

Tuesday 9th

11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219>
Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

7.00 pm. 'A light hearted look back on a Physio Career – From Whitechapel to The Mall!' on Zoom

Dorothy Toyn will chat about her career as a physiotherapist and the various interesting places it has led her to.

Dorothy says: "The meeting starts at 7pm but I will be on Zoom from 6.30 ish. I hope it will be an amusing evening covering the 'added extras' of a career in physio! Hope you can join us."

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8476644565?pwd=Rm90VDlmVUlvaMxraWROcnYwMTk0dz09>
Meeting ID: 847 664 4565
Passcode: 6jahDA

'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #

Change to newsletter delivery

As of next week we will be emailing this newsletter directly from our main email system. To ensure you continue to receive them, please make sure that your email app/client has allsaintshertford.org listed as a safe sender to ensure they go to your in box and not into spam. Thank you!

Get ready for Lent!

Dear Friends,

It's not long now until Lent and because of lockdown it's going to be different.

Our lives are restricted, so I suggest that rather than giving things up we think of deeper ways in which we can live our lives.

We will be holding a Lent Book Club, thinking about creative retreats and decorating our Churchyard with hearts. On our newsletter today you will see details of the Lent Book. This Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Even last year we were not in Lent when we entered lockdown.

Let's remember that God can transform our lives, with greater peace of mind and a deeper desire for love and service. If we want this then we will choose it. But we need to give ourselves to it.

Preparation means practicing our sense of anticipation. If I imagine Lent as a 'chore' or a time I dread in some way, or, indeed, something to just ignore, then I've already pre-disposed myself to miss out completely. These days can be a time to start anticipating that something wonderful is going to happen.

Our sense of anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us as we follow Jesus through the temptations, his ministry, his suffering and passion. If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we risk missing the gift God wants to give us.

It is the spiritual gift of the closeness of Jesus, who offers us life eternal and a way of loving which is more profound than the world's idea of love. "Dwell in my love". So let's place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us.

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but we want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about it.

After all, part of what makes a holiday or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it!

Love,
Jo

Lent at All Saints

This Lent rather than give something up why not take something up and join us in our Lent Book Club on Tuesday evenings starting on February 23rd.

Living His Story



We invite you all to join us on a Lent course, based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, *Living His Story* by

Hannah Steele, available from [Amazon in paperback and on kindle](#). To accompany this course, or as stand-alone reading through Lent there are daily reflections. These are published in a booklet, and also available as a free app (launching in early February), via email, audio and through the Church of England's social media accounts. Janet Bird has some copies of the booklet for those who do not have access to online material. Please phone her on 01992 587544 if you would like a copy.

In *Living His Story*, Hannah Steele uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. With warmth and encouragement, she shows us how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts.

We will be meeting on Zoom to share our thoughts and discuss the week's readings each Tuesday evening at 7:30, for the six weeks of Lent, starting on February 23rd. Those who do not access Zoom and are using print resources may like to form a phone group to share their ideas.

Please let me (Jo) know if you intend to join the Zoom sessions, or if you would like to be put in touch with others who would like to form a phone group.

Knowing Jesus

BBC 4 with the Jesuits in Britain are also offering a Lent Course which some may wish to follow.

<https://jesuit.org.uk/bbc-and-jesuits-britain-bring-you-special-lent-retreat>

In these uncertain times, Ignatius reaches across the centuries and asks: What moves you? What brings you life? What do you want to give yourself to? What do you desire most deeply? What holds you when you suffer? With his help, you can begin to answer these questions.

This Lent, BBC Radio 4 will explore aspects of Ignatian spirituality and point listeners to 'Knowing Jesus', an online retreat being offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. All details are in the link above.

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