



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS

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Thank you very much for your generosity in supporting our Acorn House Advent and Christmas Appeal. A grand total of £2550 was raised. In addition to this amount £146, already sent to Acorn House, was raised through Pat Marston's walnut sales.

February 10th, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time when we can accompany Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. If you would like to join a study group please see the details in the events section.

If you would like to be involved in 'Lent giving' this year you are invited to support the Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid Project. Donations of food can be left in the boxes in each of our four churches.

The Lord's expectation and a theme of Lent is that we examine our lives, make changes and become more deeply committed to his way of life. While the call to change and to become more like him is strong and demanding in the Gospel may we also know that God is patient with our change and growth. Our pilgrimage of faith is a lifelong process. During this month you may like to pray this meditation:

***'I can see the direction I want to take in life:
the directions of compassion, kindness, love;
the direction which Jesus himself walked.***

***The direction of Jesus beckons
upwards, outwards and inwards.***

***Inwards to know myself and love myself,
outwards to compassion for others,
upwards to know and love God.***

***There are blocks and obstacles to this direction,
like signposts turned round give the wrong way,
or potholes and ramps slow the journey.
The lure of evil in small ways and big
draws me away from the direction
I know I want to take.***

***Jesus, be my way,
be my direction,
most of all, be my love,
keeping my vision fixed on yours.'***

With every blessing
Gill and Nigel

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 7th February – Sunday next before Lent

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 34: 29 to end
2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2
Luke 9: 28-43a

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 8th Ella May Dale, Audrey Joan Cross, 13th Ethel Burgundy

St Andrew's: 8th Olive Pearl Kewish, 10th Harriet Ann Green, 11th Kate Brittan,
Alistair James Jeffrey, Samuel Frederick Hilliam, 12th Clare Louise Wade,
William Edward Band

St Mary's: 9th James George Marriott, 12th Dorothy Gladys Wilson,
13th Andrew Malcolm Lindsey

Sunday 14th February – 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Morning Service

Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 15th Rose Mary Rippin

St Andrew's: 14th Alma Harrison, 15th James William Knight,
18th Eileen Kathleen Wilson, 19th Constance Audrey May Hilliam, 20th Jane Martin

St Thomas': 15th Anthony William Howell (Tony)

Sunday 21st February – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion followed by PCC meeting

Readings:	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
	Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1
	Luke 13: 31 to end

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 27th Ebenezer Bates, Ron Anker

St Andrew's: 21st Pamela Mary Andrew, Ivy Norfield, 23rd Ronald Woodcock, 24th Effie Anderson, 27th Christopher Thomas Rogers

St Mary's: 27th John William Fawcett

Sunday 28th February – 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Evening Service

Readings:	Isaiah 55: 1-9
	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
	Luke 13: 1-9

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: March 2nd John Brian, 3rd Ellis Randall, 4th Phyllis May Hill,

St Andrew's: 28th James Henry (Harry) Green, William Alfred Buckman, Geoffrey Alder Field, March 3rd Frank Stratton, 4th John Frank Derek Stratton, Brenda Alice Elizabeth Dockerill

St Mary's: 28th George Henry Gray

St Thomas': March 1st Florence Emma Edwards

Events around the Team in February:

4th 10.20 a.m. Key Stage One Assembly at Alderman Jacobs School

5th Churches Together Christian Aid Fundraising Quiz

Friday 5th February 7.30 pm 2016. St Andrew's Church Hall, Parkinson Lane Whittlesey . Teams of up to 6 people. £3.50 per person. Bring your own food & drink. There will be 10 to 12 tables so numbers will be limited. Tickets for sale at Wrights shop 46 Market Street, Whittlesey

6th 7.00 p.m. Family Bingo in St Andrew's Hall.

8th 7.00 p.m. Churches Together AGM at St Jude's followed by a committee meeting

10th Ash Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Holy Trinity

10th Ash Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes and Hymns at St Mary's

11th 9.45 a.m. Assembly at Coates School

11th 1.00 p.m. Assembly at New Road School

11th 6.00 p.m. Ministry Team meeting at The Rectory

12th 19th 26th 12noon Lent Devotions in St Mary's

15th 7.00 p.m. Friends of Holy Trinity AGM in church

19th 12noon Lent Devotions in St Mary's

21st St Thomas' PCC meeting in church after 6p.m. Service

23rd 1.30 p.m. St Andrew's PCC meeting in the Hall. Please note change of time and venue

23rd 7.30 p.m. St Mary's PCC meeting at The Rectory

24th 7.30 p.m. Holy Trinity PCC meeting in church

26th 12noon Lent Devotions in St Mary's

Lent Groups:

Churches Together Lent Course Groups and Leaders for 2016.

First group meeting during the week beginning 15th February.

Please sign up on lists in church

Monday

7.30 p.m. St Jude's Father Les - 203411 York Lent Course – The Psalms

Tuesday

7.30 p.m. 114, Eastrea Road Revd Lesley - 751681 Film Study Course based on 'The Theory of Everything' a Life of Stephen Hawking

Tuesday

7.30 p.m. 212 Ramsey Road, Pondersbridge Revd Nigel - 203676 York Lent Course – The Psalms

Wednesday

10.00 a.m. 11, North Green, Coates. Revd Nigel - 203676 York Lent Course – The Psalms

Thursday

7.30 p.m. 8, The Grove Revd Gill - 202563 York Lent Course – The Psalms

Regular Weekday Services:

Monday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Tuesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Wednesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Thursday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Friday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's (During Lent this will be Lent Devotions)

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