



Dear Church Family

As I write this letter we are well and truly into Lent.

Traditionally Lent has been seen as time to give up something. Many give up things they like, like chocolate, that's a favourite one or biscuits. I knew someone who gave up doughnuts and when Lent was over was always gifted a doughnut on a plate.

Some give up things which isn't a real hardship just a token of 'giving up' something. Just because it is Lent.

But what if we turned this Lent tradition on its head? What if we didn't give up but did more! But not more rushing around, because that would defeat the object. We need to draw closer to God.

How about reading instead of watching the television? I don't know how many are like me the box is on but I am not really watching, it is noise in the background. How about spending more time in silence – the absence of all noise. We have become a society where noise is there in your face wherever you go from ringing and buzzing of phones and the unwanted overhearing of someone else's conversations to the 'musak' in shops and cafe's !! we sometimes can't hear ourselves think.

How about unchaining yourself from the computer? And getting out in the fresh air. Sometimes a walk in the Sunshine can bring us so much closer to God, he helps clear our minds and sharpen our thoughts. Perhaps! Just perhaps if we are focussed enough we may hear his voice softly speaking to us to calm and comfort or to even to gently challenge.

What about going out in the cool stillness of the night and allow yourself to be mesmerised by the night sky, but wrap up warm for that one.

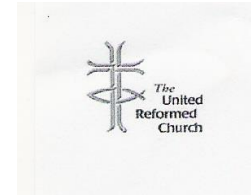
There must be hundreds of ways we can draw closer to God. Let your imagination take you on this Lenten journey.

Let us come together in the stopping places of our services across Lent then move on until that Glorious Easter Day when we come to celebrate together. Hope to see you at some point during the Lenten path to exchange a smile and spur each other on as we travel on this rugged path of discipleship and so become more faithful followers of Jesus.

Blessings,

Lynne

The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

APRIL 2022



*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believes in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life."*

John 3 : 16

Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

Sunday 3rd April

LMMR

Morning Service 10:30am

Traditional

Rev Robert Zachar
Lynne Le Masonry

Friday 8th April

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

Friday 8th April 9:30am - 11:00am

In the Coffee Shop Extra seating in the Church

Refreshments - Cakes - RAFFLE - Bric-a-brac

ALL WELCOME

Sewcially Crafternoon Tea 1:30pm-3:30pm

Coffee Shop

Sunday 10th April

Palm Sunday

Morning Service 10:30am

Communion Service

CTiS United Service 6:30pm

Lynne Le Masonry

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Tuesday 12th April *Welcome back!*

Tuesday Coffee Morning 10:00am - 11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

Maundy Thursday 14th April

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

Lynne Le Masonry

Good Friday 15th April

Good Friday Service 11:00am

Lynne Le Masonry
Stephen Morgan

Easter Sunday 17th April

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne Le Masonry

Sunday 24th April

Morning Service 10:30am

Rose Cassell

Monday 25th April

CHURCH MEETING

Please make a note of the next meeting:

MONDAY 25th APRIL 2022 AT 2:00pm IN THE CHURCH

Dates for your Diary

Taketime is a series of relaxing guided meditations
based on the stories of Jesus and the tradition of St Ignatius

Taketime Together  is now meeting on Fridays, 11:15pm in Church

Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1st, 3rd and any 5th Thursdays in the month.

Please contact Janet for more information.

Contributions welcome for FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

Thank you for donating food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries
for the food bank and the Community Bus.



The Bible Society is pleased to announce that they are planning their usual events this year. All being well, it is hoped to have a Concert at Minster Road Baptist on April 26th 7pm. Ann is planning to host a Strawberry Tea on 2nd July 3pm. A Beetle Drive may take place on 25th August at 7pm and QUIZ on 21st October at Minster Bethel. Look out for posters nearer to the planned dates.

BIRTHDAYS

1st April

Vera Warren

16th April

Eileen Link

17th April

Lily Barnard

30th April

Marie Harris

MESSAGES

Gladys would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards,
phone calls and good wishes on her birthday.

UKRAINE COLLECTION

Sharon is collecting any donations for the DEC Ukraine Appeal
for the next two weeks. It will be sent off before Easter.

Notices for April should be available from Sunday 24th April

Please let me know if you would like something included. Heather