

Dear Friends

March is upon us, Lent is here.

The days are leaping as fast as the Mad March hare.

A picture of him with the saying “The hurrier I be the behinder I get” made me smile. Because it seems just like that for me these days.

Lent has often been the time when people give up something they like to deny themselves - a little pleasure. What are you giving up?

Lent is a time when we should look deeper. A kind of faith check up. To ask the question, how is my faith? How does it impact on the life I lead? Have I become the person Jesus wants me to be? Is it a work in progress? Or has your faith engine stalled?

When going deeper like this there may be some things we want to lift to him and ask forgiveness. Our God is gracious, and he loves us – He will forgive. Can we?

Perhaps the question should be “Do we?”

For we are made in his likeness, and we can, but we have this thing called free choice so “Do we forgive?” Do we forgive others? Do we forgive ourselves? That is not to say we have to forget but lift the impact of whatever has occurred from continuing to hurt us or fester in our being.

That is how hate is allowed to take hold and continue its journey in the world.

This Lent as we watch the symbols of the season unfold, and we replay the horror story that shapes our faith. We already know the ending.

So we can march forward through the dark clouds knowing that the rejoicing will follow.

Here’s to a Deeper Lent and Very Happy Easter

With Love and Blessings,

Lynne

The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

MARCH 2024



*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal 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*

Friday 1st March



Palestine

World Day of Prayer 11:00am
Renew Hope 2:00pm
World Day of Prayer 7:00pm

Lynne le Masonry
Church
Minster Bethel

Sunday 3rd March

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne le Masonry

Tuesday 5th March

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am **All welcome**

Alec Stride Hall

Friday 8th March

EASTER COFFEE MORNING in the Alec Stride Hall 9:30am-11:00am

Renew Hope 2:00 pm

Church

Sunday 10th March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Morning Service 10:30am

Rev Robert Zachar

Tuesday 12th March

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am **All welcome**

Alec Stride Hall

Friday 15th March

Renew Hope 2:00pm

Church

Sunday 17th March

Morning Service 10:30am

Kathy Gambell

Tuesday 19th March

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am **All welcome**

Alec Stride Hall

Friday 22nd March

Renew Hope 2:00pm

Church

Sunday 24th March **PALM SUNDAY**

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne le Masonry

Tuesday 26th March

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am **All welcome**

Alec Stride Hall

Thursday 28th March **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Afternoon Service 3:00pm

Church

Friday 29th March **GOOD FRIDAY**

Renew Hope 2:00pm

Church

Sunday 31st March **EASTER SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION**

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne le Masonry

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 meets on Fridays, 11:15am in Church
Please speak to Margaret for more information

Living with Dementia

Starting in January Meetings will be **EVERY** Thursday
Please contact Janet for more information.

“RENEW HOPE”

EVERY FRIDAY at 2:00pm
A QUIET SHARED SPACE WHERE IT IS OK NOT TO BE OK
Please see Lynne for more details

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.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING



We will be having an Easter Coffee Morning in the Alec Stride hall
to raise funds for the Church
on Friday 8th March from 9:30am – 11:00am

BIRTHDAYS

27 th February	Kathy	25 th March	Sharon
7 th April	Sid	16 th April	Eileen
17 th April	Lily	22 nd April	David
30 th April	Marie		

MESSAGES

Marie says “Hello” and sends her best wishes to you all xx
Sheila would like to thank those who kindly sent her birthday
greetings either by phone or by (some beautiful handmade) cards.

Notices for April should be available from Sunday 24th March

Contributions not later than Monday 18th March please