Lent 2017

"....according to the Scriptures"



"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" I Corinthians 15 v3-4

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Lent Course: "Hear the Word of the Lord"

As part of our "Year of the Bible" we are encouraging people to use the Lent season as an opportunity to do something different in their study of the Bible.

It may be that you have never been part of a small group that regularly meets to study the bible, or that you already belong to a group but fancy doing something a bit different from normal, or simply that you have been part of a group in the past but not found one to connect to more recently - regardless, we are inviting anyone who wishes to, to join in the Chichester Diocesan Lent Course for 2017.

Providing an overview of some of the different genres of writing in the bible – this six session course offers space for prayer, reflection, worship and study, enabling us to deepen our knowledge of and relationship with God as we go deeper into his word.

"Hear the Word of the Lord" is now available for download from www.chichester.anglican.org/lent2017

- I. "Bible overview" by Ann Holt (Diocesan Director of Education)
- 2. "The Torah" by Mark Gilbert (Rural Dean of Petworth)
- 3. "The Prophets" by Alice Whalley (Curate in Moulsecoomb, nr Brighton)
- 4. "Other Old Testament Writings" by Guy Bridgewater (Rural Dean of Horsham)
- 5. "The Gospels" by Lisa Barnett (Incumbent at Scaynes Hill, nr Haywards Heath)
- 6. "The New Testament Letters" by Rory Graham (Associate Vicar in Hailsham)

On Saturday mornings during Lent, from 9am-10.30am 4th March-8th April, a group of us will be meeting in the Church Centre to use this course to journey through this season of reflection and preparation as we head towards Easter. You are warmly welcomed to take part in this, and anyone who wants to be part of this group is invited to contact Jimmy Young (H. 372599 or curate@stmaryshorsham.org.uk)

Other home groups will continue to meet as arranged – the Thursday afternoon group will be using the above Lent Course material as well, while others are continuing their way through the Year of the Bible using the E100 series, or other materials. You are welcome to join them. Please see the Homegroup board in church for more details.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Ist March ASH WEDNESDAY



10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Ashing7.45 p.m. Holy Communion with Ashing and Sermon

8th March 7.30pm "The Gospel of Matthew by Candlelight" performed by George Dillon

Tickets now on sale from the church office £10 (£5 concessions) or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/dillon or on the door 25% of all ticket sales will go to Horsham Matters Nightshelter

15th, 22nd and 29th March and 5th April all at 7.45pm: Service of Compline (Night Prayer)

PALM SUNDAY 6.30pm April 9th "The Crucifixion"

The Dove English Orchestra will be performing composer
Grenville Richard Harding's "The Crucifixion" in St Mary's Church
There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the
Horsham District Foodbank and Horsham Churches Night Shelter

HOLY WEEK at St. Mary's

Monday I0th April 7.45 p.m. Compline with Address Tuesday I Ith April 7.45 p.m. Compline with Address Wednesday I2th April 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion 7.45 p.m. Compline with Address

MAUNDY THURSDAY 13th April 7.45 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

14th April 10.50 a.m. Act of Witness – procession with the cross to the Carfax: worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Horsham Churches.

12 noon THE THREE HOUR DEVOTION

Led by Rev'd. Jimmy Young. (Children's Activities in the Barn 12-3.00 p.m. register via the church office)

EASTER SUNDAY 5.00 a.m. Vigil & The Liturgy of Easter Dawn

16th April (at the Vicarage – Holy Communion followed by Breakfast)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Church Family Communion (with Holy Baptism)

5.00 p.m. Easter Evensong

LENT ANGELS



Welcoming Angels - Do you have any practical jobs around the home that you just can't manage or get around to? Just phone St. Mary's Office on 01403 253762 — and for a small donation to the St. Mary's "Thanks a Million" fund, we'll fix up angelic church members to do that job!



Being an Angel - If you would like to join St. Mary's "Lent Angel" team of volunteers, please phone the Office and sign up to help! Simple jobs will be matched to volunteer skills (& physical strength), and times fixed with "hirers" to suit all parties — aiming to complete tasks during Lent

All funds raised will go to the St. Mary's "Thanks a Million" Project, conserving and renewing our Church & Church Centre for serving Horsham in the 21st Century.

THANK-YOU: for being an Angel!

LENT COLLECTION BOXES

Lent Collection "Pillar Boxes" are available in church to help us collect small change to go to World Vision and the St. Mary's "Thanks a Million" Project.

GOOD FRIDAY UNITED ACT OF WITNESS

Procession with the cross from Brighton Road Baptist Church to the Carfax – worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Horsham Churches at the Bandstand 14th April at 10:50 a.m.



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