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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

**THE GRAPEVINE 28th FEBRUARY 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

LENTEN JOURNEYS

There are currently 26 million refugees and over 45 million internally displaced persons around the world. There are over 2 million asylum seekers in Europe alone, with that figure growing by over 392,000 in the first 10 months of 2020. As Christians, we are called to follow in the example of Christ; to show hospitality, love, compassion and kindness. Kindness is the action of love and can be a simple smile, or taking the time to listen; it might be a donation of our time or money; or it might be spending a moment with someone who is lonely, lost or feeling afraid.

Lent is a time where we press the reset button; where we evaluate our own life journey; where we struggle with what's right and what's wrong, with what's important and what's not. It's also a time where we are called to walk alongside one another and show that kindness; to shine a light into the dark corners of this world, and to shine with the light of Christ for those who feel like they're walking in darkness. Perhaps you can shine that light for another person during Lent? Or perhaps you need to find that light?

As we journey out of the pandemic wilderness, it's worth remembering that just 4 minutes of eye contact brings people closer to each other than anything else. As you reflect on these challenges, please take a moment to watch the following video: <https://youtu.be/qmyj-g7DBUs>.

Every blessing for your journey through Lent. Revd Gary.

LENT COURSE

The South Cheltenham Team Lent course is running on a Wednesday at 7.30pm. If you would like to join, please email: info@pipandjims.org.uk

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The boxes have been counted and we have £167.15 for the Children's Society, almost as much as last year despite the pandemic. Thank you so much to our seven faithful boxholders. If anyone else would like to support children in the UK I have spare boxes just waiting for you.

Margaret Meads.

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to: grapevine@tcivh.org.uk by midday on Wednesday or call Brian Miles on 01242 862142.

Website: www.tciwh.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

The Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion from St. Peter's with Revd Gary & Revd Jacqueline

10am Morning Worship from Emmanuel with Revd Nick and Steve Bullock

You can join the live stream here:

www.facebook.com/pipandjims or www.stpetersleck.org

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end

Daily Devotional Readings

Morning Prayer will continue to be live-streamed at 9am during the week from:

www.facebook.com/pipandjims or www.stpetersleck.org

Monday

Psalm 26

Jeremiah 7.21-end

John 6.41-51

Wednesday

Psalm 35

Jeremiah 8.18-9.11

John 6.60-end

Friday

Psalm 40

Jeremiah 10.1-16

John 7.14-24

Tuesday

Psalm 50

Jeremiah 8.1-15

John 6.52-59

Thursday

Psalm 34

Jeremiah 9.12-24

John 7.1-13

Saturday

Psalm 3

Jeremiah 10.17-24

John 7.25-36

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MEETINGS

The scheduled ECM meeting on Thursday 4th March has been cancelled; the next PCC meeting will take place on Sunday 7th March at midday, via Zoom.

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM SERVICES

The following services will be live-streamed from one of our church buildings over the coming weeks:

7th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	St. Christopher's	Revd Nick
14th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Revd Gary
21st Mar	8am	BCP Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Revd Gary
	10am	Morning Worship	Emmanuel	Revd Nick
28th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	St. Stephen's	Revd Nick

All services and service sheets are available via www.stpetersleck.org or www.pipandjims.org.uk/online.

EXPLORING MINDFULNESS IN A CHRISTIAN CONTEXT

An invitation to those who have some experience of Mindfulness and those who have none. This is a follow up to the sessions in June, September and December but you are welcome whether or not you attended those sessions

Date: Saturday, 6th March 2021, 10 am - 12 noon

Venue: Online via zoom, in a quiet room with a comfortable chair

The zoom session will be no more than 2 hours, but it will leave you with ideas and activities to pursue afterwards, either the same day or during the following days. You will need to book in advance so that I can send you the zoom link and other information. There will be no cost, but you may like to consider an extra donation to your local church which will have a reduced income at this time. For more information or book a place, please contact Jan Scott jan.scott@live.co.uk using reference ITMonline 060321 by 2nd March 2021, 12 noon. Revd Iain

NEW FOODBANK DISTRIBUTION POINTS

Two new Foodbank distributions points will opening shortly in the Warden Hill and Up Hatherley area:

1. **C3 Church**, The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane on Fridays 10-12pm – From 12th Feb.
2. **St. Margaret's Hall**, Coniston Road on Tuesdays 10-12pm – From 23rd Feb.

Do direct anyone in need to these two new distribution points as appropriate.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR everyone to be patient over the next months as we hope for a gradual ending of the restrictions with the 'roadmap'.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR those we know who are sick in body, mind or spirit that they might know God's comfort; those who have died, and those mourning the loss of loved ones.

GIVE THANKS FOR the on-going vaccination programme and all who are helping to deliver it.

WEEKLY PRAYER

28th	Rosehip & Camellia Courts	4th	The Bellringers
1st	W Hill, Bettridge & Belmont Schools	5th	Young People's Groups
2nd	Home & Hospital Communicants	6th	Maintenance & Office Staff
3rd	The Mothers' Union	7th	Housebound & Lonely

We are asked at this time to include in our prayers, all Early Years Practitioners who are valiantly continuing to look after Keyworkers' toddlers at this time and putting themselves selflessly in danger. Please pray especially for the soul and family of Carol Beard, a great friend and colleague of Becky Poulter-Jewson (Tony's daughter) one such lady, who lost her fight against the Coronavirus at Gloucester Royal.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let's celebrate together:

If you have a birthday this week—have a happy day.

Roy McBane has a birthday on 5th March.

Please let me know of any future birthdays that we can celebrate together.

Brian Miles.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S MOTHERS ' UNION - have a zoom meeting next Tuesday 2nd March at 2pm, when Revd Jacqueline will be leading a discussion.

If you would like to join us please contact Alison on lantern@tciwh.org.uk to get the link.