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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

**THE GRAPEVINE 7th MARCH 2021
THE THIRD 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.

NEW FOODBANK DISTRIBUTION POINTS

Two new Foodbank distributions points have opened in the Warden Hill and Up Hatherley area, please do direct anyone in need to these:

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.

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, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

This Sunday

10am Holy Communion at St Christopher's with Revd Nick and Revd Eddie

You can join the live stream here:

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

Readings: Exodus 20.1–17; 1 Corinthians 1.18–25; John 2.13–22

Don't forget next week is Mothering Sunday!

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 5
Jeremiah 11.1–17
John 7.37–52

Wednesday

Psalm 38
Jeremiah 13.1–11
John 8.12–30

Friday

Psalm 22
Jeremiah 15.10–end
John 8.48–end

Tuesday

Psalm 6
Jeremiah 11.18–12.6
John 7.53–8.11

Thursday

Psalm 56
Jeremiah 14
John 8.31–47

Saturday

Psalm 31
Jeremiah 16.10–17.4
John 9.1–17

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TODAY PCC MEETING

There is a meeting of the PCC after this mornings service, this will be via Zoom.

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM SERVICES

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

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.

REOPENING FOR WORSHIP

Good news: Worship will recommence in-person on **Easter Sunday** (4th April). Face coverings and social distancing will still be needed. Please book in with the Church Office: tcihsec@gmail.com if you would like to be in attendance. There will be more details of our 'roadmap' to reopening in the coming weeks.

LENT COURSE

The South Cheltenham Team Lent course has begun and is running on a Wednesday at 7.30pm. To join please email: info@pipandjims.org.uk

MOTHERS' UNION: MOTHERING SUNDAY VIRTUAL GIFTS:

"Gifts of Togetherness" can be ordered online at www.makeamothersday.org Or by phoning 020 7222 5533. Each gift is a celebratory way to help members give comfort and aid throughout the world. (Mothering Sunday is the 14th March).

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PLEASE PRAY FOR our schools as they begin to open fully from the 9th - for a safe and happy return for students and staff.

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 lengthening days and signs of new growth.

WEEKLY PRAYER

7th	Housebound & Lonely	11th	All with mental health problems
8th	St. Andrew's Ramallah	12th	Playgroup
9th	Youth Worker	13th	Brizen Centre users
10th	Messy Church	14th	Readers Pam, Roy & Rachel

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let's celebrate together:

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

Betty Harris has a birthday on 8th, Jimmy Brett on the 9th and Stella Locke on the 12th Happy birthday to you all.

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

Brian Miles.

BATISM ANNIVERSARIES

We remember those whose Baptism Anniversaries fall in March, and pray that they may increase in knowledge of Christ as they travel on their journey of faith.