

Sunday 28th February 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.

Collect for the Week

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.

During this continued period of lockdown both Churches will remain closed for public worship. This will be reviewed at the end of March, with the aim of re-opening for Easter Sunday.

**This week the Churches will open for private prayer:-
on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am at the Parish Church
& Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday at the Church Centre between
10 am & 12 noon.**

10.00 am Service of the Word – posted on YouTube

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

Reading: Mark 8.31-end, read by Suzie Toombs

Intercessions: led by Grace Kumaraswami Leela Bai

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service via Zoom

Lead The Vicar, Link Liz Goddard,

Reading: Romans 4.13-25

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 1st March *David, Bishop of Minevia, Patron of Wales, c. 601*

Revision of the Electoral Roll begins

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 2nd *Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*

Parish Office closed

11.00 am Graveside funeral of Ken Mankelow at the New Churchyard

2.30 pm Funeral of Beryl Jordan at the Crematorium

7.00 pm Lent Course via Zoom

WEDNESDAY 3rd

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 4th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 5th

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 6th

NEXT SUNDAY 7th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Service of the Word (posted on You Tube)

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: The Vicar

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, read by Jenny Beaumont

Intercessions: Led by Vreni Gould

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service meet via Zoom

From The Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all. As I write this the sun is shining in the sky in an inviting way, suggesting that it might be a good time to go for a walk. In my mind I'm thinking.....but there's too much to do, I cant go for a walk now! I am sure that we all feel this way sometimes when invited to do something that we know is good for us but we feel that it may not be the 'best' use of our time. One of my prayers for all of us this Lent is that we be given the gift of discernment , so that we may appropriately use the resource of time as a gift to us but also as a gift to others.

Ronnie

Church Opening – Covid Update

The Vicar and PCC have made the decision that our Churches will remain closed during March. Permission has been given for this to happen. The aim is that we will open for Easter Sunday when the rates are hopefully considerably lower and more people are vaccinated. There will be more details nearer the time. Both Churches will continue to open for private prayer at the usual times.

Lent Course

Our Lent Course is being held via Zoom, on Tuesday evenings between 7 pm and 8.30 pm. There are four more sessions using the book "Living in love and faith", there are copies available at the Parish Office, or you can order your own online. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

APCM

A date for your diary, the annual meeting will be held on Monday 19th April at 8 pm. It is likely that it will take place on Zoom, there will be more details nearer the time.

Electoral Role

The revision of the Electoral Roll will begin on Monday 1st March. This is NOT a full revision but an update of the current one. You only need to get in touch if you have

- changed any of your details (address/email etc)
- changed your name (marriage)
- wish to join the Electoral Roll
- wish to be removed from the Electoral Roll
- Have turned 16 and would like to join

You can contact me in the office via phone, email or post. The revision needs to be completed by Sunday 28th March. If you want to check you are on the current roll then do get in touch.

Thank you - Ginette



Struggling with Debt or Money Issues?

Free, confidential expert advice and support is available over the phone now.

Crosslight is a specialist debt and money advice charity that has been working in the local community for many years.

We are open, and our experienced debt advisers and money coaches are ready to provide you with support and advice over the phone, especially if you've been affected by the current Covid 19 crisis.

Although many creditors aren't chasing debts at the moment, you should contact us now to make sure you won't face difficulty in the future. We can give advice on all debts including ;

- • Rent arrears
- • Council Tax arrears
- • Bailiff debt
- • Utility debts and other bills
- • Court recovery action
- • Loans, Credit Cards etc
- • Benefit overpayments and other benefit problems
- • Budgeting and general money worries

If necessary, and with your permission we can negotiate a debt repayment plan with your creditors.

Contact us now: [crosslightadvice.org](https://www.crosslightadvice.org)

020 7052 0318 (Mon-Fri 9.30-4.30)

<https://www.crosslightadvice.org/help>

During the Covid 19 crisis we are giving support by telephone or internet based meetings. We do however have branches locally in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks and hope to reintroduce face to face meetings in the near future. You can make an appointment using the above London number where our appointments team will put you in touch with an adviser from a branch local to you.

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