

Notices and Prayers - February 2023

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Low Marple**

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Services

Sunday 5th

10 am - Parish Mass *with*

Junior Church

6:30 pm - Choral Evensong

Sunday 12th

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd *Ash Wednesday*

7 pm - Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd

7 pm - Reflective Service of Prayers
for Peace in Ukraine

Sunday 26th

8 am - Holy Communion

10 am - Family Mass *Guided Mass*

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

*Every Thursday and Friday:
Morning Prayer at 9:30 am,
at St Thomas', High Lane*

Dates for your diary

February

Sunday 5th - Traidcraft stall after the parish mass

Sunday 19th - *ALL AGE* Crafternoon (2-4 pm, in the hall)

Wednesday 15th - MU meeting (2-4pm, in the hall)

Wednesday 22nd - *Ash Wednesday*

Thursday 23rd - Service for Ukraine

March

Sunday 26th - Churches Together service (4 pm,

location t.b.c)

Notices

The second crafternoon this new year, on 19th February, will be for everyone, of all ages—if you enjoy crafts, company, or both, come along! Feel free to bring crafts you've got on the go already, if you like, too! (There will also be the opportunity to make paper fish for an installation in the Cathedral - as part of the Diocesan Vision process that also brought the enormous pink elephant here!)

A new Christmas Committee is being formed, to plan the Christmas Tree Festival and other events/activities at Christmas - please let Timothy know if you're able to offer yourself to help with this.

On 15th February, the Mothers Union will have their next meeting. They are open to all, with a £1 donation requested from anyone attending. This month Rev'd Ashleigh Askwith will be speaking at the meeting, about her journey to ordination.

A space for notes

Let us give thanks

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (*Isaiah 30.15*)

Prayer list

In our prayers please remember the sick who have asked for our prayers:

Ruby	Michael
Andrew	Kathleen & Arthur
David	Mary
Gary	Clare
Freddie & Jasmine	John
Madeleine	Steph
Peter	Hillary
Jude	Gordon
Roger	

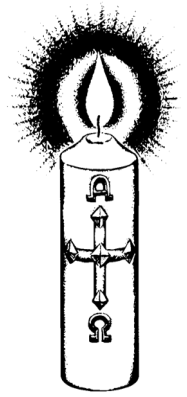
Lent

As we go past Candlemas, and turn 'from the crib to the cross,' there are several things to look out for that you might like to take part in during Lent, aside from the usual 'special services' on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week:

- There will be a weekly **Lent Group**, looking at material from/recommended by +Mark.
- Nearer Passiontide, there will be opportunity to engage with **Prayer Stations** around the church, to explore the themes of Lent, and the journey to the cross, more deeply.
- On Palm Sunday evening, there will be a service of **Music & Readings for Passiontide** - think 'Advent Service of Light', but for Lent!

Please pray for:

Isaac, recently baptised, and Iris, who will be baptised soon.



General Synod as they meet from 6th-9th February - especially in the difficult conversations and decisions around the blessing of same-sex relationships.

All those affected by the war in Ukraine, in this month that marks the anniversary of Russia's invasion.

For all of us at St Martin's, as Lent begins and as we begin the journey to the cross together once more.

Wellbeing Cafe

The possibility of St Martin's holding *wellbeing cafes* is being explored at the 'moment' - 'coffee morning' type occasions (though not necessarily in the morning!), to reach out into the community, encourage fellowship, and provide a safe space for people to simply be themselves.

The Wellbeing Café project began in the Baptist Church (more information here: www.renewwellbeing.org.uk)

If you are interested in helping out, or simply finding out more, there will be an introductory session on Zoom on Monday 13th February, at 11 am. If you'd like the zoom details, or to 'book a chair' in vicarage to join the zoom together from there.