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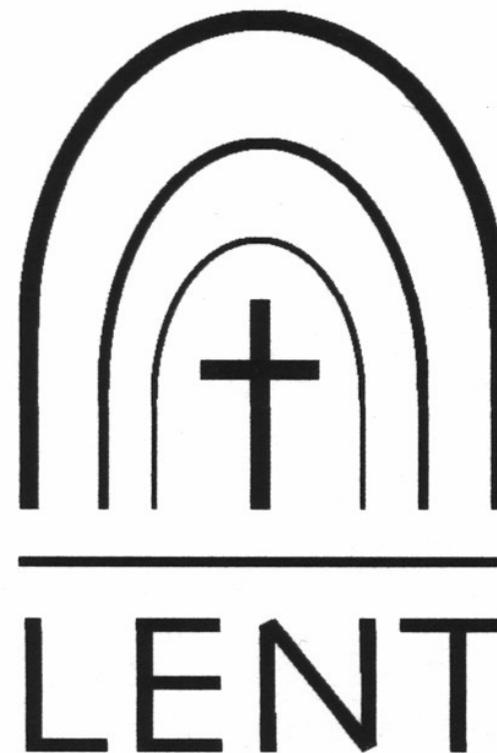
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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

10.45 a.m. Sung Communion and Junior Church
(4th Sunday – Family Service)

18.00 p.m. Occasional Special Services as
announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Priest-in-Charge) on 0161 338 2368. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Mar	Thomas Cowman	1984	13 Mar	Christine Higgins	2010
	George Harry Hobson	1984	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Mary Bailey	1969	18 Mar	Thomas William Thomson	1983
	Tom Bowden	1972		Alma Nuttall	1991
	Joan Wheatley	1972		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
	Allen Marsden	1995		David Rawsterne	2009
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
	Gerard Postings	1996	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)	2011		John Duxbury	1985
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985		Regan Joseph Michael	1988
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		Tetlow	
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
	Albert Barber	1987		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999	23 Mar	Harold Moore	1996
	Barry Mutch	2008		George James Crossland	2002
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		James Wright	2001
	Sadie Shaw	1984	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
	Margaret Cawley	1985		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Hilda Graham	2009
	Joseph Sharpe	2000	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
	Norman Nield	2005		Theresa Aldred	1999
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986		Mary Bardsley	1994
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981	29 Mar	William Spencer	2000
	James Turner	1987		Olive Stephenson	1985
	Harold Webster	1987		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
	Mabel Sweeney	1991	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	Basil Kirk	1989		William Forde Clarke	2005
13 Mar	William Bateman	1978		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Donald Feetham	1997	31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
	Beatrice Kelsall	1981		Mark Press	1981



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To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

2 February

Bobby-Rae Straun, Hanover Street, Stalybridge
Emil Rafer Straun, Hanover Street, Stalybridge

16 February

Tye Alex NCUBE, Hanover Street, Stalybridge.

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the faith of the Lord

30 January

Norman Council (age 83 years) Melbourne Court, formerly of Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

31 January

Antony Brocklehurst (age 38 years) Clarence House, Stalybridge

4 February

Marian Lewis (age 81) Castle Hall Court, Stalybridge
interment of ashes

5 February

Lily Wilson (age 94 years) Kendal House, Stalybridge

7 February

Mildred Bradshaw (age 76 years) Dewsnap Lane, Dukinfield

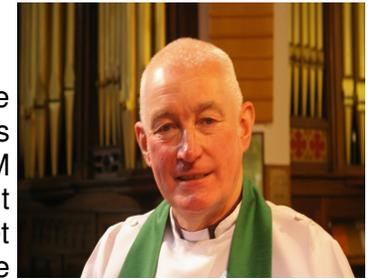
24 February

Mary Elizabeth Rickard (age 64 years) Harrison Street, Stalybridge
interment of ashes

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Dear All,

You might expect me, given my role description (E.g. Sea Cadet Corps Chaplain, to enhance awareness of HM Armed Forces, etc.) to one day write about war. Well, you'd be right in one way yet wrong in another. You see, I am using the word "war" as a mnemonic for "**Work AndRest.**"



I can't quote the actual source, but I recently read in my newspaper that the British work some of the longest hours in the EU and, surprise, surprise, consequently suffer some of the highest stress levels as a result. On the other hand, there are a great many people who'd give their right hand just to find a job; sounds crazy, doesn't it? Possibly even more puzzling is the fact that some people in work seem to live just for retirement day.

For some people their job is no more than a pain in the backside, interrupting their social life. They can't wait to clock off on Friday afternoon and I sometimes wonder what they would make of what the Bible says about work, and rest.

If we accept that God Himself is a worker, then clearly the Bible approves of work. Think of the whole of creation. Jesus himself became a carpenter – and in those days it was all solid physical work, long before the advent of power-assisted tools. Consider the following points:-

1. Through work we can glorify God. "Do everything in the name of Jesus."
2. Work is one method of co-operating with God in His rule over creation. "I give youevery seed-bearing plant.....till the ground.....subdue the earth." This story of God with Adam and Eve shows that God does not do things without being in a partnership, with us. He looks upon us as stewards of His estate.
3. Our work plays its part in fulfilling our humanity. It may not be the fault of the individual concerned, but idleness is not a good thing. "There is nothing better for a man (or woman, of course!) than to enjoy his (her) work."
4. Work is away of serving others. "Work so that you may have something to share with those in need." This, of course, is the ideal,

but you won't need me to tell you that we don't always live in the ideal world.

The Bible seems to recognise that not all occupations are fulfilling and satisfying. Skilled, trusted and joyful labour can become terminally boring and painful drudgery. Exploitation can enslave people and the unemployed can find themselves vilified by society. As for rest, again we have to start with the creation story; God rested on the seventh day. We often forget today that the Sabbath was invented so people could enjoy themselves! Even the animals and the ground were given a break!

For a Christmas present I received a superb short book ('Hit the Ground Kneeling' by Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, Church House Publishing, ISBN 978-07151-4209-7) which is well worth reading. One of the important points he makes is to remember what Jesus did at times of stress, etc. He went somewhere to be quiet, on many occasions. It may well be good to work hard and well, but we must take time to rest in God. This is the sure way to find our own balance between **Work And Rest**.

(Some Bible reading if you wish:-

Exodus 20/8-11. Exodus 23/10-12 & 31/1-11. Deuteronomy 16/8. 1 Kings 17/13-14. Ecclesiastes 3/22 & 5/18-20. Ephesians 4/28. Colossians 3/23-24. 2 Thessalonians 3/6-13. Hebrews 3/11. I do not suggest that this list is exhaustive)

With every blessing,

Keith.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Vestry meeting for the election of one warden will be held on Tuesday 18 March at 8.00pm. and is open to anyone in the parish to attend.

This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when we will hear various reports about St George's, the accounts, and for the election of three Deanery Synod representatives and three Church Councillors. If you would like to stand for any of these posts, then please get someone to nominate and second you and put your name on the list on the notice board in the church lounge.

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To help pay the £300, Angela, my coordinator, has come up with the 'Smarties for Pence' initiative. She has donated the Smarties and added some labels to them to help identify the cause.

So, if you would like to help, just collect a tube of Smarties from me and when you have finished the delicious chocolates just fill the empty tube with some spare 20 pence pieces.

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Jojo

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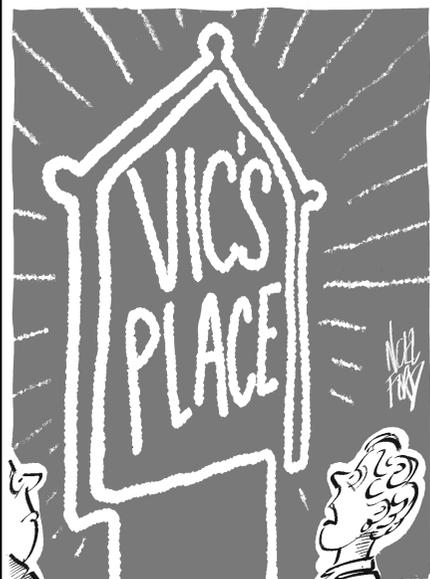
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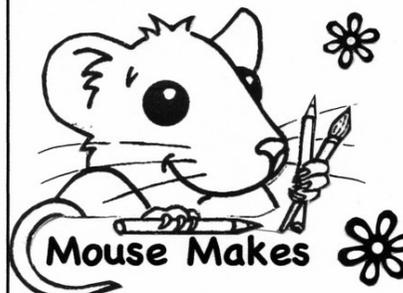


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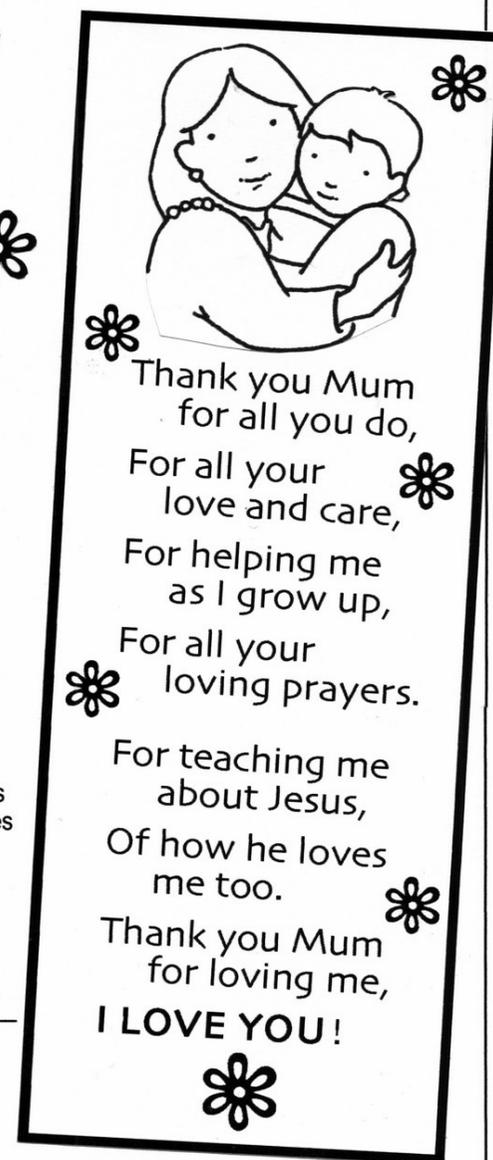


The 4th Sunday in Lent
is celebrated as
Mothering Sunday.
Originally families would
get together for a special
service at the 'mother'
church, often at the local
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Today Mothering Sunday
is celebrated as a family
day, a time to say '**thank
you**' to our mothers and
to all who look after us.

There are many wonderful Mothers
in the Bible, look up the Bible verses
and find out who they are....

Matt 1:16 M _ _ _
Num 26:59 _ O _ _ _ _
Luke 1:57-60 _ _ _ _ _ T _
1 Sam 1:20 _ _ _ _ _ H
Genesis 4:1 _ _ E
Gen 25:21-26 R _ _ _ _ _
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Readings and Psalms for March 2014

Sun 2 nd	Sunday next before Lent 10.45 Exodus 24.12-end; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matthew 17.1-9
Tues 4 th	10.30 1 Peter 1.10-16; Psalm 98.1-5; Mark 10.28-31
Wed 5 th	Ash Wednesday 20.00 Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 51.1-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; John 8.1-11
Sun 9 th	1st Sunday of Lent 8.30 Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7; Matthew 4.1-11 10.45 Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11
Tues 11 th	10.30 Isaiah 55.10-11; Psalm 34.4-6,21-22; Matthew 6.7-15
Sun 16 th	2nd Sunday of Lent 10.45 Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17
Tues 18 th	10.30 Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm 50.8,16-end; Matthew 23.1-12
Sun 23 rd	3rd Sunday of Lent 8.30 Exodus 17.1-7; John 4.5-42 10.45 Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42
Tues 25 th	10.30 Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm 40.5-11; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38
Sun 30 th	4th Sunday of Lent—Mother's Day 10.45 Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27; <i>Worship For All</i>

TIPS FOR YOU

<i>If you want peace:</i>	Romans 5.1,2; John 14
<i>If everything goes according to your desire:</i>	Psalms 33; 1 Timothy 6.11-19; James 2.1-17
<i>If you start a new task:</i>	Psalms 1; Proverbs 16
<i>If you want to get along with people:</i>	Romans 12
<i>If you are worried about members of your family:</i>	Psalms 121; Isaiah 40
<i>If you are discouraged:</i>	Psalms 23; 42; 43
<i>If difficulties are increasing:</i>	2 Timothy 3; Hebrews 13
<i>If friends have turned away from you:</i>	Matthew 5.11
<i>If temptations come:</i>	Psalms 15; 139; Matthew 4; James 1
<i>If everything seems too much for you:</i>	Psalms 34; 71
<i>If you cannot fall asleep:</i>	Psalms 4; 56; 130
<i>If you have had a quarrel:</i>	Ephesians 4; James 4
<i>If you have become weary:</i>	Matthew 11.28-30
<i>If you want forgiveness:</i>	Luke 15
<i>If you are sick or in pain:</i>	Psalms 6; 39; 41; 67; Isaiah 26
<i>If your faith has become weak:</i>	Psalms 126; 146; Hebrews 11
<i>If it seems to you that God is far away:</i>	Psalms 25; 125; 138; Luke 10
<i>If you feel lonely and insecure:</i>	Psalms 27; 91; Luke 8
<i>If you are afraid of death:</i>	1 John 5.11-20; 2 Corinthians 5
<i>If you have sinned:</i>	Psalms 51; John 3; 1 John 1

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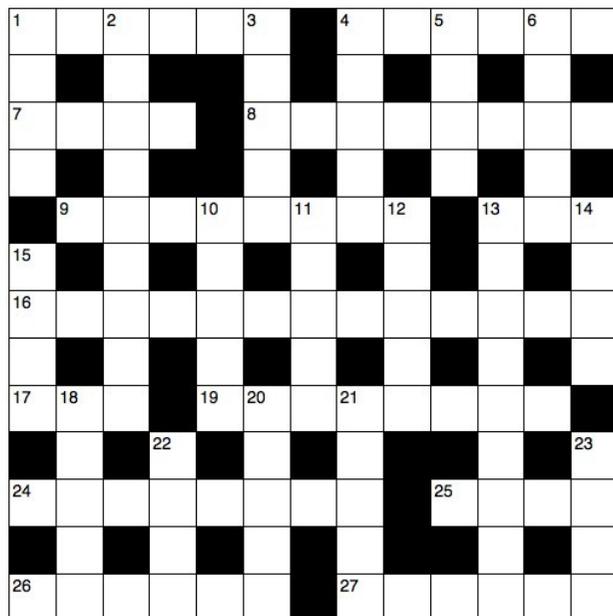
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March Crossword



Across

1 The earth is one (6), **4** 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6) , **7** 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4) , **8** The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth(Luke 2:1) (8) , **9** 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'(Philippians 2:5) (8) , **13** Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3), **16** Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13) **17** Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3) , **19** Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8), **24** What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8), **25** The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4) , **26** 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6) **27** Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4), **2** Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9) , **3** Gospel leaflet (5) , **4** Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18), **5** Tugs (anag.) (4) , **6** To put forth (5) , **10** Nationality associated with St Patrick (5) , **11** Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5) , **12** 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel'(Genesis 25:26) (5), **13** At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha'srequest (2 Kings 6:18) (9) **14** 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times thatyou know me' (Luke22:34) (4) , **15** Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4) , **18** 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5) , **20** Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5) , **21** Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5) , **22** Does (anag.) (4) , **23** The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this(Genesis 41:19) (4)

Some dates for your diary - March 2014

Sunday	2nd	10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Monday	3rd	7.00p.m.	New Seekers
Tuesday	4th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday	5th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
		8.00p.m.	The Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist
Thursday	6th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	9th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Monday	10th	7.30p.m.	Lent Course
Tuesday	11th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	13th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Saturday	15th	2.00p.m.to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea/Coffee	
Sunday	16th	10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 4
Monday	17th	7.30p.m.	Lent Course
Tuesday	18th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday	20th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Saturday	22nd	7.30p.m.	Tameside Voices Concert
Sunday	23rd	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		6.00p.m.	Songs of Praise
Monday	24th	7.30p.m.	Lent Course
Tuesday	25th	Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday	27th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	30th	Mothering Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Lent	
		10.45a.m.	Worship For All
Monday	31st	7.30p.m.	Lent Course

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk

The New Seekers 'Read the Bible in a Year' Group

Our second meeting took place on Monday 3rd February and once again the group was lively and vocal, expressing many and varied opinions on what we have read in the Bible during the past four weeks. We are now in the book of Exodus in the Old Testament and coming to the end of St. Matthews gospel in the New Testament (plus several Psalms and verses from Proverbs too).

We remarked on how the Bible is so up to date and relevant for our lives today. We also noted how the Israelites travelled great distances and how family life is not really much different now to how it was then. It was suggested in Genesis that one fifth of all produce should be given back to the authority figures and four fifths kept for themselves. We likened this to what God expects us to 'give' back to Him. Tithing is giving a tenth of what we have to God to further His work in the church. A debate ensued about where this money is spent and how we need to be good stewards of all that God has given to us, be it time, talents as well as money in order to remind ourselves that we are only custodians of all that is on this earth.

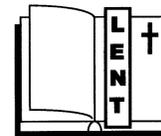
We also noted how there are many parallels in the Old and New Testaments, and realised that the Passover Lamb is the forerunner of Jesus Himself giving His life and shedding His blood in order to save us. We then chatted about the mother of James and John wanting the best for her sons in asking Jesus if they could sit either side of Him in His kingdom. We realised that Jesus loves everyone equally and doesn't value one above another (even his own family weren't singled out as anyone special!). We thought that this gives us all hope. We discussed the life that Jesus may have had in the intervening years from the account of Him staying behind in Jerusalem when He was around 12 years old to when He began His ministry around 30 years old. Learning carpentry and acquainting Himself with the scriptures seemed a possible answer. We also noted that Jesus wasn't really accepted as anything but the'carpenter's son' among His own people in Nazareth and stated that a prophet is not without honour ...'except in His own town.'

The book of Proverbs gives very sensible guidance on how we should live and behave - every verse is rich in advice. Reading just a couple of verses each day is so worthwhile. We discussed how God hardened Pharaoh's heart during the plagues and wondered why. We felt that maybe God wanted to show His power over Egypt and their 'gods' - and that He needed to do this by the means He chose. We closed with commenting on how each of the gospels in the New Testament was written for a particular audience therefore each one is going to be different from the other. We all said how excited we are when at the end of the days' readings there is often a 'cliff-hanger' and we can't wait to see how a particular incident unfolds. The hour passed so quickly and we left the meeting, looking forward to our next get-together on March 3rd. We closed with the grace.

Joyce Hansell

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Lent Course



There will be a series of sessions during Lent beginning on Monday 10 March at 7.30pm in church and lasting for an hour to an hour and a half. There is a list on the notice board in the lounge for those who are interested. It is hoped that a good number will sign up for the course so that the input will be varied and we can learn from each other.

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Songs of Praise Evening

We will be holding a Songs of Praise evening on Sunday 23 March at 6.00pm. If you would like to have your favourite hymn(s) sung, then please write them on the list on the notice board in the church lounge. This is an evening where we can praise God through hymns and spiritual songs.

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February Crossword Solution

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.