

21 February 2021:  
First Sunday of Lent  
Year B

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Welcome to the first Sunday of Lent!

Lent is an opportunity to look at our lives and do a bit of Spring Cleaning - a look at how we spend our time, attention, money, talents etc. It may be sombre, but it's not depressing; penitential, but not self-condemnatory; plain but not joyless. Lent is reflective, realistic and offers many opportunities for growth.

This year lockdown is challenging us to do something different, so we're using the Stations of Cross as part of our reflections. A different Station will appear on the Facebook page on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting this week. Plus the Lent Challenge! Each week launched at the Thursday Virtual Coffee Morning a weekly challenge! (see attached sheet!)

If my Glamorous Assistant makes it this morning we will be drawing the 100 Club draw!

Don't forget the **Virtual Coffee Morning** on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays - the passwords you need are available from the clergy. You can join by telephone too.

Charis Harbidge writes: **World Day of Prayer** (WDP) - Fri 5 Mar at 10.30am - ZOOM SERVICE. Written by women of the Republic of Vanuatu, and entitled 'Build on a Strong Foundation' we are called to stand with Jesus, on the firm ground he offers us. If you would like to join us in this year's WDP Zoom Service, please contact: Charis (786014 : charisharbidgescra@gmail) for a small stock of Service booklets and the necessary codes for the Zoom meeting. If you are unable to join but would like a Service booklet to read through please ask. Donations can be made directly on the World Day of Prayer website [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) or via a cheque. If you prefer to write a cheque, please contact Charis or Jacky Collett for further details.

From Richard and Jenny, **Covid-19 Vaccination Champions:** 'The over-65s are now eligible to

book their

vaccinations via large vaccination sites and community pharmacy-led sites operated by the national programme. People should follow this link to book online, or telephone 119: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Stella Collier writes: I am pleased to be able to say that **Felicity Myer** is now out of hospital and in a Care Home, having to get used to isolation. If you'd like to drop her a line I have her address (786084).

One of the great ways to pass Lockdown is with a good **DVD** - and Chris Wood has a massive collection for sale (£1 each or 10 for a tenner...) - so do peruse the list and see what you're missing!

Free to a good home: Epson Eco-Tank L355 **printer/scanner/copier** with ink, cables etc. See Fr Andrew for more details.

**Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially:** Gordon; Janet; Anne Langley; June Kirkham; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Sue Douglas; Peter; Angie Jackson; Mavis Cooke; Felicity Myers; Pauline Hunter.

**We remember those who've died recently:** Dennis Johnson; Hilda Johnson; Betty Clarke; Philip Hunter; Brenda Shaw; Julian Stainsby; Brian Cooke.  
**and those whose anniversary falls this coming week:** Florence Ventham; Harold Geering; Angela Cross; Dorothy Collyer; Bernard Sparks; Julian Smart; Brenda Steel; Daisy Norrell; Joan Masters; Reg Bailey; Ruth Williams.

**Next Sunday's readings** (28 February: Second Sunday of Lent): Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end

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