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Embracing Justice (The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2022) Isabelle Hamley (978-0-281-08654-2) SPCK £10.99, CTB £8.99. A serious-minded exploration of the different stories of justice in the Bible.

All's Well That Ends Well: From dust to resurrection: 40 days with Shakespeare. Peter Graystone (978-1-78622-354-8)
Canterbury Press £12.99, CTB £10.99 For each day, Peter Graystone gives us a passage from one of the plays or sonnets, using these as a springboard for wide-ranging reflections on our lives as Christians.

Hearing God in Poetry: Fifty poems for Lent and Easter. Richard Harries (978-0-281-08629-0) SPCK £9.99, CTB £7.99 Richard Harries has put together an imaginative anthology of a poem a day for Lent and Easter.

Hope and the Nearness of God: The 2022 Lent book. Teresa White (978-1-47298419-7) Bloomsbury £9.99. CTB £7.99
A straightforward meditation on Christian hope.

The Hour is Come: Passion in real time. Andrew Nunn (978-1-78622-396-8) Canterbury Press £12.99. CTB £10.99 Andrew Nunn's originality is to enable us to follow the story "in real time", from mid-Lent to Pentecost.

Women of Holy Week: An Easter journey in nine stories. Paula Gooder. Ally Barrett, illustrator. (978-1-78140-289-4) CHP £9.99, CTB £8.99. Nine monologues in the voices of those often on the margin of the story of Holy Week, Easter, and the Ascension.

Cries for a Lost Homeland: Reflections on Jesus' sayings from the Cross. Guli Francis-Dehqani (978-1-78622-383-8)

Canterbury Press £10.99, CTB £8.99. The Bishop of Chelmsford has produced a slim but profound book of addresses linked to the sayings of Jesus from the cross.

Wicked Weather for Walking. Stephen Platten. (978-1-78959-191-0) Sacristy Press £7.99. CTB £7.19 Bishop Stephen Platten prayerfully juxtaposes the winding, perilous pilgrimages that brought Christianity to these Isles with Christ's Holy Week pilgrimage in Jerusalem.

What Were You Arguing About Along the Way? Gospel reflections for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Pat Bennett, editor.

(978-1-78622-399-9) Canterbury Press £18.99. CTB £16.99 The former leader of the Corrymeela Community, Padraig O' Tuama, drew together an edgy writing group from across Britain and Ireland, whose experience of conflict was rooted and hard-won. O' Tuama wryly observes that even peace groups breed conflict; this book's skill is to make such

Lent in 50 Moments: 50 daily reflections. Liam Kelly

(978-1-913657-32-1) DLT £12.99. CTB £11.69. Combines depth with a light touch. The eucharistic lectionary from Ash to Easter Wednesdays springs 50 arresting charcoal-and-pen illustrations by Ted Harrison, accompanied by Liam Kelly's explanatory gloss and personal reflection.

The Room Where It Happens: a Lent course for groups or individuals based on the musical "Hamilton". Rose Hudson-Wilkin.

(978-1-913657-78-9) DLT £6.99; CTB 6.29.

conflict constructive rather than destructive.

Rose Hudson-Wilkin comes to house groups, wherever they may be, watching the musical *Hamilton* with them, and introducing staid Anglicans to hip-hop. She parallels her immigrant experience with Alexander Hamilton's, blisteringly honest about her humble origins, the ensuing hurts, and the dreams which fired her. The sessions focus on identity and belonging.

Reflections for Lent: 2 March-16 April 2022. Christopher Herbert, Philip North, Angela Tilby and Rachel Treweek. (978-1-78140-276-4) CHP £4.99 CTB £4.49 *Reflections for Lent* is a veritable TARDIS, containing Morning Prayer, Night Prayer and daily collects. Converting daily commentaries by Philip North, Rachel Treweek, Angela Tilby and Christopher Herbert delve crisply into the characters of Joseph and Moses, and these are worthy warm-up acts for Rowan Williams lamenting Lamentations in Holy Week.

Sharing the Easter Story: From reading to living the gospel. Sally Welch. (978-1-80039-098-0) BRF £8.99, CTB £8.09.

Sally Welch reincarnates C.S.Lewis in *Sharing the Easter Story*, using the lens of resurrection to sharpen our lives' focus. Each week of Lent she unfolds a different aspect of Easter and how to share it.

Forty Women: Unseen women of the Bible from Eden to Easter. Ros Clarke. (978-1-78974-356-2) IVP £9.99 CTB £8.99.

Ros Clarke celebrates 40 biblical women with some lovely turns of phrase. Black humour abounds.

And Yet: Finding joy in lament. Rachael Newham.

(978-0-281-08570-5) SPCK £10.99; CTB £8.99 And Yet strives to find joy in lament, juxtaposing waiting, celebrating, grieving, lamenting, hoping, and rejoicing with Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, and more Ordinary Time. Rachael Newham seeks joy in the very darkness rather than as an alternative or antidote to it, drawing us to light.

The Way of the Franciscans: A prayer journey through Lent. Daniel P.Horan (978-0-281-08317-6) SPCK £9.99, CTB £7.99

Daniel Horan's scholarly *The Way of the Franciscans* explores the spirituality behind eight diverse Franciscan saints. Eight Franciscan

paradigms prayerfully inhabit a world pregnant with God, teeming with grace: a deeply converting book.

York Courses: God Has No Favourites: An ecumenical course in five sessions. Carmody Grey (978-1-909107-33-5) SPCK £4.99 (booklet) CTB £4.49 Course pack, including booklet, CD, and transcript, is available from www.spckpublishing.co.uk) The theologian Carmody Grey accessibly weaves substantial theology with Bible study, emphasising that we need to unfamiliarise ourselves with the Bible, letting its sheer strangeness jolt us.