

LENT †

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The liturgy of Ash Wednesday states: 'I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.'

Over Sunday mornings in Lent, therefore, across our three churches, we thought it would be helpful to look more closely at what makes a good Lent and why! You could call these things holy habits and they will run like this:

- Lent 1 – Fasting
- Lent 2 – Prayer
- Lent 3 – Scripture
- Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday
- Lent 5 – Charity
- Palm Sunday

As you look through the opportunities contained within this leaflet and have your own ideas, you might find it helpful to make some personal pledges (see below). God bless our keeping of Lent!

This Lent, I _____ (insert name)

undertake these resolutions _____

to grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.



Ash Wednesday is 26 February

A day for *everyone* to worship at the start of Lent.

Ashes to Go

8.00 - 9.00am near Colliers Wood Tube Station

1.45pm – 2.30pm near Wimbledon Station

5.30pm – 6.30pm near Wimbledon Station

The clergy will be offering commuters and passers by the chance to receive ashes and prayer. A reminder throughout the day of our need for God.

9.45am Eucharist with hymns at St John the Divine, High Path, Merton.

Including the imposition of Ashes. Followed by refreshments.

7.30pm Eucharist with hymns at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon.

Including the imposition of Ashes.

Lent Lunches

Each week of Lent there will be two Lent lunches. Please come along for lunch and make a donation to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.



Wednesdays at 12.00pm at St John the Divine, High Path

From 4 March for five weeks.

This is preceded by the 9.45am Eucharist and a Lent Group (see right).

You are welcome at any or all of these.

Thursdays at 12.45pm at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon

From 27 February for six weeks.

This is preceded by the 12.15pm Eucharist.

You are welcome to the Eucharist or lunch – and great if you can make both.

Sunday Evenings in Lent at 7.00pm at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon

Walking the Way of the Cross

New resource from the Church of England, building on traditional Stations of the Cross. Images and reflections, prayers and music to help us identify with Our Lord's sufferings and those of the world.

On **5 April** we have a Special Service drawing together insights and contributions from the groups that have met in our parish during Lent.

Lent Groups

Come together with others for study, discussion, and prayer during Lent.

Wednesdays at 10.30am at St John the Divine, Merton

Dates: starts Wednesday 4 March for five weeks

Leader: Revd Belemo Alagoa

Material: #Live Lent: Care for God's Creation and Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio

Other information: Preceded by 9.45am Eucharist; followed by lunch

Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church

Dates: starts Wednesday 4 March for five weeks

Leaders: Revd Mark Eminson and Liz Tackley

Material: #Live Lent: Care for God's Creation and Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio

Fridays at 9.30am at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon

Dates: starts Friday 28 February for six weeks

Leaders: Kerry Porritt and Daisy Tate

Material: The Joy of the Gospel by Paula Gooder

'A Green Lent'

Southwark is striving to become an Eco-Diocese and we as the Merton Priory Team want to work towards becoming eco-churches. Safeguarding the integrity of creation is one of the Anglican Five Marks of Mission and 2020 is billed as a "crossroads" year for the future of our planet.

We strongly recommend, therefore, the resource #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation for adults and/or children, copies of which are available in our churches, and also the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book – Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio.

Free digital daily reflections will also be available via the #LiveLent app, social media channels and email, see www.churchofengland.org/livelent for more info.

The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme for the 2020 Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call is "*But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs'"* (Matthew 19: 14). As you and your Parish prepare for Lent and look forward to Easter I commend to your prayers the projects and peoples that we are supporting this year.

In 2020 the Bishop's Lent Call is supporting projects within Southwark Diocese and in the Holy Land, Nigeria and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

Projects in Zimbabwe:

Initiatives supporting food security, water supplies, training and infrastructure in our Link Dioceses of Central Zimbabwe, Matabeleland, Masvingo and Manicaland.

The L'Arche community in Bethlehem

The Kaduna Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations (Nigeria)

Projects in the Diocese of Southwark:

SparkFish

The Nicholas Stewart Project

Superkidz

It is possible to give to the Lent Call online as well as by cheque, which should be sent to John Jackson at Trinity House. Do follow our Twitter feed (@southwarkcofe) and Lent Call blog as we will be adding extra material about the projects each week. I hope and pray that you will find them useful as you encourage those in your care to use Lent well and to give generously to the Bishop's Lent Call.

The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun

There will be information about each project displayed in the churches and resources for prayer on each of the prayer tables.
