

Lent Book Group

This year, there will be a book group that will meet 4 times during Lent (day/time TBC soon). Each meeting will be about a chapter of Rowan Williams' book, *Being Christian*. Chapters are short and easy to read, and offer interesting topics to think about and discuss. The chapters are: baptism, Bible, Eucharist and prayer. The book is available on Amazon at £5.75. Rachael is happy to order copies, so please let her know if you would like one. You might like to consider reading the book, even if you don't wish to join the group. For more information, please speak to Rachael.

Grief Encounters: 2-3pm, St Mark's Hall on 4th Wednesday of each month starting on 26th February
A support group for anyone who has been bereaved, at any time. A safe, informal space to meet others going through a similar experience. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. For more information, please contact Margaret H or Gaynor.

VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER

I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love.

I asked him for sincere love the kind that meant to stay just like the generous love you give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend then I ask the Lord to give you his love that knows end.

Parish Prayers:

Monday: All our Parish Councillors

Tuesday: The many refugees having to cope with the winter weather

Wednesday: Those who work for the NHS and feel under pressure

Thursday: Those living in Cemetery Road and Edwards Avenue

Friday: Valentine's Day, God whose name is love, help us to love more like you starting from today

Saturday: Our friends and neighbours

Sunday: Couples having their banns of marriage read in February

This week we pray for:

The friends and family of those whose funerals were held in the parish last week: Jennifer Spender

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Usual days in the Parish are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday Services

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

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Weekly Link

Sunday 9th February: Third before Lent

Sharing the love of Jesus with All

Services today:

All Saints'	11am	Morning Praise
St Mark's	9:30am	Holy Communion

This week

Monday 10th February

⇒ 9:30am @ All Saints' Hall Edward Bear Club

Tuesday 11th February

⇒ 8:50am @ St Mark's Catch up for coffee

⇒ 11:15am @ St Mark's Holy Communion

⇒ 12noon @ St Mark's Friendship Lunch

⇒ 1:30pm @ St Mark's Toddler Group

⇒ 3pm @ St Mark's GLOW

⇒ 7:30pm @ St Mark's Compline

⇒ 7:45pm @ St Mark's SAS

Wednesday 12th February

⇒ 9:05am @ The Vicarage Morning Prayer

Thursday 13th February

⇒ 1:30pm @ St Mark's Craft & Chatter

⇒ 2pm @ All Saints' Hall Film Club

⇒ 7pm @ St Mark's Prize Bingo

Friday 14th February

⇒ 7pm @ All Saints' Hall Parish Meal

Safeguarding Case Review

The diocese is conducting a review of all safeguarding files relating to church officers (clergy and lay staff) to check that all safeguarding matters have been reported and dealt with appropriately. As part of the review, I have to check all parish records, including any that have been archived. I also have to notify congregations about the review. If you are aware of any concerns relating to church officers, either current or historic, please speak to myself or Gwyneth Prew (Parish Safeguarding Officer) as soon as possible and before 28th February. A copy of the email from Bishop Keith will be available to view on the website, and there will be a copy in both churches. Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions. Rachael.

Readings for next Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Psalms 136

Romans 8:18-25

Matthew 6:25-end

Services next Sunday: 2nd before Lent

All Saints'	11am	Holy Communion
St Mark's	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	9:30am	Morning Praise & Baptism