

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.

Count Your Blessings

The parish is supporting the Christian Aid 'Count Your Blessings' Lent Appeal. If you would like to take part and support some of the world's poorest people badly affected by climate change please pick up a booklet with donations envelope at the back of either church.

The Caim

Circle me Lord
Keep protection near and danger afar.
Circle me Lord
Keep hope within keep doubt without.
Circle me Lord
Keep light near and darkness afar.
Circle me Lord
Keep peace within keep evil out.

(Celtic Christians prayed the caim prayers by extending the forefinger of the right hand and drawing an imaginary circle around themselves, asking for protection)

Parish Prayers:

Monday: Grandparents caring for grandchildren this half term

Tuesday: Funeral directors and those who need their services.

Wednesday: St Luke's Hospice and those they help to care for

Thursday: Seriously ill children and their families

Friday: Those living in Cameron Ave and Millbeck Close

Saturday: Our church and hall cleaners. Keeping our buildings clean and tidy each week.

Sunday: Those who prepare and lead the services in our parish.

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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 16th February: Second before Lent
Sharing the love of Jesus with All

Services today:

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

This week

We pray for: Rosie and George who are being baptised at St Mark's this morning.

Tuesday 18th February

⇒ 12noon @ St Mark's Friendship Lunch

⇒ 7:30pm @ St Mark's SAS

Wednesday 19th February

⇒ 9:05am @ The Vicarage Morning Prayer

⇒ 12noon @ All Saints' Hall Friendship Lunch

⇒ 2pm @ St Mark's Mothers' Union

Thursday 20th February

⇒ 1:30pm @ St Mark's Craft & Chatter

Friday 21st February

⇒ 10:30am @ All Saints' Hall Coffee Morning with pancakes

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.

Future events

Lent Lunches@ All Saints' Hall: every 2 weeks during Lent starting 26th Feb., free, charity donations welcome

Starting: Wednesday 11th March 2-4pm @ St Mark's: Strictly Ballroom and Latin. Every 2nd and 4th Wed. All welcome. £5 per person, raising funds for St Mark's New Build Fund. Contact Elizabeth Davies: 01270 662 536

Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 24:12-end, Psalm 2 or 99, 2 Peter 1:16-end, Matthew 17:1-9

Services next Sunday: next before Lent

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