

Sunday Celebration—Setup Help Needed

If you can help set up the church please come along on Saturday morning at 10am and if you can help prepare breakfast please get to church at 8:30am on Sunday.

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.

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.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT STARTS 24TH FEB

Calling all chocolate fans and fighters for fairness! In 2020 we will continue our mission to ensure that all farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to earn a living income, starting with cocoa farmers in West Africa

Parish Prayers:

Monday: Those in hospital or waiting to be admitted

Tuesday: Those who have little to eat as we enjoy our pancakes

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, God whose name is love, help us to love more like you, starting from today

Thursday: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in our parish and worldwide

Friday: Those who live in Hadley Drive and Woodnoth Drive

Saturday: Our friends and neighbours, remembering those who may be lonely

Sunday: Those who welcome us to church on a Sunday morning

Services next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

All Saints	11am	Holy Communion
St Mark's	9:30am	Sunday Celebration

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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 23rd February: Next before Lent

Sharing the love of Jesus with All

Services today:

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

This week

Monday 24th February

⇒ 9am @ All Saints' Hall Edward Bear Club

Tuesday 18th February

⇒ 8:50am @ St Mark's Catch Up for Coffee

⇒ 12noon @ St Mark's Friendship Lunch

⇒ 1:30pm @ St Mark's Toddler Group

⇒ 3pm @ St Mark's GLOW

⇒ 7:30pm @ St Mark's SAS

Wednesday 26th February

⇒ 9:05am @ The Vicarage Morning Prayer

⇒ 12noon @ All Saints' Hall Lent Lunches

Free, donations to charity welcomed.

⇒ 2pm @ St Mark's Grief Encounters

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.

Thursday 27th February

⇒ 1:30pm @ St Mark's Craft & Chatter

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.

Starting Wednesday 11th March 2-4pm @ St Mark's:

Strictly Ballroom and Latin. Every 2nd and 4th Weds. All welcome. £5 per person, raising funds for St Mark's New Build Fund. Contact Elizabeth Davies 01270 662 536