



Make a good start to Lent...

Observe



22nd February

Services

11am Mass with Distribution of Ashes at **St Anne's Church**

8pm Service of Holy Communion with hymns and Imposition of Ashes at **St Mary's Church**

What's happening on Shrove Tuesday—21st February



Pancakes will be served at the Wendover Christian Centre:

**at 12.30-1.30pm
and 6.30-7.30pm**

The evening session will be followed by a brief introduction to the Lent course.

Pancake Party at St Mary's Church 4.00-5.30pm

Bring along your little people to enjoy some creative pancake decorating (and eating!), plus lots of crafts, fun and games.

Please email Nadine Rose Nadine.rose@stmaryswendover.org or the Parish Office info@stmaryswendover.org to let us know you're coming!

PANCAKE PARTY 
St Mary's Church
At the heart of the community

**TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
4PM - 5:30PM**

**JOIN AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, WENDOVER
FOR CRAFTS, GAMES, FUN AND OF COURSE PANCAKES!**

**TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING PLEASE EMAIL
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Regular activities happening during Lent

Morning prayer on Zoom



Every weekday morning we meet at 9.00am to pray together for 30 minutes using the Daily Prayer liturgy from the CofE. The material used may be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>.

To join the meeting type the following into your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/738629141?pwd=M09iMkVEMzdRVHAWNmdwdEMzZWxaUT09>

Meeting ID: 738 629 141

Passcode: prayer

Tuesday Lent Lunches

Join together for a simple lunch of soup and bread at the Wendover Christian Centre 12.30pm-1.30pm on 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March & 4th April.

(Donations will be collected and given to a charity of choice).



Tearfund Daily Devotional



Looking for inspiration this Lent? Tearfund's Lent devotional gives you bite-sized reflections, prayers and poems to help guide, encourage and challenge you as we approach Easter.

This year's theme is *Open*. When we open our hearts to God, our lives can be transformed; when we open our hands to God, the world can be transformed.

The devotional is available as daily emails sent straight to your inbox—you can sign up here: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/lent-devotional> or if you would prefer a booklet, there are some available from the Free Church.

Come and See for Lent 2023

This year for Lent Churches Together in Wendover will be studying the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel using material produced by Oxford Diocese called "Come and See". Looking afresh at passages from Matthew's Gospel, the material should offer something for everyone: those exploring or new to faith, and also to those with a more established relationship with God.

There are various ways to engage with the material:

1. Receive daily readings and reflections and the weekly film by signing up via the link at:
<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>
(for those who do not have email access, the readings and reflections are available in a small booklet which can be purchased for £2 from St Mary's.)
2. Each week there will be an opportunity to explore the weekly theme with a short video, a talk and the chance to discuss them with others. These will happen at St Mary's Church on the following Wednesdays at 7.30pm (finishing by 9.00pm):

Date	Theme	Leader
Wednesday 1 st March	The Vision	Sally Moring
Wednesday 8 th March	The Mirror	Remco van den Heuvel
Wednesday 15 th March	The Portrait	Nadine Rose
Wednesday 22 nd March	The Medicine	Matthew Routledge
Wednesday 29 th March	The Promise	Remco van den Heuvel
<i>No session during Holy Week</i>		
Wednesday 12 th April	The Habits	Sally Moring

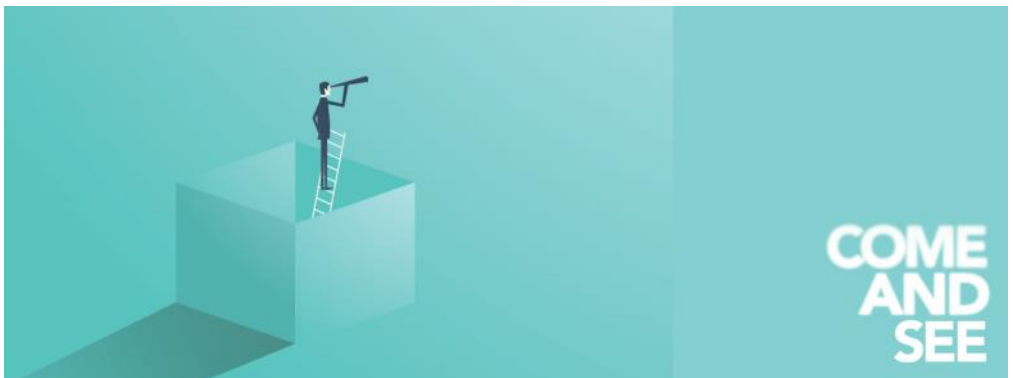
Whilst the series is intended to be attend as a whole, those only able to make some of the dates will also be very welcome.

COME AND SEE

3. For those who would prefer something during the day, every Thursday after each of the dates above the themes will be incorporated into the mid-week Communion Service at St Mary's Church at 10.00am followed by tea/coffee and an opportunity to discuss thoughts about the material in an informal setting. This service is open to everyone
4. Each Sunday following the above dates, the themes and readings will be used in the usual morning services at St Mary's Church at 9am and 10.45am.

Hopefully you will be able to join us as we engage as a community with this exciting material. Don't forget to register for the daily updates using the link above, and if you can't wait until Lent starts, more information about Come and See can be found at:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

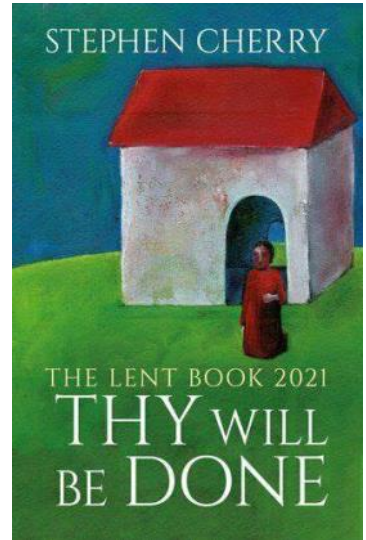


Books to read together in Lent

Thy will be done—Stephen Cherry

During Lent WFC will be looking at aspects of the “Lords Prayer” based on the Lent book “Thy will be done” by Stephen Cherry.

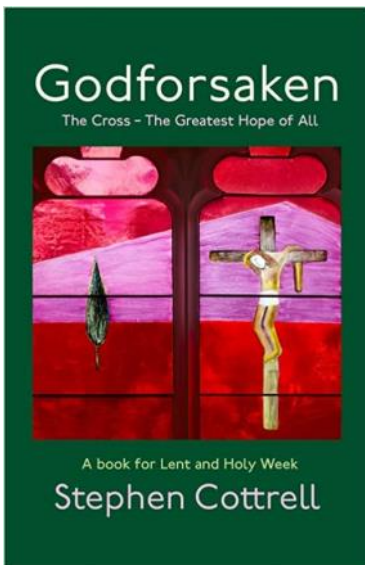
In the current climate of uncertainty and widespread anxiety, discover again the freshness of our most familiar spiritual resources. Stephen Cherry's Lent Book invites the reader to immerse themselves in the most central, important and iconic of Christian prayers – the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father.



Godforsaken—Stephen Cottrell

In the Gospel of Mark's account of the Passion narrative, Jesus calls out from the cross 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' – the first line of Psalm 22. It's an anguished expression – traditionally ascribed to King David – of defeat, failure, abandonment and despair.

Join the Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell, as he ponders the significance of these words. What does it mean for Jesus to have quoted them, at the very end of his life? What do those words mean for us? This is a beautiful and compelling exploration of the dark, suffering side of the Passion – and how Jesus' words lead us to the greatest hope of all.

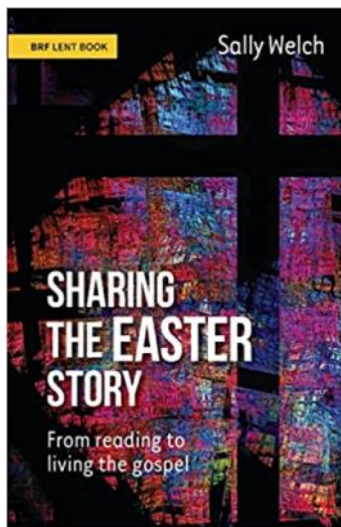


Sharing the Easter Story –Sally Welch

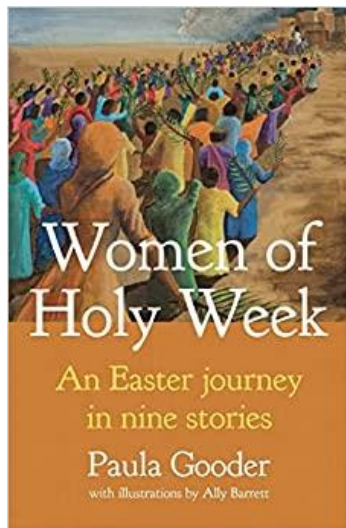
In this BRF Lent book Sally Welch explores two questions: What is the Easter story really about, and how do we share it?

Through each week of Lent, a different aspect of the Easter story is examined: **repenting, forgiving, hoping, trusting, sacrificing, loving and changing**. Within each week, the days are focused on what we need to do in order to share the story: **listening, understanding, reflecting, living, telling, sharing and becoming**.

Each day offers a Bible passage, followed by a reflection and a prayer.



Women of Holy Week—Paula Gooder



Women of Holy Week is a series of nine stories about nine different, but interlinked, women written by Paula Gooder, originally as Holy Week, Easter and Ascension Day reflections for Southwark Cathedral in 2021.

Starting with Palm Sunday and finishing with Ascension Day, these nine stories imagine what it might have been like to accompany Jesus in this final week of his life from the perspective of nine women. The stories also aim to travel from the outside in: from people who had the most fleeting encounters with Jesus at the start of the week to his most devoted followers at the end.

Copies of Sharing the Easter Story, Godforsaken and Women of Holy Week will be available to buy from St Mary's.

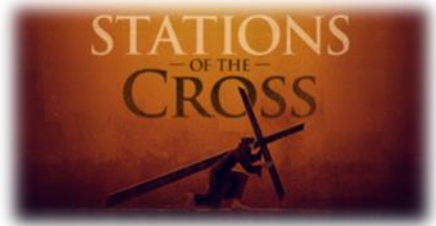
What else is happening during Lent?

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

at 5:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Bedgrove



March Light up Lent!

Online Week of Accompanied Prayer

—Thursday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd March



Give yourself the gift of time with God this Lent by taking part in the Catholic Diocese of Northampton's Week of Accompanied Prayer daily from Thursday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd March, 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

Encounter Jesus in a new way through the Scriptures and see your prayer life come to life. CTiW's own Mary Sketch is one of the guides and has great experience of such activities.

More details at <https://northamptondiocese.org/events/light-up-lent/>.

Lenten Retreat/Reflection

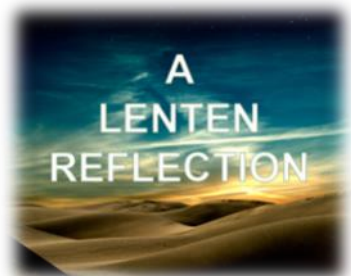
led by Father Paul

Saturday 11th March

11:30am

at St Annes Church

Meet for tea and coffee from 10.00am in the Christian Centre.



Messy Church

Sunday 12th March
3.30-5.30pm

Messy Easter

Sunday 16th April
3.30-5.30pm

in St Anne's Hall

Craft activities, worship and food.



Penitential Service

Tuesday 21st March
7pm

at Our Lady of Lourdes, Bedgrove
with Parish Priest and visiting Priest

Praise Service to celebrate the
40th anniversary
of Wendover Free Church

Sunday 26th March
5:00-6:00pm

at St Annes Church

followed by tea and cake in the Christian Centre.


churches
together
in Wendover



Family Film Evening

Saturday 1st April
5:00-7:00pm

at Wendover Christian Centre



All our churches continue to support **Chiltern Foodbank**. Please continue to be generous in your offerings—thank you for all you have given.

On the week beginning **March 20th to March 26th** there will be another Wendover Collection Week which includes the schools and the Youth Centre. Please look out for details of that nearer the time.



WARM WELCOME
www.warmwelcome.uk

Warm Welcome Café



Join us at one of our socials:

- **Tuesday: 10am-3pm**
(includes soup & roll at lunchtime)
- **Thursday: 2pm-5pm**
- **From Friday 6th Jan:**
7.30pm-10pm (includes table tennis)
- **From Saturday 7th Jan:**
10am-12pm

- ♥ Warm
- ♥ Free
- ♥ Welcoming
- ♥ Social

Open at
**Wendover
Christian Centre**

In partnership with:



HOLY WEEK

Monday 3rd , Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April

8.00pm Compline at St Mary's church to mark the first few days of Holy Week. Sung on Wednesday evening.

Tuesday 4th April:

10am-11.30am Easter activities for children, St Mary's Church

Maundy Thursday 6th April:

7.30pm Agape Supper, Wendover Christian Centre

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bedgrove

8.00pm Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, St Mary's Church

Good Friday 7th April:

9am-4.00pm St Anne's and St Mary's church open for prayer

10am-12 noon Interactive Stations of the cross in St Annes Hall

10am-12 noon Refreshments and colouring in the Christian Centre

10.30am Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bedgrove

12.15pm Walk of witness from St Anne's to St Mary's Church

1.00pm Good Friday service, St Mary's Church

3.00pm The Lord's Passion, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bedgrove

Holy Saturday 8th April:

9.00am-4.00pm St Anne's and St Mary's church open for prayer

8pm Easter Vigil, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bedgrove





Easter Sunday 9th April

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| 6am | Dawn Service of Light with communion followed by breakfast, St Mary's Church |
| 9am | Sung Communion Service, St Mary's Church |
| 9am | Mass for Easter Day, St Anne's |
| 10.45am | Family Communion, St Mary's Church |
| 10.45am | Communion Service, Wendover Free Church |

Please use this booklet to choose what will help you to have a good Lent.

We are all different and find different ways to marking Lent, Holy Week and Easter ... there are lots of choices here in Wendover.