



The LAMP Group of Parishes

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Information and Prayer Sheet

17th March 2024

Next edition: Will advise once a volunteer is found to compile the newssheet.

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Rev. Kimonie's Daily Lent
reflections,
starting Ash Wednesday
Now available at
www.thelampchurches.com

Message from Kimonie: As we approach the final weeks of Lent, I hope that those of you who have been following my Lent reflections have found them a helpful resource as part of your Lenten journey. Thank you to anyone who has commented and given feedback because it is useful to know how the reflections are received. It also serves to help us decide whether to deliver something similar in the future. Please do keep the comments and questions coming because otherwise I have no idea of the value (or not) of reflections delivered in this manner. Many thanks.

Forthcoming Worship Services

Sunday 17th March

Readings Jer 31:31-34, John 12:20-33, Heb 5:5-10

9:30am St Peter's Morning Prayer

11:00am St Mary's Holy Communion

6:00pm All Saints – Evensong

Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday)

7:00pm All Saints – Maundy Thursday service

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

11:00am St Leonard's – Good Friday Meditation

Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday)

Readings: Please consult service leader

9:30am St Peter's Holy Communion

11:00am St Mary's Holy Communion

11:00am All Saints – Holy Communion

Sunday 7th April

Readings John 20:19-31, Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2

9:30am St Peter's Holy Communion

11:00am St Mary's Morning Worship

6:00pm All Saints – SEOS

Sunday 14th April

Readings Luke 24:36b-48, Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7

9:30am St Leonard's Morning Prayer

11:00am St Mary's Morning Worship

11:00am All Saints – Holy Communion

Should you need to check ahead for readings - readings list for 2024 is here

<http://www.thelampchurches.com/rci/rcsys9lc.php?benefice=Lamp%202024b&all=true>



We will be celebrating Palm Sunday at All Saints' on 24th March at 11am.

This informal café service will provide an opportunity for both adults and children to learn about Palm Sunday in a fun and sociable way.

We will be making Palms and then we will recreate Jesus' journey into Jerusalem, including a visit from a Shetland Pony, playing the part of the Donkey.

Do come and join us!

Maundy Thursday Supper and Foot washing



Come and join us at All Saints' Church for this poignant start to your Easter celebrations

Led by Rev Adrian Low this recreation of the last supper gives an opportunity for reflection, worship, and provides a chance to break bread with your friends and neighbours and enjoy food and conversation together.

Thursday 28th March – all Saints' Church at 7pm

Events you might like to come along to

Opportunities to socialise

- **Haversham**

Julia and Ian, on behalf of St Mary's Church, provide an **Open House Lunch**, normally on the **third Monday of each month** for any member of St. Mary's and Little Linford Churches and residents of Haversham and Little Linford.

Coffee will be available from 10.30am, a light lunch will be available at approximately 12.30pm and tea and cake on offer in the afternoon until 3.30pm.

Maureen White on [0788 9654906](tel:07889654906) has kindly agreed to provide transport for those who need help getting to The Old Forge.

The next Open House Lunch will be on Monday 15th April 2024 from 10.30am.

There is no charge for Lunch and you will be warmly welcomed.

Subsequent dates: No open house lunch in March, Monday 20 May 2024 and Monday 17 June 2024.

- **Emberton**

Coffee in All Saints church Thursdays 11am - midday (all welcome to drop in for a natter).

- **Lent Lunches At All Saints' – Final Lent lunch on Thursday 21st March at 12.30pm** in aid of TEAR Fund. There will be a choice of soups followed by cheese and biscuits. Cake off the menu for Lent! There's no charge, but any donations will be sent to TEAR Fund All are welcome. Thank you to all those who have joined us and to all you have made soup or provided in other ways.



Other news and information

- **Bronze Award for St.Mary's Haversham.** This week we heard that St.Mary's have achieved bronze in the Eco Church award scheme for their commitment to protecting and restoring the environment for all God's creation. If you would like to find out more about the Eco Church programme and A Rocha UK then do look at their website. <https://arocha.org.uk> or speak to Kimonie
- **St Mary's Food Bank collections** St Mary's Food Bank collections. Donations in the basket in the porch will be collected by Sara Butler and delivered. Specifically requested: Tinned Meat, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Peanut Butter or Choc Spread, UHT Long Life Milk, Juice and Toiletries. Thank you for your generous donations.
- **All Saints** church is open during the day and you are welcome to visit.



- **COME AND BUST SOME DUST!!**

Church annual spring clean is here again. Saturday 16 March from 9.30 – 12.30 pm. Find your dusters and your brooms and join us for as long or as short as you can to give St Mary's a deep clean for Easter. Be there or be square!! For further info see Jan Bell.



Recycling Christmas cards

Sheila Ware (Emberton) is still collecting old Christmas cards so they can be recycled to make new cards for Christmas 2024. She is hoping that she can have yours, please! Many thanks.

Cards can be dropped off at All Saints – why not bring them on a Thursday (11am) and join us for coffee?

Prayer and Worship

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

Praying together

It is powerful to pray together. We meet fortnightly from 8.30am to 9am on Saturday mornings. Our upcoming meeting dates are 16th March, 30th March and 13th April. Joining instructions are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81261695718?pwd=dE52NOQ3STNyS3o5TUhhN2RRSkpBZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 6169 5718 Passcode: 875519

Praying for each other

World, Church and Mission

- **For someone to come to know Jesus.** Lord, give us life-changing words at the right time.
- **Ukraine and Russia** – Pray for peace and reconciliation.
- **The Middle East – Israel, Gaza, Pakistan, Iran, Yemen** – Pray for peace and stability.
- **Gaza Aid** – For successful delivery of aid.
- **World Conflict** – For all countries suffering conflict.
- **Climate Change** – For countries suffering the effects of climate change.
- **Food Shortage** – Countries suffering starvation.
- **Cost of Living** – Those having to make agonising decisions about food, heating and clothing.
- **Care Organisations** – All who are helping those in need.
- **Knife Crime** – For youth to choose not to carry knives/spread of gangs will be halted/ reversed.
- **Asylum Seekers** – Pray for a moral outcome to this increasing problem.
- **Government** – For clarity, fairness and honesty in governing
- **Royal Family** – Prayers for healing and stability.
- **NHS** – For those who care for us in the health system.
- **Persecuted church** – www.opendoorsuk.org . **View the 2024 live Watchlist here.**
- **For those fighting for basic freedoms and justice world-wide.**
Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) – Link person – John Berry
CPAS enables churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus, through camps for children and young people and support and training for parishes. www.cpas.org.uk

Church Family

- **Pray that we may shine the light and love of Christ.**
- **Adrian and Joanna.**-That the Lord would continue to bless Adrian and Joanna's ministry with us.
- **Ministry Team** – Pray for all members of our leadership.
- **Those who mourn and are hurting.**- For the Holy Spirit to bring comfort and healing.
- **Bereavement Counselling.** Please cover our counselling team with prayer.
- **All those known to us who are unwell.** Pray for healing, strength and comfort.
- **Amy Boddington** – In her recovery.
- **Libby Wemyss** - That a live-in carer might be found.

Long Term Prayer Needs

Val Smith, Candy Godber, Carrie Spyrou, Joyce Conridge, Jac Van Goethem, Casey (Heather's Great Niece), Harold and Joan Lowndes, Allan and Beverley Calverley, Heather Becks, Pat Beer, Colin Jamieson, Helen O'Dell, June Davies, Cynthia Harris, Sue Phillips, Aaron King, Amy Boddington, Sandra and Kirsty (Burdett family friend), Megan Parret, Tim Hayley Hughes, Barbara Webster, Godfrey Bilton, Norah Cataldi, Carly Pierce, Anne Skeats, Pauline Smith, Libby Wemyss, Angela Laval, Priscilla Parry.

If we have included you or your family in any of our prayers, please do update us so we can pray for the current situation. Thank you.

Prayer requests by Tuesday evening to carriespyroupcc@btinternet.com or via mobile 07977575001

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Bereavement Counselling.

The Lamp Group of churches has set up a group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, and who would value meeting with others for mutual support and coffee. Please contact Fi Jones (fipwmum@gmail.com 07946 615218) if you would like further information.

Daily Bible reading

David Suchet reading the Gospel of John

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKiAXVxOm6o&t=5891s>

Bible Society also have an online daily reading and reflection programme designed for those who want to read the whole Bible in one year

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/daily-reflection/>

Lectio365 Another resource for daily Bible readings and prayer is Lectio365. They do short morning and evening worship every day (around 10 mins).

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/> If anyone has a Bible reading source they use, which they find particularly helpful, and which others might find helpful too, then please let Louise know louise@holmesandcook.com

Recycle your used Candles Thank you to those of you who have been passing on your spent candles. They have been passed on to be sorted and recycled. Soon I hope to be able to give you an update on their recycling journey so watch this space! In the meantime, please continue to collect them and give them directly to me or place in the box in Emberton church. Kimonie If you would like any further information please contact Kimonie.