



ST. MARGARET, BINSEY ♦  
ST. FRIDESWIDE, OSNEY

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, BOTLEY ♦  
ST. LAWRENCE, NORTH HINKSEY

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# NOTICES

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Next Sunday before Lent**

Readings for this Sunday:

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm 50: 1-6

[2 Cor 4.3-6]

Mark 9: 2-9

## *Dear Friends*

Lent is already upon us, beginning this Wednesday. This is a more sombre season in the Christian year with a chance for self-reflection, to lament our sin and the sin of the world and prepare ourselves for Easter. In this season of the Covid-19 pandemic I think that for many there is a general malaise of hopelessness, of feeling worn down and tired. There are many living with higher levels of stress and anxiety over work, health, and general isolation. We are all having to adjust to a new, unfamiliar, 'normal', and most of us don't like it very much.

When I opened the Church Times last week there was a depressing catalogue of reporting of senior clergy who have been disciplined over safeguarding issues and unconscious racism. There were reports from around the world of communities suffering from civil unrest, such as in Ethiopia, and Eritrea where it is suspected that a government led genocide is going on. Communities in northern Mozambique are fleeing in the wake of Islamic insurgents.

Our world is suffering, it seems, in an unprecedented way. It is right that in the face of all we are dealing with we should lament before God. Lent is a time for facing suffering and sin head on and to genuinely *acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness*, as the Book of Common Prayer confession entreats us to do. The psalms are very good on 'lament' – they tell it like it is, but also point to something better. There is always a BUT in the psalms. It goes something like this ..... 'things are genuinely, awful and I and my people are suffering terribly, to the point of death ...BUT I acknowledge that you Lord, are my God'. Psalm 31, v 12-15 is a good example of this. Suffering is real and painful and terrible; but God is greater and dependable and gives his people strength to endure.

Psalm 31.14

*But my trust is in you, O Lord.  
I have said, 'You are my God.  
my times are in your hand'*

Lent give us opportunity to lament, but also to exercise our trust muscles as we wait to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

*Clare*



## Lent across the Benefice

**Lent** begins with Ash Wednesday on 17<sup>th</sup> February and there will be a Zoom Eucharist for Ash Wednesday, hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul at 9.30am and an in-person service at St. Frideswide at 7.30pm. We regret that due to Covid restrictions there will be no 'ashing' this year.

Lent is a time for reflection and study in preparation for the celebrations of Easter. This year there will be two opportunities to join study courses:

- Starting on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**, North Hinksey parish will be following a five-week course entitled '**Glimpses of God – Hope for Today's World**' via Zoom.

The course booklet, written by Canon David Winter, includes questions aimed at provoking wide-ranging discussion. The participants on the course audio are the Rt Hon. Shirley Williams, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, and Revd Professor David Wilkinson. The Revd Lucy Winkett provides the Closing Reflection at the end of each session.

More details about the session titles and format of the course can be found at: <https://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/product/glimpses-of-god-hope-for-todays-world>. Please sign up with Clare or John if you would like to participate. The Zoom link will be published next week.

- St Frideswide parish will be reflecting on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for this year, **Living His Story - Revealing the Extraordinary Love of God in Ordinary Ways** by Hannah Steele. Please contact Kate for a Zoom link.
- Please join us for a **Shrove Tuesday Social** on Zoom – 6.00pm to 6.40pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Bring your bar of chocolate, your pancakes, your favourite tippie for a final fling in the company of others, before giving them up for Lent. The details are:

*Clare Sykes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

**Topic:** Shrove Tuesday Social

**Time:** Feb 16, 2021 06:00 PM London

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82647032932?pwd=MklwbER1dUZySW52SHVNb0dXNGRjZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 826 4703 2932

**Passcode:** gn2x5K

## General Notices

### Christ Church Cathedral Lent Programme

**Ash Wednesday:** there will be no 'ashing' for reasons of social distancing but the Cathedral will be open for private prayer that day between 10am and 4pm. There will be a livestreamed service of penitence at 10am, prayers on the hour as well as the usual livestreamed 1pm service of Holy Communion. Entry is via Tom Gate, and subject to the Cathedral's usual Covid-safety measures. The day will end with a reflective online-only Eucharist at 6pm which will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's [YouTube channel](#). There are post Ash Wednesday activities too, and these can be found via this link:

[Cathedral launches Lockdown Lent programme for 2021 | Christ Church, Oxford University](#)



**'There's a crack, a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in'**  
*songwriter Leonard Cohen.*

On Saturday, 13th February 2.00pm – 4.30pm The Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth is holding an afternoon online retreat on the theme 'How The Light Gets In' with Angela Tilby  
Please register online for this event at <http://www.ocsg.uk.net/> or by email to [info@ocsg.uk.net](mailto:info@ocsg.uk.net)

**Pastoral support:** If you (or someone you know) would particularly appreciate a (socially-distanced outdoors) **pastoral visit** or a phone call from one of the clergy, please do let Clare know.

**Weekly Notices:** If you have any items for next weeks' notice sheet please email Gwen by lunchtime next Wednesday [osneybenefice@outlook.com](mailto:osneybenefice@outlook.com)

### **St Frideswide with Binsey**

**Reflection group: Mondays 8pm – 9pm Monday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

We'll use the Sykes book and send out pdfs. Please contact Jo ([joanna.poulton@wrh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:joanna.poulton@wrh.ox.ac.uk)) or Anne Andrews ([annendrews@googlemail.com](mailto:annendrews@googlemail.com)) if you would like to be put on the circulation list. We are delighted to welcome newcomers and anyone wanting to join for a single or a handful of meetings. Quaker rules apply, no need to say anything.

### **North Hinskey with Botley**

**Botley School** has launched a fund-raising campaign to help with online learning as a number of children have to go into school because they have no means to access online learning at home. In some cases there are several children in one family who are unable to learn. The link is below if you would like to support Botley School

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/covid-fund-raising-money-for-online-learning>

**Paying in cheques:** our local Barclays branch has closed and it is now more time-consuming to pay money into the PCC's account. If you are thinking of making a donation to the church or need to make a payment to us for any other reason, please use on-line banking if possible. (contact John Clements for our account details) or use the link to our giving page [North Hinksey with Botley Giving Page](#) Either will save us time and stress. Thank you, John Clements.

## Worship at Home and in Church

### Worship this week – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday:	St. Frideswide:	8.30am BCP HC in person
	St Peter & St Paul:	9.30 am Eucharist <i>on zoom</i>
	St. Frideswide:	10.30am Eucharist in person
	St Frideswide:	5.00pm Evening worship <i>on zoom</i>
Monday:	St Peter & St Paul:	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Ash Wednesday:	St Peter & St Paul:	9.30am Eucharist <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Lent begins</b>	St. Frideswide:	7.30pm in person (no ashing)
Friday:	St Peter & St Paul:	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>

See below for the zoom links

### Online Worship

#### **Sundays:**

**9.30am** The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82160489790?pwd=aHBZanlDUHdrcmtppeXRbZlRGNiRGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 821 6048 9790      Passcode: 41Q3i2

**5.00pm** Evening Prayer via Zoom, hosted by St Frideswide, Contact Kate

#### **Mondays:**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer via Zoom contact John Clements

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77244551882?pwd=RFZNYW9zaZlZQbHJ5c3V4ZlRGNiRGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 772 4455 1882      Passcode: 8rgsT2

#### **Wednesdays:**

**9.30am** The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87361180196?pwd=aW1SNS8zbHJ5c3V4ZlRGNiRGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 6118 0196      Passcode: TG19dV

#### **Fridays:**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer via Zoom contact Clare

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84176800013?pwd=OTFYQmZzRTEwOVNlUTRCcnpLMmtSQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 7680 0013      Passcode: CL3YtN

For the Zoom Eucharist, the text is attached and is also available in hard copy from porch at St. Peter and St. Paul. If you would like a hard copy, but do not want to come out to collect it, please let Clare know and we can deliver one to you.

**If you can get on-line and would like help to get Zoom set up, *please* ask one of us.**

For members of St Frideswide's congregation our WhatsApp daily prayer will continue, please ask Kate to be added to the group.

**Church at Home service every Sunday at 10am** <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

The '**Daily Hope Line**'. Is a free phone line: 0800 804 8044. This has been set up particularly for those who are unable to join any on-line church services.

**YouTube channel for the Osney Benefice** can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJ99\\_EwpRaLL\\_dtCH4HoPg?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJ99_EwpRaLL_dtCH4HoPg?view_as=subscriber).

If you are participating in on-line worship, here is a prayer that you can use when the elements of bread and wine are shared:

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

May all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes when with your saints, I may praise you for ever.

Amen.

### **Daily Prayer and Readings for Week Commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

<b>Mon:</b>	Psalm 44; Jeremiah 1; John 3.1-21
<b>Tues:</b>	Psalm 48; Jeremiah 2.1-13; John 3.22-end
<b>Wed:</b>	Psalm 38; Daniel 9.3-6.17-19; 1 Timothy 6.6-19
<b>Thurs:</b>	Psalm 77; Jeremiah 2.14-32; John 4.1-26
<b>Fri:</b>	Psalm 3; Jeremiah 3.6-22; John 4.27-42
<b>Sat:</b>	Psalm 71; Jeremiah 4.1-18; John 4.43-end

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