

LENT and HOLY WEEK 2024



Lent is a time when we might consider giving something up but there are also things we could choose to take on. This Lent there are a range of different possibilities on offer which we hope will encourage us all to share in the journey of Lent.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Creator God,
open our eyes to your invitation
to take time to be with you.
Show us what it means
to rest in you,
to enjoy you
and the world you have made.
Amen.

The invitation to rest is not only about rehabilitating the broken, rather it is an invitation to be restored.

Rest is required; rest is sacred; rest is salvation; a gift of abiding in God.

SHROVE TUESDAY 13th February

Pancake Party The Lounge, St James's Church at 6.00pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and eat pancakes, sampling the delicious toppings.



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins. Some of the raw ingredients of Lent are remembering and regretting, longing and letting go, planning and praying. Part of this involves including our body as well as the mind and the spirit; giving up some of the physical things that give us pleasure like rich and sweet things to eat.

Come along and help us to use up all our sweet things before Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ash St James's Church, 12 noon St John's Church, 7.30pm



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, so called because of the practice of marking the heads of worshippers with ashes that have been blessed which is called Imposition of Ash.



So we've started Lent. Here are some things you can do...

Jar of Grace Appeal

Never before have children faced so many devastating wars and disasters. When an emergency hits, children's worlds are turned upside down. UNICEF is on the gound all over the world, providing lifesaving food, vaccines, clean water and warm blankets. They do whatever it takes to keep every child safe. You are welcome to join us in supporting them in this work by filling your Jar

of Grace. At the beginning of Lent you will be

given a jam-jar with a prayer on. At every meal during Lent, you are invited to pray the prayer and put money into the jar as your gift to help the work of UNICEF. Please bring your full jar to our Easter Day Services.

Watch and Pray

A Lenten journey - wisdom and hope for Lent and life. 40 daily reflections, Bible readings and actions to help us use Lent as a time to wait together for God.

Find out more at: www.ChurchofEngland.org search: Watch and Pray





TIME TOGETHER IN LENT

This year we are going to base our **Lent Conversations** together around the film 'Chocolat'

Two groups will be meeting for 5 weeks in Lent

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm

beginning on 20th February at St James's Church in the Lounge Tel. 01274 588322

Thursday afternoons 2.00pm

beginning on 22nd February The Meadows, 96 West Lane, Baildon BD17 5DW Tel: 01274 589005

There will be an opportunity to watch the film in St John's Church Hall on Sunday 11th February, gathering for a simple lunch at 12 noon.

If you would to join a group please get in touch with Canon Sandra or Rev Ruth.



Fancy a Coffee and a Chat?

The Lounge at St James's Church Wednesdays in February and March 10.00am to 12 noon.



Lunches in Lent

Come along and gather with others to share in a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese from 12.30pm. Churches Together in Baildon will be putting on a lunch once a week for four weeks in Lent.

Monday 19th February at Baildon Methodist Church Thursday 29th February at St John's Church Hall Thursday 14th March at Baildon Moravian Church Friday 22nd March at St Aidan's Church

Everyone is welcome. Donations are welcome for the charity Embrace, the Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. Their work supports, enables and partners with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised in their communities through education, community and healthcare.



CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP

What time is it?

During 2024 we are exploring Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 which is full of universal opposites, paradoxes and dualisms. If you enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about connecting craft with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. No previous experience is required. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more and receive the printed resources before the gatherings.

Sunday 25th February 6.00pm to 7.15pm at St James's Church

'A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted'

Sunday 17th March 6.00pm to 7.15pm at St James's Church

'A time to kill and a time to heal'





MOTHERING SUNDAY 10th March

Mothering Sunday is a day of celebration, of thanking God for all those who have cared, and those who continue to care for us.

Family Service
St John's Church at 10.00am

Service of the Word St James's Church 10.30am



PALM SUNDAY 24th March

Blessed palm crosses are given as a reminder that on Palm Sunday branches were waved to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

Holy Communion St John's at 10.00am

Holy Communion
St James's Church at 10.30am



The Last Words of Love

St John's Church at 4.00pm

This service provides a reflective space as we journey into Holy Week using Bible readings, hymns and anthems.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday 26th March St John's Church at 7.30pm

Join us for a reflective service using music, Bible reading and reflection. Images are placed around church showing Jesus' journey to the cross. We walk the journey with him, lighting candles on the way.



GUIDED PRAYER WALKS

Biblical Garden, St James's Church
Monday to Saturday in Holy Week
12 noon for 30 minutes (If wet meet inside the church)

Mostly we pray with our eyes shut using our imagination. Prayer walking allows our prayer to be stimulated by our senses. The Biblical Garden contains trees and plants which have connections to the story of the last days of Jesus' life, which lead him to the cross.

Guided prayer walks are being offered in the Biblical Garden during Holy Week if you wish to pray with others. Otherwise you will be welcome to use the prayer walk guide yourself at anytime (available from Palm Sunday).

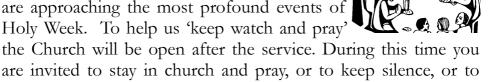


MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March

Holy Communion St John's Church 7.30pm

This service is full of theatre and movement. Using music and drama we move through Jesus' last supper with his friends, to

Gethsemane and Jesus' arrest. We enter into these events by foot-washing, sharing a simple meal together and Communion. Finally we hear the account of Jesus' arrest and know we are approaching the most profound events of Holy Week. To help us 'keep watch and pray'



read a book which helps your devotions in Holy Week.





GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

Walk of Witness

A walk from St Aidan's Roman Catholic Church to Baildon Centre starting at 9am. We will walk up the hill from St Aidan's, pausing at certain points to reflect on Jesus' journey using stations of the cross.

Pilgrimage

St John's Church will be open for pilgrimage, 10.00am - 1.00pm. Points of reflection and prayer encourage us to journey with Jesus through Holy Week, pausing at stations along the way to add to the scene or take something away.

Share a Simple Lunch St John's Church at 12 noon

Last Hour at the Cross St John's Church 2pm - 3pm

There will be a service to mark this most holy hour and the death of Jesus. Everyone welcome.

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

Guided Prayer Walk

Biblical Garden, St James' Church 12noon for 30 minutes

Bring a packed lunch if after the prayer you would like to spend a little time in company with one another in the garden if it is fine. If wet meet inside the church.



EASTER DAY Sunday 31st March

Dawn Service

followed by breakfast gather outside St John's Church at 6.30am

Easter Communion with Hymns

St John's Church at 8.30am

Easter Communion

St Hugh's Church at 9.00am

Easter Communion

St John's Church at 10.00am

Easter Communion

St James's Church at 10.30am



Easter Crafts and Bonnet Parade

We meet at St John's Church Hall from 11.30am. There will be Easter crafts for the children while parents have a coffee. At 12noon we will parade around St John's grounds wearing our Easter bonnets! Then there will be a special present and a card to take home and enjoy!!

