

# LENT †

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This Lent we find ourselves in a time of great change in our nation. The world continues to be a complicated and at times unjust place where there is violence and often despair. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect and seek God's guidance and strength to face the challenges that living in the world presents. We remember during the Forty Days of Lent that Jesus confronted the temptations of the world when he went into the desert after his baptism, the temptations to use his power corruptly, to align himself with evil. Jesus resisted during this time of trial and calls us to hold strongly to the values of God's kingdom.

We are called by God to know God's blessings and so during Lent we encourage each other to set aside time to enter more fully into prayer, fasting and good actions. This year there are many opportunities to do this. You can support the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal (details on the back page); you can join one of our Lent groups the details are in this leaflet; or you can join others in the Church of England by downloading the Lent Pilgrim 2019 app:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/lent>

As part of our Lent Journey why not join us on Sunday evening at 7.00pm at Holy Trinity when our Lent Evening Prayer will be focusing on the subject of 'Change in our Lives'. To be alive is to undergo change and our speakers will be sharing with us insights from life changing experiences including retirement, chronic illness, parenthood, changing schools and becoming a displaced person. Please come and support those who are sharing their stories.

Whatever you decide you would like to do please pray for each other that we may keep a good and holy Lent.



## **Ash Wednesday is 6<sup>th</sup> March**

A day for *everyone* to worship at the start of Lent.

**8.00 - 9.00am Ashes to Go** near Colliers Wood Tube Station.

The clergy will be there offering commuters and passers by the chance to receive ashes and prayer. An early morning reminder of our need for God.

**9.45am Eucharist with hymns** at St John the Divine, High Path, Merton.

Including the imposition of Ashes. Followed by refreshments.

**7.30pm Sung Eucharist** at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon.

Including the imposition of Ashes.

### **Lent Groups**

Get together with others for study, discussion, and prayer during Lent. This year our groups are following a variety of materials. If you haven't signed up in church get in touch using the email / phone numbers listed below.

#### **Wednesdays at 10.30am at St John the Divine, Merton**

5 Bible studies exploring happiness and wellbeing.

**Dates:** starts Wednesday 13 March

**Leader/Contact:** Revd Alison Judge 020 8616 5794 [revalisonjudge@gmail.com](mailto:revalisonjudge@gmail.com)

**Other information:** Preceded by 9.45am Eucharist; followed by lunch

#### **Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church**

**Dates:** Wednesday 13 March for six weeks

A Pilgrim Course exploring the The Lord's Prayer: How do Christians know and worship God?

**Leader: Nick Mayhew-Smith**

**Host/Contact:** Nick Mayhew-Smith 07789 432257 [nick@nmayhew.demon.co.uk](mailto:nick@nmayhew.demon.co.uk)

#### **Thursdays at 7.30pm at 100 Cavendish Road, SW19 2EZ**

**Dates:** starts Thursday 7 March for six weeks

A Pilgrim Course exploring The Creeds: What do Christians believe?

**Leader/Contact:** Mike Brunt 07968 186395 [mikebrunt@btopenworld.com](mailto:mikebrunt@btopenworld.com)

**Host:** Jane Savill

#### **Fridays at 9.30am at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon**

A Pilgrim Course exploring The Creeds: What do Christians believe?

**Dates:** starts Friday 1 March for six weeks

**Leaders:** Kerry Porritt and Daisy Tate

**Contact:** Kerry Porritt [kerry.porritt1@gmail.com](mailto:kerry.porritt1@gmail.com) 07801 490830

## **Lent Talk**

### **Sunday Evenings at 7.00pm at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon**

Members of our congregations and invited guests talk about their faith and how it has helped them as they have managed change in their lives.

We live in changing times and all of us will know the impact of change in our daily lives, small changes or profound life altering situations.

These talks take place within the context of worship, and there will be a chance to chat with the speakers after the service.

<b>10 March</b>	Nikki Morgan
<b>17 March</b>	Canon Duncan Swan
<b>24 March</b>	Alice Roberts and Sasha Mayhew-Smith
<b>31 March</b>	Lillian Zwarts
<b>7 April</b>	<i>tbc</i>

On **14 April** we have a Special Service drawing together insights and contributions from the groups that have met in our parish during Lent.

## **Lent Lunches**

Each week of Lent there will be two Lent lunches. Please come along for lunch and make a donation to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.



### **Wednesdays at 12.00pm at St John the Divine, High Path**

From 13 March for five weeks.

This is preceded by the 9.45am Eucharist and a Lent Group (see left).

You are welcome at any or all of these.

### **Thursdays at 12.45pm at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon**

From 7<sup>th</sup> March for six weeks.

This is preceded by the 12.15pm Eucharist.

You are welcome to the Eucharist or lunch – and great if you can make both.

# The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme for the 2019 Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call is "*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly*" (John 10.10b).

As you and your parish prepare for Lent and look forward to Easter I commend to your prayers the projects and peoples that

we are supporting this year.

In 2019 the Bishop's Lent Call is supporting projects within Southwark Diocese and in Kenya, Sri Lanka and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

## **Projects in Zimbabwe:**

Initiatives supporting agribusiness, education and infrastructure in our Link Dioceses of Central Zimbabwe, Matabeleland, Masvingo and Manicaland.

Improving leprosy-affected communities in Sri Lanka

Urban mission training at Carlile College, Nairobi

## **Projects in the Diocese of Southwark:**

The Sutton Women's Centre

Christian CARE, Merton

Salmon Youth Centre

It is possible to give to the Lent Call online as well as by cheque, which should be sent to John Jackson at Trinity House. Do follow our Twitter feed ([@southwarkcofe](https://twitter.com/southwarkcofe)) and Lent Call blog as we will be adding extra material about the projects each week. I hope and pray that you will find them useful as you encourage those in your care to use Lent well and to give generously to the Bishop's Lent Call.

## **The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun**

*There will be information about each project displayed in the churches and resources for prayer on each of the prayer tables.*

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