

LENT †

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“Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord’s passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy word.”

- *Ash Wednesday liturgy, Common Worship*

This Lent, I _____ (insert name)
undertake these resolutions _____

to grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.



Ash Wednesday is 14th February

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

Ashes to Go

8.00 - 9.00am near Colliers Wood Tube Station

12pm – 1pm near Wimbledon Station

The clergy will be offering commuters and passers by the chance to receive ashes and prayer. A reminder throughout the day of our need for God.

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

Including the imposition of Ashes.

7.30pm Eucharist with hymns at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon.

Including the imposition of Ashes.

Lent Lunches

Each week of Lent there will be a Lent lunch.

Please come along for lunch and make a donation to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.



Thursdays at 12.45pm at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon

From 15th February 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.

Sunday Evenings in Lent at 6.00pm

at St. John the Divine Merton until 10th March

Meditative and contemplative evening services using paintings of the Stations of the Cross by the contemporary artist, Janet McKenzie as a focal point.



Passiontide Evensong Sunday 17th March, 6.30pm at Holy Trinity

Choral evensong with music and readings to reflect on the Passion of Christ.

Lent Groups

Come together with others for study, discussion, and prayer during Lent. Please sign up using the sign-up sheets at the back of each church

Mondays at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church

Dates: starts Monday 19th February for five weeks

Leader: Revd Simon Asquith

Material: Bible study

Wednesdays at 10.30am-12pm at St John the Divine, Merton

Dates: starts Wednesday 21st February for five weeks

Leader: Revd Mark Eminson

Material: Healing and Hope In The One Household of God (Embrace the Middle East). Sign up in order to reserve your copy – sign-up sheets in the back of each church.

Other information: Preceded by 9.45am Eucharist

Wednesday at 7.30pm-9pm at Christ Church

Dates: starts Wednesday 21st February for five weeks

Leader: Revd Alison Judge

Material: Healing and Hope In The One Household of God (Embrace the Middle East). Sign up in order to reserve your copy – sign-up sheets in the back of each church.

Daily Lenten Reflections

This year we will be led in Lenten reflection by the children of Junior Church and three of our parish schools: Holy Trinity, Merton Abbey and The Priory. To sign up for daily emails write to: curate@ht-sw.org.uk

‘A Green Lent’

Living life more simply is good for the planet and can link with a Lenten discipline. There are many opportunities to reflect and take action for the planet. See the Eco Notice Boards in each church, for details of prayer pointers, Pilgrimage for the Planet, Plastic Count, and Eco Tips of the Notice Sheets.

Suggested Reading

Tarry Awhile by Selina Stone; Wisdom from Black Spirituality for people of faith. This is the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2024 and is accompanied by a booklet which will be available in all three churches.



The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2024

*Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness
like an ever-flowing stream*

Amos 5:24

Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation.

This year the Bishop's Lent Call is raising funds for on peace with justice and resilience and well-being.

There will be information about the projects that the bishop has chosen to assist this year displayed in the churches as well as resources for prayer. Alternatively you can find out more at:
southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

It is possible to give to the Lent Call at church, online as well as by cheque, which should be The Hon. Treasurer, The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call, c/o Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London. SE1 1HW.

You can also donate to the Bishop's Lent Call at the Lent Lunches on Thursdays 12.45, preceded by midweek Eucharist, at Holy Trinity or you can donate in any of the three churches.