

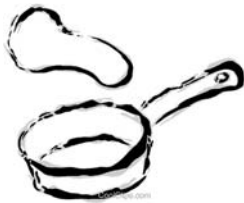
LENT

“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*



Shrove Tuesday
4th March

Pancake Party at Holy Trinity

There will be a **Pancake Party** at Holy Trinity from 5-9pm, all are welcome.

A selection of main and dessert toppings for pancakes will be available, with options for vegan and gluten free diets.

Donations on the night by cash or card.



**Ash Wednesday
5th March**

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

Ashes to Go

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.

In Church

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

Including the imposition of Ashes.

4.00pm After School Ash Wednesday at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon.

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 6th 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.

Sunday Evenings in Lent

6.00pm at Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon.

Evening Prayer for Lent

Evening prayer for Lent with reflections on aspects of the way of the Cross.

Palm Sunday - Stations of the Cross

We follow the footsteps of Christ in the Stations of the Cross

Lent Groups

Come together with others for study, discussion, and prayer during Lent.

Mondays at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church

Dates: starts Monday 10th March for five weeks

Leader: Revd Mark Eminson

Material: Women of Holy Week; an Easter Story in six stories by Paula Gooder

Wednesdays at 10.30am at St John the Divine, Merton

Dates: starts Wednesday 19th March for five weeks

Leader: Revd Alison Judge

Material: Women of Holy Week; an Easter Story in six stories by Paula Gooder

Other information: Preceded by 9.45am Eucharist

Wednesday at 7.00pm for 7.15pm start at Christ Church Vicarage

Difficult Discussions

There are many things in life that we would rather not think about. We are bombarded by headlines and documentaries that expose us to difficult topics. How can we live our best lives acknowledging the challenges we face whilst being honest with ourselves and facing some of these issues. Our faith may give us courage to face our fears. Here is an invitation to discuss some of these matters in a series of supportive and non-judgemental conversations.

Dates: starts Wednesday 19th March for five weeks

Leader: Revd Alison Judge

Week 1: *Crisis what Crisis? How do we live with the knowledge of climate breakdown?*

Week 2: *Whose death is it anyway? The assisted dying bill.*

Week 3: *What do we do with the ashes? Funerals for loved ones and ourselves.*

Week 4: *Finding hope in a difficult world.*

‘A Green Lent’

Living life more simply is good for the planet and can link with a Lenten discipline. For example, to experiment with using public transport instead of your car, fasting from plastic - how much household waste can you eliminate? Try out the Eco Tips on the weekly Notice Sheets.

Or join in prayer with others; see prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/category/monthly-prayer-points/.

The Bishop of Southwark’s Lent Call 2025

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2025 is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. We are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese.

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.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Prayer of St Ephram for Lent

O Lord and Master of my life, preserve me from the spirit of sloth and distraction
and the spirit of envy and vain speaking.
Grant instead to me your servant the spirit of purity and humility
and the spirit of patience and love.
O Lord and King, give me grace to know my own sins
and not to think evil of my brothers and sisters
for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent *Common Worship*

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Social Media

You can engage with Team activities online - and we have a facebook page and instagram presence for the team.

Facebook Pages

Merton Priory Team <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087949524165>

Christ Church <https://www.facebook.com/christchurch.collierswood>

Holy Trinity <https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinitySW19/>

St John's <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhighpath/>

Facebook Groups

Merton Priory Team: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/166856080152027/>

Christ Church <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3225653104131138/>

Holy Trinity <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HolyTrinitySW19/>

Instagram

Merton Priory Team <https://www.instagram.com/mertonprioryteamministry/>

X/Twitter

<https://twitter.com/ChristChSw19>

<https://twitter.com/HolyTrinitySW19>

<https://twitter.com/stjohnshighpath>

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZcCK2Iklz5mLmH1OEn3r0w>

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