7th March 2021

Lent 3

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

10.30am Online Service

Reverend Becky will preside and preach.

Lorna Cain will be reading and Toni Birch will be leading our prayers

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19:7-14

John 2:13-22

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The Anglican Church of the Congo

Our Lent Challenge and commitment to Fairtrade

The Buildings and grounds team

Teaching Assistants and School Support staff

Hellaby Close

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 7th March 10.30am Online Service

Tuesday 9th March

10am Online Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10th March

8.30pm Online Night Prayer

Thursday IIth March

10am Online Morning Prayer

Notices

The Children's Society

A message from Joan Bradley

Many thanks to all the box holders for the generous donations . The final total for the October opening was £683.87. This was of course the only one in 2020. I still have some empty boxes to return, I will bring them to church when we are able. The Society have not yet decided when to ask for this years donations so will inform you in due course . Best Wishes. Joan Bradley

Thanksgiving Service for Key Workers

If you have been working as a key worker (essential worker) during this past year, I would love to hear from you. I'm gathering stories of key workers in Maney so we can give thanks for them and praise God for the good work that has been done. It would be wonderful also to understand how their faith has sustained them, if that's the case for them.

This is only for people in our congregation or parish, even if we are aware of others further afield. Please get in touch with Becky if you have a story you'd be willing to tell.

Annual revision of the Electoral Roll

This will take place between March 7th and April 4th. New entrants are very welcome. Application forms and copies of the Privacy Notice are available on the St. Peter's website <u>https://www.stpetersmaney.org.uk/general/electoral-roll/</u>

or from the Electoral Roll Officer:

elegra@blueyonder.co.uk or 240 8204.

Applicants should be baptised and over the age of 16. Anyone who will become 16 in the next 12 months may complete a form and will become eligible to be entered on the roll on Please notify Elena Grant of any changes to current entries.

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Lent Study Group

We are joining with St Chad's and Holy Trinity to offer a weekly study session. These will be based on the Live Lent course offered by the Church of England. There is a book, a booklet and an App which go with the course. However, we are writing the material assuming that people haven't purchased them. You are of course welcome to purchase them from here:

Booklet : Live Lent: God's Story, Our Story single copy by Stephen Hance - Paperback / softback (chpublishing.co.uk)

Book : Living His Story: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021 | Eden

App : #LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story - our Lent reflections | The Church of England (free)

Please note, these purchases are not essential but may help if you would like to continue your Lent reflections throughout the week.

Lockdown Lent Talks

We are unable to share Lent Lunches this year. Instead we are offering Lockdown Lent Talks. There will be a talk and time for reflection together over lunch. The sessions will take place on Zoom, using our usual coffee time link on:

- Wednesday the 3rd March at midday
- Tuesday the 23rd March at midday

We will be recording the talks and can send to people who are unable to join us.

The hope is that we might be able to raise money for The Church Urban Fund as we would have originally planned. Any donations can be sent to the church account by:

Bank Transfer- Account number 65495553 Sort Code- 08-92-99 Reference Lent

Sutton Coldfield YMCA – Sleep Easy 26th March 2021

Sutton Coldfield YMCA is holding their main 2021 fundraising event on 26th March. Noah Taylor is going to be doing the Sleep easy challenge with his dad. Would you consider joining them and 'sofa surfing' the night in your home? Fundraising information will be available soon so we can sponsor Noah.

Church building access

As the Church buildings and hall is currently closed, if you will be entering the building for any reason e.g filming of Services, maintenance of equipment, please could you email Fay beforehand to book a slot. This is to ensure that we minimise access to the site but that where access is required it is done so on the safest possible way. The email address is officestpetersmaney@yahoo.co.uk

Phone Line

Our new phone number is up and running for people who cannot access the online worship. Anyone can dial 0121 728 2222, a local number, to hear Sunday's service and Wednesday night prayer.

<u>Psalm 19</u>

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.
- II By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults!
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me;

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer