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St John's, St Mary's and St Olave's weekly email, 21st February, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

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Hi everybody,

Well the Pancakes have been flipped and eaten, the online ash Wednesday service has happened (our thanks to Peter, Hannah and the team for that, if you missed it then do find a time to take part in it from the Facebook archives) and we are in Lent. There has been a tradition of 'giving things up' in Lent but that is really based on seeking time and resources to come closer to God as we approach Easter. And Easter is the time when we remember and celebrate His coming close to us and showing His unlimited love for us on the cross and the power of that love in the resurrection showing the price for our forgiveness paid

in full. Try and schedule time over these next few weeks to pray and read God's word as we follow the Easter story and consider our part in living it out now. So what are the things we are doing in the parish this lent to help with our preparation?

- The Lent course is going on via Zoom Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings, each week's sessions led by a different member of our team. It is not too late to join – see below for details and contact Hannah. Ethne is leading next week's sessions.
- Short Lent reflections on 'what my faith means to me' from members of our congregations are being posted each day at 17:00 on the Church Facebook pages– if you are providing a thought please get it to James or myself soon to help us schedule them.
- Plans are being made for Mothering Sunday, Holy week and Easter, these are expected to be Online and more details will be published in the next week or so as we seek ways to be together while physically apart over Lent and Easter and celebrate Gods gifts to us.

Do continue to pray for all those bearing the load of the current pandemic and for wisdom for those making decisions that impact many.

Look after yourselves and those around you

God Bless

Pete Whitlock

[Service Sheet for First Sunday of Lent](#)

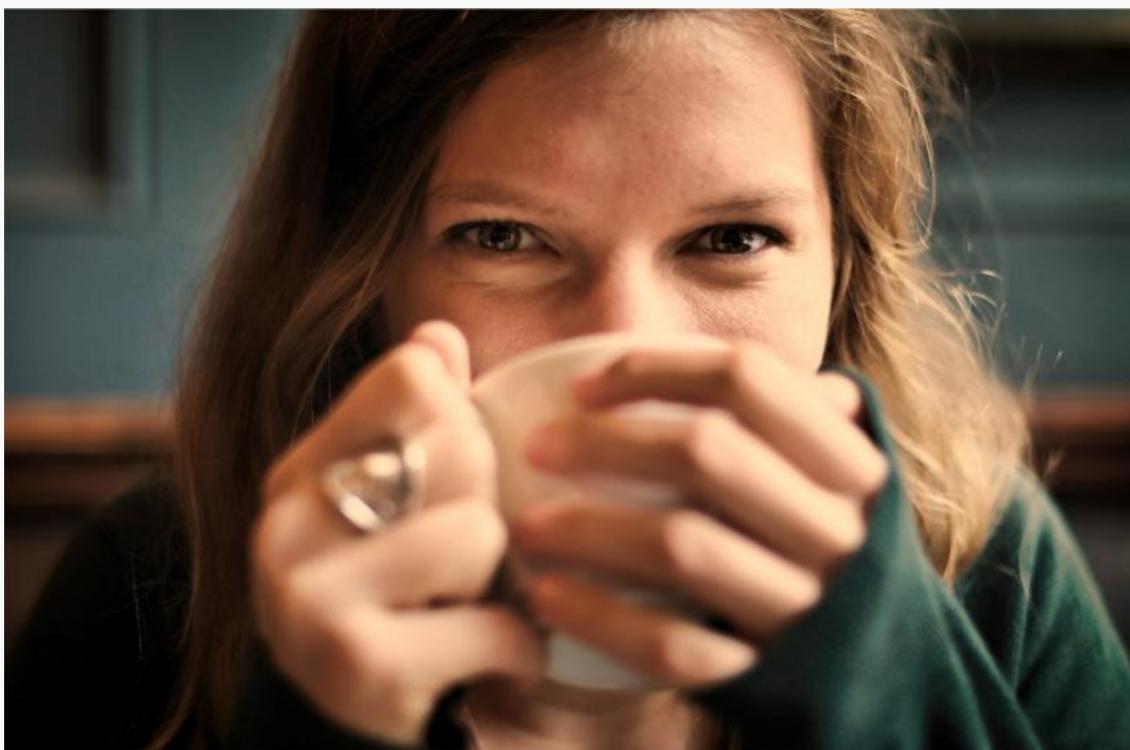
The Sunday morning recorded service will be premiered on our church Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchNewportIsleOfWight/>) and also available on the front page of our website (www.stjohnsnewport.org) in the Facebook Feed. Services can be viewed at the time of the service at 9.30 am or later.

Please see the websites of The Minster, St. Mary's and St. Olave's for current information.

If you prefer to join in with other services online, on the TV or radio here are a few -

- 8.10 Radio 4 Sunday Worship
- 9.00 Church of England Service on Facebook, Youtube and Church of England website
- 9.00 Diocesan Service streamed on the Diocesan website
- 13.15 BBC1 Songs of Praise

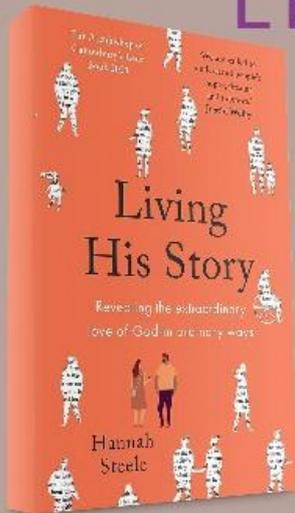
Please tell anyone you know who does not have internet access about the services on the television and radio and also about the free dial-in worship phone line from the Church of England called Daily Hope. The number is 0800 804 8044 and it offers hymns, prayers and reflections 24 hours a day.



Tea@3 Zoom Meetings on Monday- Friday. - All are very welcome, please do drop in for tea and a chat. Please contact administrators for joining details.

THE PARISH OF NEWPORT AND CARISBROOKE WITH GATCOMBE

LENT COURSE



Join us for a 7 week Lent course as we explore new ways of communicating the love of God to our neighbours

Tuesday mornings 10.30- 11.30am (Begins 16th Feb 2021)

or

Thursday evening 7 - 8pm (Begins 18th Feb 2021)

For more information contact Hannah

hannahbarracclough@cofenewportandcarisbrooke.org

The Lent course began on Tuesday 16th February & Thursday 18th February. The meetings are being held on Zoom. Please contact Hannah Barraclough (above and below) for joining details.

Tuesday 10.30am

Thursday 7pm

This Lent, we are exploring together a book called 'Living His Story' which has been commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury and focuses on the telling of our stories and the bigger story of God's love and grace.

You can find a copy here <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/living-his-story> or if you need an e-copy here [https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08FX4B6R4/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08FX4B6R4/ref=dp_kindle-redirect?encoding=UTF8&btkr=1)

The course will take a chapter a week and will discuss it as a group over zoom. It is a 7 week course and the final week will be after Easter with a joint celebration where we may begin to tell our own stories.

If you would like to attend or have questions about the course, please contact Hannah on hannah.barracclough@cofenewportandcarisbrooke.org and she will send you further details.

[Pew News 21st February, 2021](#)



Zoom Bible Study

8.00pm Sundays

Please contact administrators for joining details.

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