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The parish magazine for  
St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill  
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St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan

## March 2022



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## SERVICES – March 2022

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Wednesday 2nd			Ash Wednesday Service 7.30pm
Thurs 3rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	World Day of Prayer Service-11am
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		Holy Communion Service 7.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon With refreshments		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am All Together Holy Communion Service 4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am Holy Communion Service Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 2nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <i>Sunday before Lent</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.

# Rector's Reflections

During Fairtrade Fortnight, at one of our services, people were invited to pray the Fairtrade Covenant Prayer. Several people have since asked for it, so I have decided, this month, to share it. It is below with the words of introduction which were used.

*Sisters and brothers, God calls us to action on behalf of the poor. Let us, then, make a covenant with each other and with God to respond to his call in everything we do, and wherever Christ leads us. To take up this covenant means that we are content that Christ directs us and that Christ alone is our reward. Christ calls us to fairness and justice in many different ways. Some ways are easy and require little effort or personal sacrifice, but others are difficult and will mean us having to change what we buy and where we shop, and to go without ourselves. Some ways will bring us praise from those around us and win us admiration, but others may bring criticism and make us unpopular, when we raise our voice for the voiceless, when we call for justice for the poor. Some ways we will find interesting and absorbing and will play to our natural strengths, but others we will find tedious and a chore. In some of these ways we may please both Christ and ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet we know that we have the power to be able to act in all these ways because Christ inspires and strengthens us, and because we know that he has no hands or feet on earth but ours. If justice is to be done, it is we who are called to do it. Therefore, let us make this covenant with God our own, giving ourselves anew and relying on his promises and his grace. Loving Lord, since you have called us through Christ to share in this covenant, we will take on this duty with joy. For whatever we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do it for you. We are no longer our own, but yours.*

I am no longer my own but yours.

Call me and open my eyes to the injustice around me, the unfairness around me and the poverty around me; call me to dare to change my lifestyle, my habits and my outlook for you.

Call me to strive for fairness and justice in everything I do, not just in words, but in actions; not just locally, but globally.

Let me change myself for you, and so change the world for you.

I freely and wholeheartedly commit myself to this duty, knowing that in everything you will give me your inspiration, strength and grace.

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen

As we enter Lent, may I encourage you to use this prayer, if you feel able.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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# THE PARISH REGISTERS

## Baptisms

February 13th

Harry Dare

(O)

## Funerals

February 17th

Eric Anthony Dennis May (78)

(H)

February 21st

Nina Barnett (92)

(O)

## Interment of ashes

February 12th

Rev Canon Glyndwr Jones (84)

(B)

February 13th

Robert George Rowley (74)

(O)



## Wedding Enquiries

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Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan churches,  
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## Baptism Enquiries

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## Baptism Preparation

If you would like to have your child baptised in one of the churches in the parish. Preparation evenings are held in Orsett church on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.  
No booking is required.



## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Further news regarding the proposed works to the South Porch: the Diocesan Advisory Committee has approved our application to replace the Porch floor, repair/replace damaged stonework and to replace the timber outer doors. However, full joinery details of the doors are required before I am able to make the final submission for a full faculty. To put this into context, it is similar to an Outline Planning Consent and Reserved Matters. The church

of England is trusted to regulate its own planning matters through the faculty system and does not require Town & Country Planning Consent to undertake work on its church buildings. Whilst it is a complicated system it does ensure that appropriate experts in historical buildings and places of worship reach sound decisions, even though for the applicant it can at times be frustrating.

Notwithstanding, it does mean that we can start fundraising to meet the £22,000.00 cost of these works. It is a great deal of money, but to do nothing is not an option for a grade 1 listed building.

Last month, I mentioned that there would be an update on the single parish unification; as planned the new Parish Church Council met for the first time. The officers and members' roles can be found on the appropriate page in this magazine. All members from the respective churches will be familiar, but with fewer from each of the old PCC's. Additionally, there are a number of 'Teams' to consider areas such as finance, fund raising, buildings etc etc. There is an opportunity for those on the Church Electoral Roll who may have a particular interest, to sign up for one or more of these teams.

On Saturday 12th February we were able to say our goodbyes at a service of commemoration to our dear friend Reverend Canon Glyn Jones. It almost two years since Glyn died during that first Covid lockdown. It was one of the most moving services I have ever attended; Horndon Church was full to near overflowing with family and friends to all of whom Glyn meant so much.

It was extraordinary to hear of the many things that Glynn had achieved during his working life; from a Parish Priest in a small Welsh community, to Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers, Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen, Canon of Kobi Cathedral, Freeman of the City of London and chaplain to many Livery Companies and so on. But despite this, Glyn was a humble man and at heart a Parish Priest, as we know from the years of service he gave to our three churches and to six priests, from Rev Hugh Crossley to Rev Sue.

Personally, I miss him greatly, as many others do too and it was a privilege to know him and call him friend.

Rest in peace Glyn

# Songs of Praise

At the Songs of Praise service on 30<sup>th</sup> January, I shared a song from my favourite band *Skillet*. The song in question is *Hard To Find*, and I shared this particular song as it carries a message that helped me through the first lockdown. I thought that some of you would like to read the lyrics

Edward Mortimer

## SKILLET – HARD TO FIND

Turned on the TV yesterday  
So much pain bleeding through I had to look away  
But inside me the picture's just the same  
And every time I open up my eyes nothing seems to change  
It never seems to change

You give me faith to believe there's a way  
To put the past finally behind me  
And hope to make it through another night  
You give me strength during these dark times when I'm blind  
You are my light when faith is hard to find  
When faith is hard to find  
(Will you still hold on)

Something woke me in the night  
In the midst of the darkness I recognize the light  
Now inside me the picture seems so clear  
All the dying in my broken dreams is starting to appear  
Starting to appear

You give me faith to believe there's a way  
To put the past finally behind me  
And hope to make it through another night  
You give me strength during these dark times when I'm blind  
You are my light when faith is hard to find  
Faith is hard to find

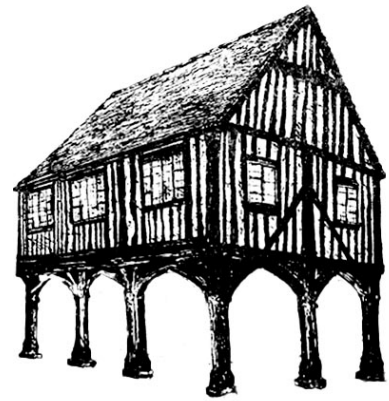
If I fall, will you hold on to me  
Through it all promise you won't lose me  
These days hope is hard to come by  
And tonight I don't know how I can't survive

You give me faith to believe there's a way  
To put the past finally behind me  
And hope to make it through another night  
You give me strength during these dark times when I'm blind  
You are my light when faith is hard to find  
When faith is hard to find  
(Will you still hold on)

You give me faith to believe there's a way  
To put the past finally behind me  
And hope to make it through another night  
You give me strength during these dark times when I'm blind  
You are my light when faith is hard to find

# WOOLMARKET LADIES

The February meeting opened with memories of our dear friend Lesley Gray, who we had lost so suddenly and unexpectedly. Lesley had brought so much enthusiasm to our group, and to our committee meetings; she will be sorely missed by us all. Everyone sent their love and condolences to her husband and family.



The meeting was a social evening, with a game of bingo, followed by tea and notices from Elaine. She told us that we would make a donation from our afternoon tea to St Luke's Hospice and Thurrock Foodbank.

The Pensioners' Party is booked for Friday 22nd April in the Methodist Hall. The theme will be the Platinum Jubilee and the entertainment for the afternoon will be from a group of singers. Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday March 1st and we will be entertained by a group of singers 'Lost for Words'

Guests are more than welcome.

## REMEMBERING REVEREND CANON GLYNDWR JONES

**Anita Jones and family would like to thank all those who contributed to Glyn's memorial service on 12th February.**

**Glyn had planned his funeral service, but Covid prevented us from remembering him as he would have liked at the time of his passing.**

**Many of you gave of your time and talents in Glyn's honour, including the careful preparation of the church, the thoughtful and spiritual service, the beautiful flowers and wonderful music.**

**Thanks to everyone's overwhelming contributions we were finally able to celebrate Glyn's life and give thanks to God in the manner that he deserved.**

**It was wonderful to see so many friends and family together again and to be able to share a truly special day.**

**Thank you.**



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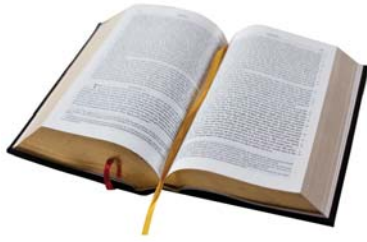
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# PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

March 1st	For those living on Orsett Road, Orsett
March 2nd	For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon
March 3rd	For our medical practioners
March 4th	For the World Day of Prayer
March 5th	For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett
March 6th	For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan
March 7th	For those living on Welling Road, Orsett
March 8th	For those living on Medbree Court, Orsett
March 9th	For those living on Pump Street, Horndon
March 10th	For our schools in Orsett Horndon and Bulphan
March 11th	For those living on Herga Hyll Orsett
March 12th	For those living on Lower Dunton Road, Bulphan
March 13th	For those living on Parkers Farm Road, Orsett
March 14th	For the lonely and childless
March 15th	For peace in the world
March 16th	For those living on Conway Road, Orsett
March 17th	For those living on Fen Lane, Bulphan
March 18th	For those living on Bonham Drive, Orsett
March 19th	For those in hospital
March 20th	For our neighbours
March 21st	For our own prayer lives
March 22nd	For those living on Heath Road, Orsett Heath
March 23rd	For those living on Rowley Road, Orsett
March 24th	For those living on Wingfield Drive, Orsett
March 25th	For those living on The Parkway, Orsett
March 26th	For those living on Hillcrest Road, Horndon
March 27th	For all mothers on Mothering Sunday
March 28th	For our Methodist and Congregational brothers & sisters
March 29th	For the recently bereaved
March 30th	For those living on Fordham's Row, Orsett
March 31st	For members of our congregations who live in Chadwell St Mary

*"Thank you, Lord, for our mothers. We remember today their loving care, and their ceaseless love for us. May we show them by our gifts, our words and our actions that we love them and care about them too.*

*Father, we thank you for the family of the Church. May they know your blessing and strength as they care for others".*

*Mothering Sunday prayer by Mary Batchelor*



# WOOLMARKET MUSIC



Our February meeting hosted CDOT Voices, with their Musical Director, Angelo Tsocos and accompanist, Clare Penfold. A very welcome guest was Angelo's wife, Sarah, a talented saxophone player and, with Angelo accompanying, she performed a couple of brilliant solo spots during the evening.

The choir gave us a varied programme from a fantastic pool of songs, ranging from contemporary pop and rock, and some well-known tunes from musical theatre. There really was something for everyone. We thank them so much for coming stepping in when our February concert was likely to be cancelled.

The next meeting is on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St Peter & St Paul's Church and for the first time at Woolmarket Music we will be welcoming MEN2SING. This group does what it says on the box, male singers performing a varied programme from many genres of music.

**Do come along – Admission £7.50 (all children under 18 free) or become a member and enjoy our live music for the whole year for £60. Look forward to seeing you!**



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## **HORNDON ON THE HILL** **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

We have achieved the Eco Church Bronze Award. This was awarded after completing a survey on five key areas of Church life to help care for God's earth:

Worship & Teaching  
Management of Church Buildings  
Management of Church Land  
Community and global engagement  
Lifestyle

Whilst there is always scope for improvement it is very difficult to achieve the Gold Award but we will do the best we can to, wherever possible, use green energy, fair trade supplies and make our Church yard as bio diverse as possible.

Forest Church is taking place on the first Saturday of every month. Sessions are held at Orsett and Bulphan Churchyards. Whilst Forest Church activities can take place all year round in most weathers the lighter, warmer days are ideal to start coming along to take part in activities and crafts and to worship in the outdoors with friends. Why not come along?

The memorial service with thanks for the life of Reverend Canon Glyndwr (Glyn) Jones held at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church on the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> February was attended by many who were pleased to give thanks for Glyn's life of service to the Church during his long ministry. Glyn held so many posts and was associated with so many clubs and organisations, we were very fortunate to have such a wonderful person here with us. This special service was led by Rev. Ed Hanson and it was great to welcome Ed and others who came from far and wide to remember Glyn

We were please to host CDOT choir and Bella Musica who performed on behalf of Woolmarket Music Society on the evening 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Church. Even though the choir helped out at short notice their extensive repertoire of songs was greatly enjoyed by all who came on the night. Thank you again CDOT. Or should that be encore?

Please don't forget that a warm welcome awaits you at Church either at one of our services or on Tuesday and Saturday mornings between 10.00a.m. and 12.00p.m.

God Bless

Alastair

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March 6th	6:30 pm	Pholani Ncube
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi

Whilst mandatory Covid restrictions have lifted, out of respect for the vulnerable and those who prefer a cautious approach, we still ask those attending to observe social distancing. We continue to have sanitising facilities readily available and as always handwashing facilities are available in the vestry.

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522



# Bulphan WI

At our February meeting we celebrated the life of our member Ivy Turner, who passed away in January, with a minute's clapping and cheering, a fitting tribute to a lovely lady. Then we were whisked back in time to relive the story of the Titanic from when the pencil first touched the paper for her, and her sister ships' design up to the discovery of the wreck site. Speaker Steve Lester's passion for all things Titanic shone through and the experience was added to by a vast display of memorabilia and six members reading eyewitness and newspaper reports of the time.



I am unable to let you know what's happening at our March meeting as the members have planned and will be running the evening, none of the committee have any idea what will take place but knowing our members it will be interesting and fun, look out for my next report to find out more.

Updates about future meetings, information, photographs, and much more can be found on Facebook at Bulphan Women's Institute and on Twitter @bulphanwi. Visitors welcome contact us via Secretary Janet McCheyne on 07752836902 or email [bulphanwi@gmail.com](mailto:bulphanwi@gmail.com)

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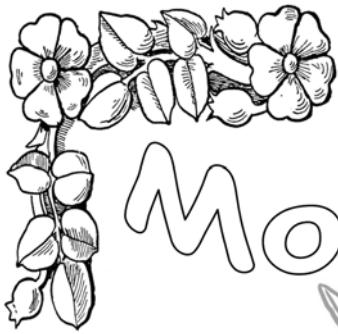
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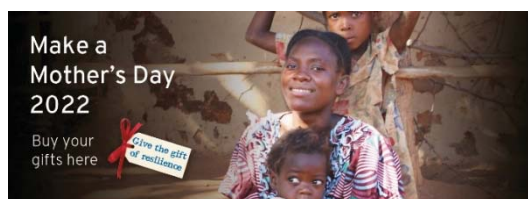


IN THE WILDERNESS



Mothering  
Sunday





Our Make a Mothers' Day Appeal has now been launched!

Mothering Sunday is a special time to say thank you to all mothers and caregivers for the selflessness with which they nurture, love, and help us to flourish.

This year, you can celebrate or remember someone special by giving a gift of resilience. For the past two years, we've been especially aware how important community, resilience and prayer are in our lives and in those of the people we are most connected with. Our Gifts of Resilience are gifts you can give that will empower women around the world – often women who are themselves responsible for their own families and children. Do share with friends and family: <https://makeamothersday.org/shop/> There are also some ideas for things to do on Mothering Sunday – why not have a look?

<https://www.mothersunion.org/sites/default/files/resources/public/MotheringSundayIdeas2022.pdf>

### *A prayer for Mothers everywhere*

*Loving God, thank you for mothers everywhere. Thank you for mums no longer here on earth with us but with you in heaven. Thank you for mother figures in our lives who bring us joy. Thank you for children across the world and let them remember their mothers with delight on this day. We particularly say a prayer for those who are grieving for their mums, are sad because they are struggling to become mums and those mums across the world who are protecting their families from conflict, hunger or violence. Unite all mothers together in your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

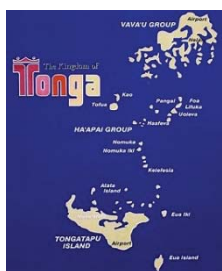
### **Lady Day**



Did you know that 25 March is known as Lady Day, when MU members around the world celebrate the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary? This day commemorates when the Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It's a perfect time to reflect upon Mary's obedience to God's call to become the mother of Jesus Christ and an opportunity to consider just what following Mary's example of her unqualified willingness to serve means for us today.

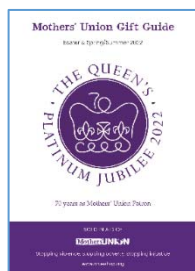
### **Tonga**



Mothers' Union in New Zealand have shown their support to members in Tonga in response to the recent tsunami, which hit the island in January. They have been able to provide financial support for urgent supplies and have also sourced other essential items to be shipped to the island.

There are now concerns around outbreaks of the Omicron strain of COVID-19 in Tonga, but through the generosity of members in New Zealand and around the world, we pray that the effects of the tsunami will be remain minimal. We ask that you hold members in Tonga in your prayers during this delicate time.

### **Platinum Jubilee Gifts**



This year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – the first ever celebration of its kind! As part of the celebrations the Mothers' Union online shop has a selection of gifts to mark the occasion so do have a look:

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### **Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact**



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# Orsett WI

At our meeting on 2nd of February we had a talk from Gary Jones who used to be a charge nurse in Orsett A&E. The character in the tv programme Casualty, Charlie Fairhead was based around Gary and his work. He was awarded the CBE for all the work he did for Orsett and Basildon hospitals and surrounding communities. The talk was very interesting and reminiscent for ladies who had nursed at Orsett such as myself. I have known Gary since I was 22 through my boss at Orsett who was a good friend of his. I dressed up in my nurse's outfit and my sister was a surgeon for the evening to make him feel welcome. This caused laughter and lots of discussion.

On the 7th of February I met with some of our Orsett WI ladies for lunch at Lazell's which was lovely, the photo attached is of two of our oldest members they are 97 and 98 respectively, It was lovely to see them.

On the 10th of February the allotment group met, and we lined and laid a path with bark and dug some areas over and made plans for our next meeting this Thursday it will be very exciting when plants and produce come up to give to our ladies.

on the 15th of February our ancestry group met, and we each passed on what we had found out in our families, what difficulties we had finding things and during discussions we gave each other ideas.

Orsett WI will be meeting again on March the 2nd at the Orsett Village Hall in Mill Lane RM 16 3HB, 7:00 PM for 7:30 start. We meet the first Wednesday of every month. The first visit is free; 'it's not what you think'. Ladies over 18 welcome.

We will be meeting on the 19th of Feb for a chat and coffee at 10:30 am in Thurrock Garden centre. 23rd of Feb is our Crafty Chat at 7:15pm in Orsett Village Hall.

Our email is: [orsettwi@gmail.com](mailto:orsettwi@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook under Orsett Women's Institute.

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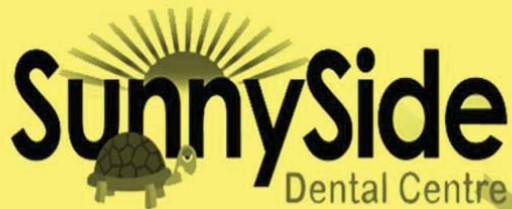
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and to follow its teaching,  
that we may find in it the light  
that shines more and more until the perfect day;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Chapter 1 12-13

#### The Temptation of Jesus

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.  
13 He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and  
he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

If we were to have heard St Mark reading his Good news (Gospel) aloud, he would be speaking fast.  
Hardly stopping for a breath, one event after the other.

Straight after the heavenly announcement, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased',  
the Holy Spirit DRIVES Jesus into the wilderness. He remains 40 days.  
This is the period we remember as we fast through Lent.

The wilderness time is God Himself acting out the time in the desert and mountains of the Exodus journey.  
During this time of fasting Jesus is experiencing the deprivation of the 40 year journey of the Israelites. During  
that journey the Israelites were tempted and fell to the foreign gods in the creation of the golden calf. They  
lost trust in their God YHWH, and consequently lost their way. Jesus, on the other hand, after being anointed  
by God the Father at His baptism does not lose faith, and resists all that Satan can throw at Him. As a  
result He was looked after in His time in the wilderness, by the angels of God.

So we have a man proclaimed as Messiah, by God the Father Himself, who then re-enacts the Israelite  
40 year journey in the wilderness, but who can resist the temptations (real temptations as Jesus is fully Human;  
Philippians 2:6/Hebrews 1:3). So Jesus is now ready to begin His ministry.

Let us finish with prayer.

Gelasian Sacramentary (8th century)  
O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,  
impart to us thoughts better than our own thoughts,  
and prayers better than our own prayers,  
and powers better than our own powers,  
that we may spend and be spent  
in the ways of love and goodness,  
after the perfect image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Revd Max Blake*

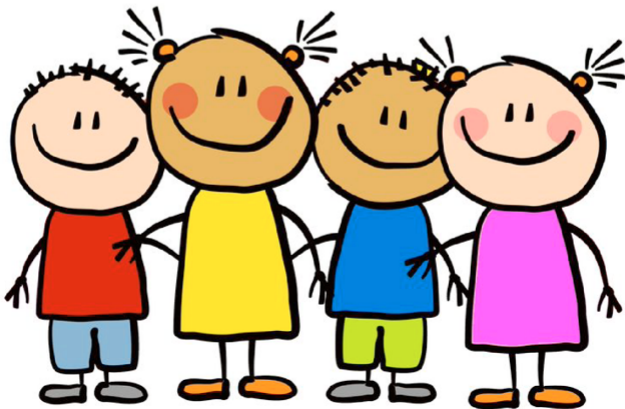
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# FAMOUS PERSON IN MARCH

## Joseph Priestley 1733-1804



When Joseph Priestley wasn't in his laboratory investigating gases - he isolated and characterized eight of them, including oxygen - this 18th-century British scientist was often defending himself and his home against angry mobs

Priestley, who discovered the gas that would later be named "oxygen" by Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, was ceremoniously welcomed to the United States in 1794 as a leading contemporary thinker and friend of the new republic. Then 61, this Englishman was known to Americans at least as well for his prodigious political and theological writings as for his scientific contributions.

### Religion and Politics

Priestley was educated to be a minister in the churches that dissented from the Church of England, and he spent most of his life employed as a preacher or teacher. He gradually came to question the divinity of Jesus, while accepting much else of Christianity—in the process becoming an early Unitarian.

Priestley was a supporter of both the American and French Revolutions. He saw the latter as the beginning of the destruction of all earthly regimes that would precede the Kingdom of God, as foretold in the Bible.

These freely expressed views were considered seditious by English authorities and many citizens. In 1791 a mob destroyed his house and laboratory in Birmingham. This episode and subsequent troubles made him decide to emigrate to the United States. With his sons he planned to set up a model community on undeveloped land in Pennsylvania, but like many such dreams, this one did not materialize. He and his wife did, however, build a beautiful home equipped with a laboratory far up the Susquehanna River in Northumberland, Pennsylvania.

### Oxygen and Other "Airs"

Priestley's first scientific work, *The History of Electricity* (1767), was encouraged by Benjamin Franklin, whom he had met in London. In preparing the publication Priestley began to perform experiments, at first merely to reproduce those reported in the literature but later to answer questions of his own. In the 1770s he began his most famous scientific research on the nature and properties of gases. At that time he was living next to a brewery, which provided him an ample supply of carbon dioxide. His first chemical publication was a description of how to carbonate water, in imitation of some naturally occurring bubbly mineral waters.

### Politics, chemistry and oxygen theory during the French Revolution

Inspired by Stephen Hales's *Vegetable Statics* (first edition, 1727), which described the pneumatic trough for gathering gases over water, Priestley began examining all the "airs" that might be released from different substances. Many, following Aristotle's teachings, still believed there was only one "air." By clever design of apparatus and careful manipulation, Priestley isolated and characterized eight gases, including oxygen—a record not equalled before or since. In addition, he contributed to the understanding of photosynthesis and respiration.

Priestley fought a long-running battle with Lavoisier and his followers over how to interpret the results of experiments with gases. Priestley interpreted them in terms of phlogiston—the hypothetical principle of flammability that was thought to give metals their lustre and ductility and was widely used in the early 18th century to explain combustion, calcination, smelting, respiration, and other chemical processes. Proponents of phlogiston did not consider it to be a material substance, and so it was therefore unweighable. Priestley gave qualitative explanations of these phenomena, talking, for example, about oxygen as "dephlogisticated air."

## Go green for Lent

### How can we become better at caring for creation and improving our lives and the lives of others through healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable living?

The Lenten 40-day period before Easter gives us the opportunity to reflect on the practice of fasting and commit to giving up something that brings a real benefit to nature and helps address climate change. Below are some changes you could make that will help the environment. Take time to pray, reflect and consider these options – pick one or two or however many you would like (you never know the changes might just stick!)

- **Go plastic free.** Even if you cannot become totally plastic-free, make it your goal to at least reduce your use of plastic.
- **Switch off from digital.** Explore technology-free times or areas of the house, switching to 'airplane mode' for the first hour in the morning and the last hour at night, 'switch off Sundays,' reaching for your Bible over your device(s) and writing a list of outdoor things that you enjoy.
- **Boycott fast fashion.** Reflect on how our clothes can bring us closer to our neighbour and have a lesser impact on nature.
- **Buy less or second hand.** Start with small changes: using Facebook marketplace and eBay more to invest in second-hand clothing and toys.
- **Buy local or in bulk.** Learn more about how our food system has impacted what we choose to consume.
- **Become zero waste.** Slowly try to reduce your waste a bit every week. Consider giving a home-made gift instead of buying a present, upcycling items or looking at your food shop and seeing what items you could buy differently, spending a bit more on loose fruit and veg for example.
- **Spend more time in nature.** This will help you connect with God as Creator and celebrate his creation in different ways over the Lenten period.
- **Invite wildlife into your garden or church green space (with permission!).** Where possible, invite and encourage others in your church community to be part of the journey, for example, planting seeds as part of the children's ministry or getting your church community help build and stock up a hedgehog home.
- **Try a plant-based recipe or diet.** Start by cooking yourself vegan or plant-based meals once a week and take it from there. As time goes on, cook more vegan/vegetarian meals and try to eliminate as many animal products from your diet as you can.
- **Grow your own.** Whether you have a garden or sunny windowsill, find out what you can sow and grow on a month-to-month basis.
- **Change your method of transport.** How about walking or cycling for repeated errands, choosing one day a week to walk, cycle or take public transport to work where you are able to.
- **Switch to green energy.** As you consider who to opt for, compare the supplier charging rates as well as what each company means by 'green energy.'
- **Move your money.** Could you divest from fossil fuels and support a bank which invests in renewables? 'Good with Money' recommends some ethical choices or for pension investments that help achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN in 2015 there's 'Make my Money Matter'.
- **Join the Eco Church community.** Make a commitment to long term action on the environment in your local community through Eco Church or other greening schemes. If you are already part of an Eco Church, find out how you can help your church achieve the next award level.

### Where do I start?

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