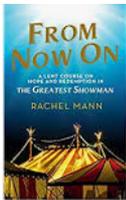


NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - March 2019

LENT AT ALL SAINTS

Lent can be a wonderfully powerful experience if we take advantage of what the Church offers: it's a time we can grow in our faith and learn with others as we journey to Easter once again. So here at All Saints we have a number of things to help.



From Now On - the Lent Course we will be following which uses the film *The Greatest Showman* to help explore the themes of Hope and Redemption.

If you haven't been able to sign up for the course, you can still get hold of the book and follow it yourself. It's currently available from Amazon.co.uk for £5.22

On the Fridays during Lent there is the opportunity to gather at Church and follow the **Stations of the Cross**. In this quiet, reflective service we follow Jesus' final journey from his judgement by Pontius Pilate to his crucifixion and burial. This is always a very powerful experience and helps us to place ourselves in those momentous events as well as reflecting on the ways in which we have to carry our own crosses through life.



On the first two Thursday's of Lent there will be **Bible@Lunch** - an hour of relaxed, challenging and enjoyable exploration of some short passages from Scripture, listening to what God might be saying to us through them.

On the first Sunday in Lent we are holding another of our **Taizé Services**. For a church family centred very much on the Eucharist, this provides a special time to worship in a different way, singing beautiful chants, taking in Bible readings, reflecting in periods of silence and praying together in the spirit of the community based in France.



Of course, the whole season starts with a **Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes**. This is simply the best and most powerful way to enter into this season as we acknowledge our own mortality and our need of the presence of God on our journey to eternity with him. For Christians this is a day of obligation and everyone should make the effort to attend if they are able.

I hope you all have a powerful and renewing experience this Lenten season so that, once we have walked with Jesus through the final days of Holy Week, we will come to the most incredible Easter celebration, renewed and strengthened in his redeeming love.

Father Mark

Calendar - March

- 2nd 10.00am Coffee Morning
- 3rd **SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 5th **Shrove Tuesday**
7.00pm Pancake Party and Quiz
- 6th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- 7th 11.00am Aaron Court Communion
12.30pm Bible@Lunch
- 8th 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
- 10th **LENT 1**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Taizé Service
- 13th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 14th 12.30pm Bible@Lunch
- 15th 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
- 16th 10.00am Coffee Stop
- 17th **LENT 2**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 20th 7.30pm Eucharist
- 22nd 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
- 23rd 10.00am Flower Group
- 24th **LENT 3**
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 25th **Annunciation**
12.00pm Eucharist
- 27th 7.30pm Sung Eucharist
- 29th 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
- 31st **LENT 4 - Mothering Sunday**
10.00am Family Mass & Giving of Flowers

Jesus, Lamb of God, when you walked this earth you did not consider heavenly equality, though that was yours to choose, but took the role of servant, and in humility and obedience allowed the rough nails of our sin to be hammered into your flesh for the sake of our salvation. And so it is that we acknowledge you as Lord of all, to the glory of God the Father, Son and Spirit. Three. Amen.

Daily Inspirational Bible Readings

“Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.”

- 1st Psalm 73:25-26
- 2nd Job 23:10-11
- 3rd Isaiah 55:8-9
- 4th Joshua 1:9
- 5th Deuteronomy 6:6-7
- 6th Isaiah 25:1
- 7th Psalm 139:23-24
- 8th 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- 9th 2 Timothy 1:9
- 10th 1 Peter 3:15
- 11th Deuteronomy 7:9
- 12th 2 Peter 1:4
- 13th Romans 8:28
- 14th 2 Peter 1:5-8
- 15th Acts 4:10
- 16th Colossians 3:12
- 17th Psalm 23:1-3
- 18th Romans 15:13
- 19th Galatians 5:22-23
- 20th 1 Peter 2:2-3
- 21st Jeremiah 17:7-8
- 22nd Ephesians 6:10-11
- 23rd James 1:12
- 24th Romans 6:23
- 25th 1 John 1:9
- 26th Philippians 1:29
- 27th Psalm 62:7
- 28th 1 Timothy 2:5-6
- 29th 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 30th Isaiah 53:3-4
- 31st Isaiah 53:5-6