

# NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - March 2020

## Living through Lent...

We live in times when we have never had so much. Our supermarkets are full of an array of goods our grandparents could never have imagined when they were young. Advertising continually barages us with advice that we need more of this and that, because 'we are worth it' (as one company assures us). Buying anything is at our fingertips - whether it be breakfast cereal, electronic gadgets or books via those friendly folk at Amazon. There seems no end to our need to accumulate, or change what we have. Indeed, our economy depends on it.



## LENT

Lent, however, is a time when we are asked to look again at what we have and who we are. Do we really need more, or might we be better with less in certain areas of our lives? This year, like none before, has made us particularly aware of the plight of our planet as we seek to consume more and more of its resources as a human race. There are those warning that we are heading for extinction if we do not halt the slide. So for me, this year's Lent does have a 'climate' theme to it.

It is common for people to give up things for Lent - chocolate, booze, crisps, etc.... But perhaps we need to look beyond these common ways of 'fasting' and to look at our wider lives. I came across someone on Twitter who is trying to do no single-person car journeys during Lent - that would be a real challenge, but admirable and thought-provoking. Perhaps there are other ways in which we can address the Lenten fast, rather than by what just goes into our stomachs.

During these weeks, many of us will be reading special material written for this time. We will be attending Lent Study Groups - this time focused on how we live out and share our everyday faith today. There is the opportunity to come for a Lent Lunch and Bible Exploration on Thursdays - a simple meal of soup and bread as we are fed by the word of God. And we can also join on Friday evenings to journey with Jesus on his way to the cross and learn a little more about what it might be for us to 'take up our cross each day and follow him.'

This is a special time which gives us opportunity to focus more deeply on what motivates us - what makes us the people we are - what it is that is distinctive about being a Christian. I encourage all of you to think deeply about these things and to avail yourselves of the opportunities provided at All Saints to come closer to Jesus and therefore to God.

With every blessing for this holy time.

Father T. Becken

## March

1st	<b>LENT 1</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	6.00pm	Taizé Service
2nd	2.00pm	Lent Group
3rd	7.00pm	Lent Group
4th	7.30pm	Eucharist
5th	11.00am	Aaron Court Communion
	12.30pm	Lent Lunch & Bible Exploration
6th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
7th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
8th	<b>LENT 2</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
9th	2.00pm	Lent Group
	7.00pm	PCC
10th	7.00pm	Lent Group
11th	7.30pm	Eucharist
12th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch & Bible Exploration
13th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
15th	<b>LENT 3</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
16th	2.00pm	Lent Group
17th	7.00pm	Lent Group
18th	7.30pm	Eucharist
19th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch & Bible Exploration
20th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
21st	10.00am	Coffee Stop
22nd	<b>LENT 4 - Mothering Sunday</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
23rd	2.00pm	Lent Group
24th	7.00pm	Lent Group
25th	<b>Annunciation</b>	
	7.30pm	Eucharist
26th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch & Bible Exploration
27th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
28th	11.00am	Concert Rehearsal (until 4pm)

29th	<b>LENT 5</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
30th	2.00pm	Lent Group
31st	7.00pm	Lent Group

### APRIL 1ST

**7.30pm** Chrism Mass  
at St Hugh, Eyres Monsell  
*Bishop Norman*



### Chamber Music at Scraptoft Church 4.30pm, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020

#### **Haydn**

*String Quartet 'The Lark'*

#### **York Bowen**

*Quintet for Bass Clarinet and Strings*

#### **Mozart**

*Serenade for 13 wind instruments 'Gran Partita'*

**Performed by members of the Scraptoft Ensemble**

**Conductor: Hugh McLaren**

*All Saints' Church, Church Hill, Scraptoft, LE7 9SN*

*Tickets on the door: adults £7, under 16s free of charge*

