



Services for February 2018



4 February

8.00am
9.30am
11.00am
11.00am
3.00pm
6.30pm

The Second Sunday before Lent

Stalbridge – Holy Communion
Stalbridge – Holy Communion
Purse Caundle – Holy Communion
King's Stag – Morning Worship
The Pound, Stalbridge – Snowdrop Memorial Service
Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



8 February

6.00pm

Thursday

Stalbridge – Healing Service within Holy Communion

11 February

9.30am
11.00am
6.30pm

The Sunday next before Lent

Stalbridge – Holy Communion
Stourton Caundle – Holy Communion
Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



14 February

7.00pm

Ash Wednesday

Stalbridge – Holy Communion

18 February

8.00am
9.30am
11.00am
6.30pm

The First Sunday of Lent

Stalbridge – Holy Communion
Stalbridge – Holy Communion
King's Stag – Holy Communion
Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



25 February

8.00am
9.30am
11.00am
4.00pm

The Second Sunday of Lent

Stock Gaylard – Holy Communion
Stalbridge – Holy Communion
Stourton Caundle – Holy Communion
Stalbridge Hub – Questions, tea and hymns



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Purse Caundle, Stalbridge, Stock Gaylard

Stourton Caundle

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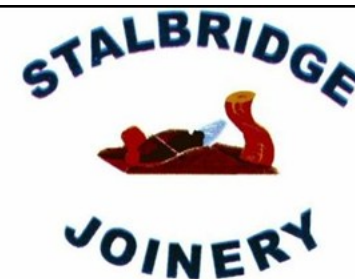
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THOUGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

Have you ever heard the expression “thinking outside the box”? It would strike fear into lots of people as most of us would probably rather stay where we feel safe and know what’s going on. This feeling is natural and human but sometimes events happen which force us to look again at things and try something new and challenging.

In Stalbridge and the surrounding villages there is a lot which is challenging for us at the start of 2018. The possibility of new building, the future of our surgery, the loss of retail businesses on the high street and that old chestnut Brexit to name just a few could make us feel very unsettled and nervous and we are right to be so.

Those who feel they belong to St. Mary’s church family, (and by this we mean everyone who has any connection or love of the church and not just those who come up to the church to services), are having to re-assess how we worship God in the 21st century.

As we move into the last months before our priest goes into his well-deserved retirement we are looking at how we can offer what people want in the way of worship and community so that any future priest would be excited to come and be with us in rural North Dorset. So moving forward the idea is to try “worship outside the box” on the fifth Sundays of the month plus one or two other special and hopefully more easily accessible gatherings. In 2018 these include Mothering Sunday 11th March, and the fifth Sundays of 29th April, 29th July and 30th September.

All of these events will include music/singing, talking/praying together, activities and plenty of refreshments. Most of them will be in venues which are NOT the church building.

If YOU have any suggestions or ideas how these might appeal to YOU please let us know; all the contacts details are printed in this magazine. This new approach gives everyone who reads the magazine an opportunity to have a say or ask a question. Change is scary but it can be exciting too and being pro-active rather than reactive in this project as well as the other issues which are challenging Stalbridge and its neighbours might bring us all closer together. Our community is made up of people and each one is vital and important. We are lucky to live in such beautiful surroundings, let’s thank God for that by accepting the challenges in front of us and working together for the good of everyone.

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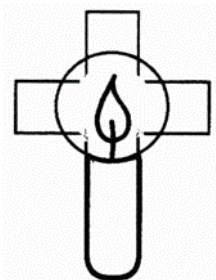
Ash Wednesday, 14th February



At 7pm in Stalbridge Parish Church, from across the parishes of the benefice, we are invited to worship together on this first day of Lent. The service will include hymns and an opportunity to receive the sign of the cross (the ash of last year's palm crosses) marked on the forehead as a sign of penitence and our mortality.

Thursdays in Lent in Spire Hill

On five Thursdays beginning on 22 February, there will be said services of Holy Communion at 10am in Stalbridge Parish Church, and at 6.30pm at Stourton Caundle Parish Church. At these services during Lent, there will be a short homily to help us prepare for the festival of resurrection. We are exhorted by the writer of the letter of James to 'Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.'



Editor: with Valentines Day in mind

Oops!

Memory is what tells a man his wedding anniversary was yesterday

Know your spouse

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other. He addressed Tom. For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower? Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, It's self-raising, isn't it? The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right now

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Mass is 11.00am

For further information contact

Father Martin Budge

Telephone 01258 820388



Weekday Prayer at Stalbridge Parish Church

There is Morning Prayer at 8.00am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Mondays, the pilgrim clergy travel around the five benefices of the Pilgrim Vale.

Evening Prayer is said daily at 5.00pm, except Wednesdays. This 5.00pm time may vary dependent on other pastoral needs.

There is a said service of Holy Communion on Thursday at 10.00am. There's a cup of coffee and biscuits with chat after this 30 minute service.



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KINGS STAG NEWS

On 4th February at 11am, there is Morning Worship in the memorial chapel that will reflect on the Word made flesh. As we hold our lives before God, may we know God's delight, receive God's love, and go about resourced to play our part in the world.



On 18th February at 11am in the memorial chapel, there is Holy Communion. We hear from the Gospel of Mark that the Spirit is at the heart of Jesus' baptism experience, and angels support him during testing times in the wilderness. Jesus returns to Galilee, proclaims that the kingdom of God is near and calls people to repent.

On 25th February in St Barnabas' Church, Stock Gaylard, there is Holy Communion at 8am. Jesus explains that he must embrace rejection and suffering. Peter protests and is rebuked; Jesus tells his disciples that being his follower means being prepared to share his fate.



Palm crosses from last year are needed to be burnt to make the ash for the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Please bring your palm cross back to any service up to and including 11th February. The palm crosses will be burnt at the end of Evening Prayer at Stalbridge Parish Church on 11th February (6.30pm).



The Methodist Church

During February there are two services as in January. The first, on the 11th, the second on 25th February, both are Worship Services starting at 6.00pm. There is still the opportunity to participate in the Kings Stag Coffee Morning held this month on the 20th February at its usual time of 10.00am – 11.30am where the creamy, caring, cappuccino may be served.



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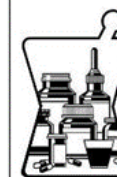
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DOWN: 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.

School play

A little boy got a part in the school play and went home to tell his father. I'm going to play a man who has been married for 25 years.

Well done, that's great, replied his father. And maybe next time, you'll get a speaking role!

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The President Wendy Bailey welcomed both members and visitors to the January WI meeting. As well as singing Jerusalem, we sang 'Happy Birthday' to Ann Mattock who celebrated her birthday that day and was one of the recipients of a beautiful, Birthday Posy made by Wendy.

In December events included several members joining others from all over the county for a Carol Service in Sherborne Abbey, a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch at 'The Virginia Ash' where Jane Smith arranged a variation on the usual 'Secret Santa' with the Christmas present draw, we all took a wrapped present and received one back.

Wendy Bailey was thanked for the upkeep of the flowers in the trough in Station Road.

The WI have been asked to help with doing the teas in Dikes Cafe after the Snowdrop Service on the Feb 4th, any donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

Stalbridge WI will be hosting the 'Speakers Auditions' on March 13th and help from volunteers will be needed to assist with food.

Well done to the Skittles team who have reached the second round, they will be playing at the Royal British Legion in Blandford on the 24th Jan, they would still like a few more players to join them.

Daniel Miller from 'The Dorset Dairy Company' told us how he and his partner Alex had started up the company on the family farm of 60 years, here on the outskirts of Stalbridge. They accessed second hand equipment having to thoroughly clean out the old cow stall, which had previously been used for calf rearing and laterly as Daniel's music room!! Then having to decorate it before being able to use it.

They started by making cheese, progressing to strained or Greek Yoghurt, using 100 litres of milk to make 30 litres of Yoghurt. Advertising the product with 'Tastings' at farm shops etc, also in Dikes in Sept 2016. Then in London, March 2017 they entered the 'Virgin Food Entrepreneurs', also attending the 'Specialist and Fine Foods Festival' in London, gaining interest from 'Fortnum &

Mason'. Through the Internet they are able to supply establishments in London quickly, Daniel said Alex deals with that side of it (she's the internet wizard). He was obviously very passionate about his product, having to put a lot of hard work into producing and promoting it. Daniel left us with several different flavoured Yoghurts to sample, I liked the Honey one rather than the savoury flavours.

The 'Flower of the Month' was won by Wendy Bailey and June Harman. The competition for 'A Pretty or Unusual Milk Jug', 1st was Wendy, 2nd was June, and 3rd was Sheila Orchard.

Next months meeting will be on the 1st of Feb. when the speaker will be Nick Fidgin talking about 'Labyrinths - Pathway to Peace in a Stressful World' and the competition is for 'An Unusual Stone or Pebble'.

Prospective new members and visitors welcome. Elizabeth Wareham

THE STALBRIDGE ARCHIVE SOCIETY

As we look back over 2017, it is hard to believe that the Archive has come so far. In the spring we realised that we would have to formalise our collection and have a constitution and bank account in order to raise much needed funding and professional help in cataloguing – after all we are not much help if we cannot find items you want to view!

Our first AGM will be on Monday 5th March at 7.30 pm in the Hub. Anyone interested in the Archive will be very welcome to attend.

In April we had a display of school photographs from 1900 - 2000 at the Hub which was later shown at the school, this created a lot of interest. In November we held an exhibition of prominent Stalbridge business men from the Victorian age which was well attended and again many people enjoyed.

Thank you all for coming to see what we have collected and a very big thank you to all those who have gifted items to the Archive or loaned them to us to copy for the enjoyment of future generations.

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Diary Dates for February 2018

*Some of the events happening mainly in the Benefice of Spire Hill.
The rector's usual day off duty is Wednesday.*

2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

4 The Second Sunday before Lent

- 3.00pm Snowdrop Memorial Service at The Pound, Stalbridge
- 5 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 8 9.10am Stalbridge School worship at the parish church
- 6.00pm Healing Service within Holy Communion at Stalbridge
- 10 9.00am Rector meets with ministers of Hazelbury Benefice
- 2.00pm Holy Baptism of Ruby Debathe at Stourton Caundle Parish Church

11 The Sunday next before Lent

- 12 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 7.30pm Purse Caundle PCC meets
- 13 10.00am Rector visiting in Purse Caundle
- 14 **Ash Wednesday**
- 7.00pm Holy Communion at Stalbridge Parish Church
- 15 11.00am Rector visiting in King's Stag
- 7.30pm Stourton Caundle PCC meets

18 The First Sunday of Lent

- 19 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 20 12.00pm Clergy of Blackmore Vale Deanery meet

25 The Second Sunday of Lent

- 4.00pm Questions, tea and hymns at the Hub, Station Road, Stalbridge
- 26 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 27 10.00am Rector visiting in Stourton Caundle



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at 25: Romance
at 45: Rent
at 65: Rheumatism

How it happened -in verse

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- gave a shriek, and then she sank.
Boy on bank heard her shout,
jumped right in and helped her out.
Now he's hers – very nice; but it
was her had to break the ice.

Do you believe in love at first sight,
or should I drive by again?

Inside some of us is a thin person
struggling to get out, but they can
usually be sedated with a few pieces
of chocolate cake.

Stalbridge Singers



Sunday 25th March

@ 2.00pm

Following their successful concert in the school last year the Singers are presenting another concert in the School Hall, this time in aid of new stage lights for the school. The choir has grown from strength to strength over the last couple of years and are proving popular with a local following. This women's choir will perform a mixed programme of music that covers a broad spectrum of music from quiet reflection to show stoppers. Tickets will be on sale soon, keep a look out in the Stalbridge Community Facebook page. There could very well be cake!

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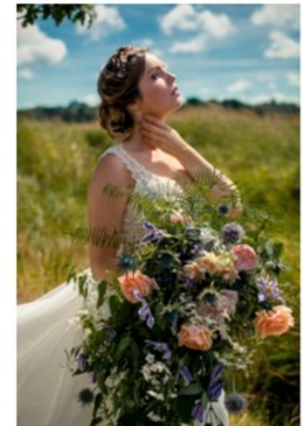
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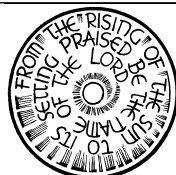
Being a priest is not a normal job, certainly not one where regular office hours apply. To try and keep a grasp of reality the Rector normally takes a day away from parish duties on a Wednesday,

Weekday Worship at Stalbridge Parish Church

Monday to Friday

8am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday at 10am Holy Communion



PURSE CAUNDLE NEWS



Yes, there are new heaters and new lighting in St Peter's Church! Come along on 4th February and join us for Holy Communion at 11am. We shall hear John's song of creation which makes it clear that the Christ has been with God since before the beginning of time. In the person of Jesus, the word became flesh and lived among us, bringing the light and life of God, full of glory, grace and truth.



STOURTON CAUNDLE NEWS

On 11th February at 11am in St Peter's Church, we shall hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus. High on a mountain, three disciples are given a vision of a gloriously transformed Jesus. They see Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus, and they are terrified. A voice says,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.'

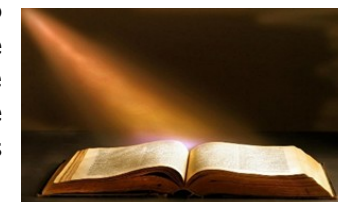


FOURTH SUNDAY @THE HUB

25th February at the Hub, Stalbridge

With a cup of tea and a slice of cake, there will be a conversation with the Scriptures and how the Gospels of Mark and John can inform and challenge our journey through Lent. The journey

through Lent is one where we are invited to reflect on the cost of following Jesus who gave his life to redeem us. The scriptures challenge us to examine our lives to see how we are living; they are also an aid to bringing our lives into conformity with that of Jesus.



Gonzo Moose - The Thing that came from Over There

It's 1912, and as Scott and Amundsen begin their race across Antarctica, the hapless explorer, Captain Reginald Cranston has accidentally landed on the wrong side of the continent. As Cranston and his motley band set up base camp, a meteor crashes nearby. Deciding to Investigate, they set out towards the crash site - unaware of the danger that awaits not just them, but the whole of planet earth.

What ancient evil lurks inside the crater?

What is the dark secret of the slimy fungus?

And what is the horrifying fate of those who encounter the parasitic space worms?

Inspired by the movies of the 1950's, 'The Thing That Came From Over There' is a fast-paced rollicking ride, mixing paranoia, suspense and hilariously gruesome deaths. Join three daring actors as they play over 15 roles in a show packed with shocks, spine tingling silliness, and blood curdling terror. With comedy and thrills galore, expect visual gags, verbal wit, giant puppetry, and even a little live music! Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the counties touring arts charity.

The show starts at 7.30pm, tickets are Adults £9.00, Children £6.00, family tickets £25.00.



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MEDIUM PUZZLE

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

DOWN

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

4 Belief (5)

5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)

6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)

10 A seer (anag.) (5)

11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)

12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)

13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)

14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of

16 Across, — and Dolls (4)

15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)

18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)

20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)

21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)

22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)

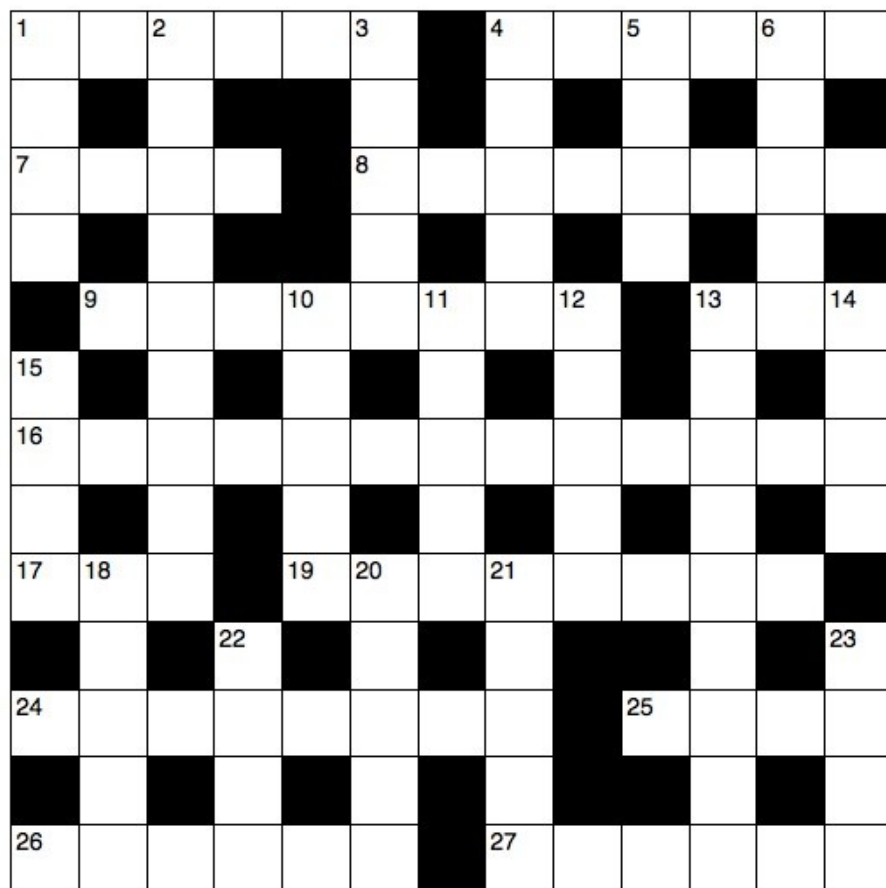
23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

Prayers

My 10 year-old niece says her prayers every night, but instead of amen, she says "click, send."

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February's Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

THE COMMUNITY OFFICE @THE HUB

The Community Information Office is located in the Stalbridge Hub next to the Library in Station Road and is open during the following hours:

Mon	2-4.00pm	Tue	9.30-12 noon
Wed	9.30-12 noon	Thu	Closed
Fri	2-4.00pm	Sat	9.30-12 noon

Church surgeries are no longer held in the office, but messages can be passed to Canon William Ridding in confidence.

Bill Batty-Smith will be available on Saturday 3rd and Saturday 17th February, for enquiries pertaining to District Council matters.

Future events include a Book Fair on Saturday 24th March and an Open Day on Saturday April 7th

Details on how to contact Age UK, Age Concern, The Dorset Credit Union, CAB and First Point You are held in the office. The Mindful Café, supporting people with memory problems and their carers, will be open on Monday 5th February between 10am and 12noon. As well as refreshments and a happy chat with others, there is help with information and advice for individuals and their carers. SCARS, the cancer support group, will meet on Friday 23rd February from 2 – 4pm.

The Age Concern IT wizards are in the hub on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings to give free advice and help with any laptop, computer or iPad problem you may have.

The Snowdrop Memorial Book is located in the Tim Stone room, leaflets to have a name added to the book are available. The memorial service will be held on The Pound on Sunday 4th February.

Air Ambulance diaries are still available in the Hub.

Many organisations are now using the Hub so please look at the Stalbridge community website for information: www.stalbridge.info this excellent website will give you details of what's on in Stalbridge, businesses, clubs, the town council, churches, schools and many other ideas.

If you would like to become a volunteer in the Community Office please contact us on 01963 364177 or call in during our opening hours to find out more. We are in need of more volunteers.



Pilgrim Parishes

2018 Pilgrimage 20th – 27th May

'Companions on the Road'

Our local programme will include walks, prayer stops, short church services and shared food.

- Walks between churches in the Blackmore Vale area including Lydlinch, Marnhull, Hammoon, Child Okeford and Shillingstone.
- A Friday evening walk from St Andrews, Okeford Fitzpaine up Okeford Hill with an open-air service near the beacon.
- A Saturday circular walk and cream tea at Hinton St Mary.
- A joint service at St Mary's, Sturminster Newton led by Bishop Karen of Sherborne.

Full detailed programme and timings will be available in local churches and on the website
(www.pilgrimparishes.btck.co.uk) during March.

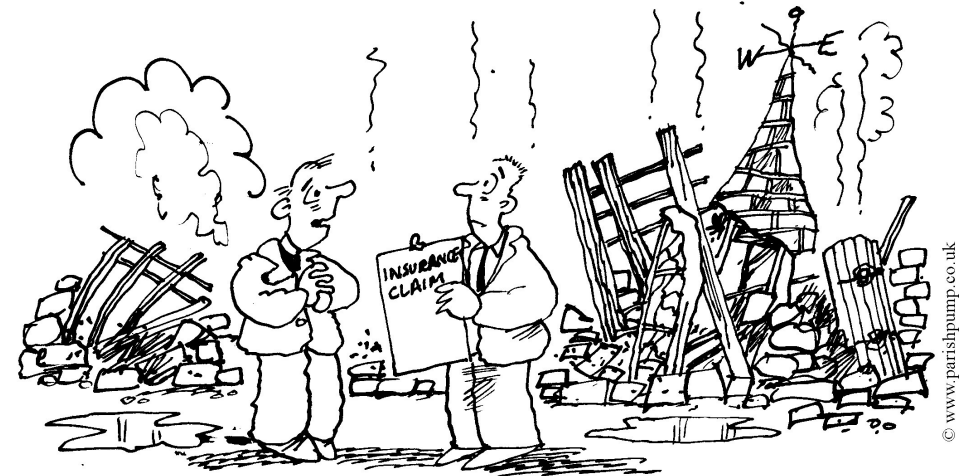
EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL, WALKERS AND NON-WALKERS ALIKE. YOU MAY JOIN AND LEAVE AT ANY PLACE AND ANY TIME. SOME TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE!

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MEDIUM SOLUTION



...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...



STALBRIDGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Due to unexpected illness it has not been possible to publish the details for this month's services and clubs. Please consult the notice board for the latest news and activities. Hopefully all will be restored soon

Response

A time of Silence for reflection, ending with

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

Those serving through leadership

Those looking for forgiveness

Those misled by the false gods of this present age

All who are hungry

The Collect

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost;

to fight and not to heed the wounds;

to toil and not to seek for rest;

to labour and not to seek for any reward,

save that of knowing that we do your will.

Amen. *Ignatius of Loyola (1556)*

The Lord's Prayer

The Conclusion

May God bless us and show us compassion and mercy.

Amen.

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Prayer During the Day in February (Lent)

Many people have evolved a daily Quiet Time, for reading Scripture and for praying. With this in mind, Prayer During the Day is offered as a framework for personal devotion; it follows a pattern which may be shared with others. In this way Christians can be united in their worship.

Be comfortable. A lighted candle or a cross in front of you may be helpful.

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears.

Psalm 39.13

Praise

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

Anselm (1109)

The Word of God

Read one or more of these psalms

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Scripture Reading

Read the Bible passage and notes from *New Daylight (The Bible Reading Fellowship)*, or other notes, or one of passages below.

Sunday (Romans 6.3-5)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Monday (Joel 2.12-14)

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God?

Tuesday (1 Corinthians 9.24-27)

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

Wednesday (Romans 7.21-25)

I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Thursday (Isaiah 58.6-9a)

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear-guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Friday (Matthew 6.1-4)

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.'

Saturday (Luke 10.38-42)

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."