

All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page



Dear Friends,

I have greatly enjoyed watching the Winter Olympic games in the last weeks of February: the skill of the individual athletes, the courage to push themselves to the edge, the camaraderie amongst the competitors within the national teams, and even between teams; it has been a heart-warming demonstration of the world uniting in sport, and enjoying the possibility of new friendships and achievements. The tragic death of the Georgian luge competitor was a sharp reminder of both the inherent dangers of some of the events, but also the courage of those who are aiming for the best, to win the prize of a medal.

God has a vision of a united world, of humankind pulling together to become all He longs for us to become. It was that vision that inspired and enabled Jesus to face the cross, and ultimately it is the cross and resurrection of Christ that makes possible that great vision.

Jesus' death, and the events surrounding it, is remembered through Lent and during Holy Week. These are occasions to pause in the hectic pressures of living, space to reflect, take breath, catch the vision again, and of renewal of faith and trust. It can be a time of fresh exploration of timeless truth. Jesus promises that those who seek will find, that those who knock at the 'door' will find it opened to them, that those who have the courage to ask, will receive.

Your parish church is open for prayer every day during daylight hours – so may I invite you to take time out, to pause, to make space in the daily routines during this special time of year, and come aside - to catch the vision again. And if you have questions, don't forget the OtQ events around the Parish during March! (see opposite panel for details)

With my warmest greetings, Richard

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Almighty God,

You give humankind a vision for unity and hope, the courage to aspire to the highest goals, to strive for the best.

Thank you for making the best possible for us all through the events of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Please give us the faith and courage we need in the daily demands of life to hold on to what is good, to that which unites, and to work for reconciliation and peace in our world.

We pray in Jesus' name,

Amen.

MARCH calendar:

Sunday 14th:

Mothering Sunday Family Service 10.00am

Sunday 28th:

Palm Sunday Holy Communion 10.00 am

OtQ = Open to Question

Many people have questions about faith and the Christian Faith in particular, but few have the opportunity to ask those questions. During Lent this year we are holding a number of OtQ events around the Parish. These will be open to anyone who would like to come (whether or not you attend church), and will be informal in style. The dates and venues for these events are below.

We look forward to seeing you.

Dates:

March 8th (Monday) at 1 All Saints Close - 10.00 am

March 18th (Thursday) at 4 Morland Road – 8.00pm

March 19th (Friday) at Hawthorne House,
Garford – 8.00pm

March 25th (Thursday) at 28 Parkside - 8.00pm

Parish people:

We extend our sympathy to the family of

Robert Langford of Sweetbriar.

Rob's funeral took place at

All Saints' on 5th February.

Regular services and events:

Sundays at All Saints': 10am and 6pm
(8am first Sunday)

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first
Sunday of the month

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