

PEW NEWS

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Sunday 21 February 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Dear friends,

Mark's gospel is very concise. Unlike Matthew and Luke, he records no detail of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Mark's concern is to link Jesus' baptism, temptation and proclamation to 'repent and believe the good news'. This makes for an excellent start to Lent. We recall our own baptism, through the waters of which Peter reminds us, we are saved. When we repent and seek God's forgiveness, our baptismal state is restored and the image of God in us, once tarnished, shines again. God's covenant with Noah, sealed afresh is Jesus holds good

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

1 Peter 3.18–end

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1.9–15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Services this week

**Sunday 21st February – Lent 1
Sunday service on Zoom**

Joining details - Please note the new link for the next few weeks!!!

Topic: Sunday Service

Time: Feb 21, 2021 10:30 AM London

Every week on Sun, until March 21st

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87626356978?pwd=MGtERktCYzNEWUE1OUVyM2VOQmlrQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 2635 6978

Passcode: 394191

Sarah on leave

Please note that Sarah is taking a week off at home from Monday 22nd to Monday 1st March. Her husband is locking the study door, so she won't be able to answer the phone or emails. For emergencies, please contact your church warden.

Lent Groups

Lent Groups will start on Wednesday 3rd March.

The time is to be confirmed.

We will be looking at aspects of prayer.

Live prayer service for those who mourn

Have you lost a loved one during the COVID pandemic? Join Bishop Ruth for an hour of prayer live on Facebook for those who have died, and those who loved them.

She will be live on [the diocesan Facebook page](#) at 2pm on 3 March and the service will also be [streamed on the diocesan website home page](#). Joining on Facebook will allow you to submit the names of those you mourn, so they can be remembered by name.

#LiveLent 2021 church resources: God's Story, Our Story

The Church of England's Lent resources theme for 2021 is [#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story](#), based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, [Living His Story by Hannah Steele](#).

With Shrove Tuesday just around the corner, we have collated all the free resources for you to use and share with your church community.

We'd love to see what you are up to this Lent, so do share your posts on social media using the hashtag #LiveLent.



#LiveLent Reflections

From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, there are six reflections each week.

Join in by:

- [Purchasing the booklet \(large print format available\)](#)
- [Downloading the app](#)
- [Signing up to receive the emails](#)



Audio

Listen to each day's reflection through the free #LiveLent app.

Using a smart speaker at home? Just say "**Ask the Church of England for today's LiveLent reflection**" to listen on your Amazon Alexa or Google Home device.

Find out more [here](#).

No internet?

Do you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet? Each day the [Daily Hope line](#) will be updated with the each day's audio reflection paired with a hymn.

Enjoy by calling the free phone number 0800 804 8044.

Group study

Follow a group study exploring the weekly reflection themes.

Available as a [free download from SPCK](#).

Free Music

New hymns for Lent and Easter have been published on the Resource Hub to use in livestreamed or pre-recorded services.

Take a look [here](#).

Family activities

Daily Family activities, exploring a story or theme from the day's reflection, can be found on the #LiveLent app.

Download the app [here](#).