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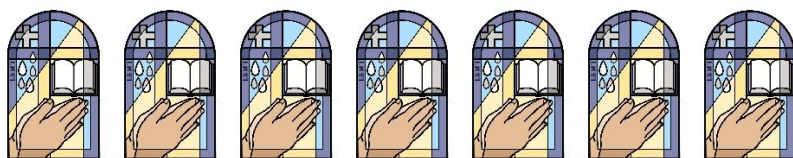


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## LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

The arrival of March heralds the start of spring and its promise of better weather. March always provides a wealth of important dates in the Christian calendar too. The month begins with St David's Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> followed by St Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>.



This year Shrove Tuesday (or Pancake Day) will be celebrated on 4 March. The word shrove is derived from shrive, meaning to confess sins. Making pancakes used up all the fat in the household before Lent when there would be fasting and plain food. The earliest pancake recipe dates back to 1430. Ash Wednesday, on 5 March, being the first day of Lent, gets its name from the ashes received in church on this day created by burning the previous year's palm crosses. Ashes have been a symbol of mourning and penitence since Old Testament times and have been a feature of the start of Lent since the eighth century, being a remnant of 'sackcloth and ashes' worn in early days to acknowledge repentance and unworthiness. The priest makes a sign of the cross with ashes on each person's forehead, reminding us that our bodies will one day be dust in the ground. Yet by receiving ash on our heads, we acknowledge God as Creator and remind ourselves that, although we are flesh which will die, our spirit is immortal.

On Sunday 30 March (the fourth Sunday of Lent), we celebrate Mothering Sunday. Until the late twentieth century, the first reading at church services had a mother image: 'Jerusalem ..... mother of us all'. This original 'mother' theme was extended from Jerusalem to the 'mother' church – the cathedral or the parish church which it became traditional to visit in mid-Lent. When village congregations visited the nearby mother church, maybe in the town, older children would have met up with their families and so mothers of children were embraced into the mothering theme from the 1600's. Young people in domestic service were allowed a home visit six months after being hired at autumn fairs. This became known as going 'a mothering' or 'mid-Lenting'. Walking home they would pick wild flowers for their mothers, and today it is traditional to give out posies of flowers to care-givers on this Sunday.

And, finally, also on Mothering Sunday as this year it is on the last Sunday in March, the clocks go forward as we welcome British Summer Time, when we can really begin to enjoy those longer, warmer days of spring and all the new life that they bring!

Every blessing,





## CHURCH NEWS

### REVEREND REG



On Sunday 2 February Reverend Reginald Grant, previously Assistant Curate of St Mark's Reigate, was appointed Associate Priest of St Mark's Reigate. He was licensed by the Archdeacon of Reigate, The Venerable Moira Astin, during the 10.00am Service.

This recognises that Reg is no longer in training and that he will continue to minister at St Mark's and take on more responsibility.

The congregation joined Reg and his family in the hall for some cake and drinks to celebrate the occasion.



**Pictured:** Andrea Gordon, Nichola Gordon-Charlton, Rev Martin Colton, The Venerable Moira Astin, Rev Reg Grant, Lauriette Grant, Aaron Turnquest, Franz Hepburn  
**Front row:** Duchess Williams-Alongo, Cahled Grant and Lucas Grant



## **EASTER GARDEN TIDY**

We will be working in the church gardens on Saturday 12 April. If you can join us, even for an hour or so, it would be much appreciated. Meet us from 10.00am - coffee/tea and cake included.



**Patricia Bird and Elisabeth Davis**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent will start on **Wednesday 5 March, Ash Wednesday**. On this Holy Day of Obligation when all should endeavour to attend worship, there will be celebrations of Holy Communion with Ashing in Church at 11.00am and at 8.00pm to allow as many to attend as possible.

## **LENT COURSE**

We will be using a new course on The Sacraments by Jane Williams. This will be on **Thursdays at 11.00am** during Lent, starting on **Thursday 13 March**. All welcome.

## **LENT LUNCHESES**

If you would like to host a Lent Lunch this year, please contact the Parish Office to register your interest and possible dates you can offer. These are to raise funds for the Bishop's appeal for projects in this diocese and in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. A list of lunches will be published soon.

## **BROCKHAM CHORAL**

Brockham Choral perform Joseph Haydn's 'The Creation' on Saturday 5 April at 7.30 pm at St Martin's Church, Dorking, RH4 1UX.

Solists include, Soprano, Lorna Murray, Tenor, David Walsh, Bass, Ross Cumming. Cole Bendall, Musical Director conducts British Sinfonietta, Orchestra.

**Admission:** Adults £20, Children, students under 18 in full-time education £10.

**Ticket purchase:** <https://brockhamchoral.org/tickets>

More information: [www.brockhamchoral.org](http://www.brockhamchoral.org)



## **News from the Church of England**

### **Holy Land Coordination 2025 – Final Communiqué**

The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun has recently returned from Jerusalem having participated in the 2025 Holy Land Co-ordination which coincided with the ceasefire coming into effect on Sunday. During his visit, Bishop Christopher had meetings with Archbishop Hosam Naoum and Dean Richard Sewell at Saint George's.

Bishop Christopher is a signatory to the Communiqué and the Bishops' Final Statement of the 2025 Holy Land Coordination (18-23 January 2025) can be read below.

'A lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.' 2 Peter 1:19

We came to the Holy Land, this Jubilee Year, as pilgrims of hope. We came in hope that a fragile ceasefire agreement, announced as we travelled here, would hold. We came looking forward to those, in both Israel and Palestine, who have suffered the atrocities of violence and war, being able to rebuild their shattered lives, to mourn the loss of their loved ones, to come together again as families and to start on the long, uncertain road to recovery.

Joy at the return of Israeli hostages and the release of Palestinian prisoners is marred by the knowledge that so many will not return: hostages, prisoners, countless dead. We note widespread concern at the fragility of the ceasefire; that it may bring respite but not the sustained and lasting peace for which the Holy Land cries out. An online meeting with the parish priest of Holy Family Parish in Gaza impressed upon us the devastation being experienced by the whole population.

The impact of war on the whole West Bank is rarely reported at home. We have been privileged to listen first-hand to several communities of Christians in the West Bank. To them we wish to say:

"Thank you for the most generous welcome you extended towards us; for helping us understand the extraordinary efforts being made in the fields of healthcare and education to preserve the dignity of all those living in the West Bank. Your communities are a light in the darkness of a suffering Land. We were moved to hear how often Christians expressed their commitment to stay and rebuild the lives of their people.

"Thank you, as well, for sharing all the struggles you experience: the severe restriction on movement; the sudden road closures which add hours to short journeys and so inhibit normal daily life but most especially urgent medical assistance; the lack of water and electricity; the impossibility of constructing new buildings; the high level of unemployment after so many work permits were cancelled with the start of war.

We recognised the need for the respective governments to work together to resolve these vital issues.

“We saw how settlements, illegal under international law, which were once enclaves have grown to surround you to make enclaves now of your communities. We hear your cry for peace with justice and your anxiety at what will happen when the focus turns away from Gaza; what will happen to your land. There is a clear need for the international community to act together to facilitate realistic and radical development assistance, as part of a process towards achieving a lasting peace.

“We came to tell you that you are not alone; that you are not forgotten. Your faith and resilience strengthen our own faith. We hope that our coming among you encourages you and will inspire Christians from our different countries to return to the Holy Land on pilgrimage. We hope that pilgrims will journey not only to the Holy Sites of Jerusalem, Galilee and Bethlehem, but that they will also come to visit communities like Aboud, Ephraim-Taybeh, and Ramallah so they too can draw inspiration from your faithfulness to the Land in which Jesus was born.” We join with Patriarch Pizzaballa and the Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land in their hope that the ceasefire amounts to more than a pause in hostilities and marks the start of a genuine and lasting peace. We share their conviction that this can only be achieved “through a just solution that addresses the origin of this long-standing struggle; (that it will require) a long process, a willingness to acknowledge each other’s suffering and a focused education in trust that leads to overcoming fear of the other and the justification of violence as a political tool.”



## **Dramatic Changes**

I expect most of us have lives that follow a steady course, but some have to experience dramatic changes. These can sometimes be at the decision of ourselves but often due to outside sources, or people. Examples can be the death of someone we love, a dramatic change in the health of ourselves or others, the loss of a job or an inner driving power within us to make a change. Often such a change, that might well be unpopular with us, or at least with those we love, seems tragical. Not only do our former plans go out the window but new plans have to be formed.

As so often in my scribbles I look to the bible for help in a difficult situation, and in this case I think of St Paul, then known as Saul, his experience described in the Acts of The Apostles.

Here was a confident, enthusiastic, powerful, and cruel Jewish leader hoping to do all he could to destroy the Christians. Having obtained from the High Priests letters



authorising him to make his way to Damascus to round these men and women up, binding them until he could get them to Jerusalem, he was seemingly enjoying this challenge, breathing threats and murder against the Christian disciples.

But suddenly a light shined about him and he fell to the ground hearing a voice saying "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Jesus replied "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." Saul was struck blind and although his eyes were open he could no longer see. However, this man, who up to then had been in control of that gang of Jews, was told where to go in that next stage of the change that had come over him, and he obeyed those instructions. Here was a violent and determined man changing his course and very nature to a new way for the rest of his life.

His sight was restored but what a shock that experience must have been to him. He was now convinced that he was an apostle out of his time, as Jesus had already died and was resurrected. But Saul, who was renamed Paul, was crucial to the massive spreading of the Gospel throughout that world. How would Christianity have been if he had not travelled and shared with so many the realities of his new faith? His answer was that all the efforts he made was only through the Grace of Jesus Christ, himself.

We are not likely to experience such a dramatic change but, in some cases, however vivid it is, the change we have to undergo could be a positive turning point for the rest of our life, too. Our life and personality might change, hopefully for the better, so we can help others more, whom we meet every day.

**Ian Archer**



## **Bearing fruit takes time**

The nine fruits of the Spirit are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. We don't strive for the fruits of the Spirit, rather we plant ourselves in good soil, allow ourselves to be fed by the Holy Spirit, keep taking in nourishment, turn to face the light of Christ and these fruits will develop and grow in our lives.

Can you tell whether a tree is an apple tree or a pear tree? Not easily when they are in blossom, but very easily when they bear fruit. Bearing fruit takes time and a lot of planting, preparation, nurture and growth.

March is the time of year when gardeners begin to plant seeds ready for summer, but patience is needed – the seeds will take a while to germinate, and the gardener needs to write the names of seeds on labels and not forget which are fruit, flowers and vegetables. The seeds need to be in the dark, or the light, or the warmth or the cool, depending at what stage of life they are.

So too, is God with us. God writes our names on His heart; God knows what fruit we can bring forth. God nurtures us and gives us light to grow. But first, we need to be planted and that can be scary.

Maybe you are feeling in a cold dark place this March, maybe it feels as if you've been buried, maybe you've got a weight above you and you can't see the way out. Just think that maybe you've been buried because you've been planted.

With patience there will be warmth and light, be like a seed, trust God, and begin to grow out of the darkness towards God's marvellous light. We won't see fruit immediately; we have to be nourished and mature and ripen. Patience will be given to us, fruit of the seed of the Holy Spirit.

**Parish Pump**

## **Do I go to Church?**

Many Christians, and those without such a faith, may each wonder this every Sunday. We may have so many other things to do that we decided not to go there that morning. But if, like me, Sunday does not seem right without a visit to church, the decision to put other things in place of it is more difficult.

So, what are the advantages? By making that effort I can worship God in the company of so many good friends in lovely surroundings. This, on its own, can refresh me, but usually I have the great bonus of being able, over a cup of coffee afterwards, to more adequately share in my joys and troubles and of those friends wishing a listening ear.

How do we get to church? It is best for those living nearby as then they can walk. So many come by car and are kindly given lifts by others. Some can come by bike. As I can no longer drive, I come by mobility scooter, which is fine when it's not too cold or wet. It was wonderful when, so often, the 102 year-old Margaret Winney was brought to church in a taxi by the carer in the last months of her life. Then so many of the congregation were able to meet and talk with her.

As I said, the day wouldn't be so good for me without that visit to church, and I would hope that I, too, will be some encouragement for others who are there. Of course, we can worship God on our own at home or try to pray in the service as it is streamed, which is great for those confined to their bed or home.

Is worship essential for all of us? Well, when I am given something, I like to say thank you, not always knowing who to thank. As I believe so much of the good things I have been given are from God, I need to thank him and to worship this supreme being is important to me also. Also, in church I usually light a candle in memory of my dear wife, Jenny, who worshipped in our lovely church for so many years.

**Ian Archer**



## A Lent Reflection

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, *'At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!'* Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, *'You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.'* (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in key three areas of His identity: His divine sonship, political power and Messianic role (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus was looking into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He should be.

For us, Lent is an opportunity to hold up a mirror to ourselves and ask the question, *'who am I?'* It's a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and how we should live. What will we see when we hold up the mirror to ourselves? Keeping Lent, the 40 days running up to Easter, could mean taking time to read Scripture, studying a Christian book or spending five minutes each day in silence! We might fast by missing one or two meals, refraining from TV, alcohol, social media, or scrolling on our phones. All of these can help us to give more attention to God in our lives.

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

## Why you love your mother



Gratitude is a large part of Mothering Sunday. So, this month why not spend a few moments thinking back, and ask yourself this:

*What quality or wisdom did your mother bestow on you in childhood, for which you are most grateful now?*

Or you could go to the Sunday School, and ask the children for their response to this:

*What does your mother do each day that makes you think that she loves you?*

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2025

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>St David, Patron Saint of Wales</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday Before Lent – “Green Sunday”</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in the Hall 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in the Hall and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 11.00am Holy Communion with Ashing 3.25pm T-Time Tales 8.00pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm SMART
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00pm Social Ballroom and Latin Dance
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Taizé Prayer
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

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## CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2025

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.25pm T-Time Tales
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 8.00pm Eucharist and Liturgy
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 10.00am Messy Church 1.30pm Liturgy of Good Friday
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Eve</b> 8.00pm Easter Vigil and 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist of Easter
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Thursday of Easter Week</b> 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 8.00pm Social Dance in the Hall
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Mark the Evangelist – Patronal Festival</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 6.00pm Taizé Prayer

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## **Prayer for March 2025**

Dear Lord,

In this month when Lent begins, we remember the difficult journey Jesus made to the cross, to take upon Himself our sins and the sins of the whole world, to bring us the hope of eternal life by His resurrection.

Lord, we bring to You our own journeys through our daily lives. We bring our disappointments, our bewilderment, our pain, as well as our happy times. We thank You that You are with us in and through all of it.

We thank you that the message of Christmas is the message of Lent and the message of every day – You, our God, are with us always, giving us hope and life, because of Jesus.

Thank You that He made that journey for us, and all we have to do is trust in Him. Help us to do that and to share His good news with others, especially those in distress. We pray in His name.  
Amen.

**Daphne Kitching**



## **“Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things”**

He said “Be joyful, keep the faith  
And do the little things”  
Words spoken by a Celtic Saint  
To common folk and kings.  
The joy of the Lord is our strength  
And faith in the goodness of God,  
He has a path for us to walk  
One He’s already trod.  
All that He plans for us to do  
May seem of little worth,  
But they’re the very things He’ll use  
To bring His love to earth.

**Megan Carter**



## All in the month of March

### It was:

**250 years ago**, on 23 March 1775 that Patrick Henry, a Founding Father of the United States, gave a famous speech at the Second Virginia Convention. He called for America's independence from Britain, saying "Give me liberty or give me death!"

**175 years ago**, on 5 March 1850 that the Britannia Bridge linking Anglesey and mainland Wales across the Menai Strait was officially opened. Designed and built by railway engineer Robert Stephenson, it had to be replaced after a disastrous fire in 1970.

**125 years ago**, on 28 March 1900 that the British archaeologist Arthur Evans began excavating the ancient city of Knossos, capital of the Minoan civilisation, in Heraklion, Crete. Knossos is regarded as the oldest city in Europe. It was abandoned (unknown reasons) more than 3,000 years ago.

**100 years ago**, on 21 March 1925 that Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh was officially opened.

**90 years ago**, on 16 March 1935 that driving tests were first introduced in Britain. Three days later, on 19 March, a speed limit of 30 mph in built-up areas was also introduced, under the Road Traffic Act of 1934.

**70 years ago**, on 11 March 1955 that Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist died. Joint winner of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin.

**60 years ago**, on 8 March 1965 that the first US troops arrived in Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the USA's main involvement in the war.

**Also 60 years ago**, on 18 March 1965 that Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov became the first person ever to make a spacewalk.

**50 years ago**, on 26 March 1975 that the Biological Weapons Convention came into effect. This multilateral disarmament treaty banned the development, production and stockpiling of all biological and toxin weapons.

**40 years ago**, on 3 March 1985 that British miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike over pit closures and job losses.

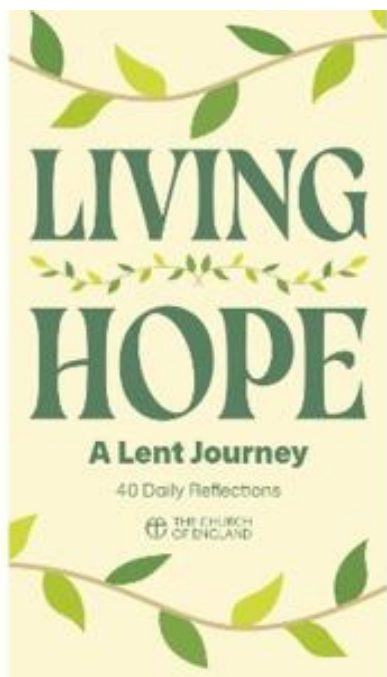
**30 years ago**, on 26 March 1995 that the Schengen Treaty came into effect in the European Union. Seven nations (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain) eliminated their internal border controls and tightened their external borders.

**20 years ago**, on 10 March 2005 that Dave Allen, Irish comedian, died.

**10 years ago**, on 24 March 2015 that the Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed in the French alps, killing all 150 people on board. An investigation found that the co-pilot had deliberately caused the crash. His doctor had declared him unfit to fly due to suicidal tendencies, but he had reported for work anyway.



## Book Reviews



### **Living Hope (Adult pack of 10) – 40 daily reflections for Lent**

**By Catherine Fungai Ngangira, Belle Tindall, and Victoria Mason**

Living Hope invites you to explore the hope God offers us – not wishful thinking, but something real, robust, alive. Each week it considers the idea of hope from a different angle as we journey with Jesus on the road that leads to the cross – and beyond, to the transforming hope of Easter Day.

This booklet for adults offers daily Bible readings, pictures, short reflections, prayers and practical ideas to help you grow in hope and in faith during Lent. Living

Hope is the Church of England's theme for Lent 2025. Supporting resources for churches, groups and individuals can be found via: [cofe.io/LivingHope](http://cofe.io/LivingHope)



### **Healing Wounds – The 2025 Lent Book**

**By Fr Erik Varden**

Are we healed through our wounds or are our wounds themselves healed from some other source?

In this 2025 Lent Book, Erik Varden starts by examining the New Testament where it spells out why Christ's wounds were efficacious for the healing of humankind.

Suffering by nature poses questions people wrestle with today in many fields of life with counsellors, therapists, philosophers, and spiritual directors. But whether suffering helps us or not, the conundrum remains, and in this book Varden sets out to resolve it. Varden employs a contemplative tone, inviting readers to sit with their own

experiences of pain and consider how these might be transformed through faith and introspection.

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## **A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church**

### **Leaving a legacy**

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference to churches. Each year, gifts in wills, ranging from £100s to £100,000s are received. Faithful witnesses leaving generous legacies have enabled churches to invest in their buildings, pioneer new ministries, and sustain a welcoming presence in their communities.

### **Why should you write a will?**

Writing a will means you choose:

- How you would like to share your property and possessions;
- Who you would like to look after any children under the age of 18;
- How to support any charities or churches that are important to you.

Without a will, these decisions will be made according to pre-ordained rules, and by the courts, which may be different from your wishes. Leaving a will gives you peace of mind and lifts a burden from loved ones after you are gone.

To make it easier the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will-writer, so anyone can write a simple will online for free, in as little as 30 minutes. You can find out more by visiting <https://farewill.com/southwarkdiocese> .

We strongly advise seeing a solicitor for more complicated wills, or for people wishing to review their existing will or add a codicil.

### **A gift for future generations**

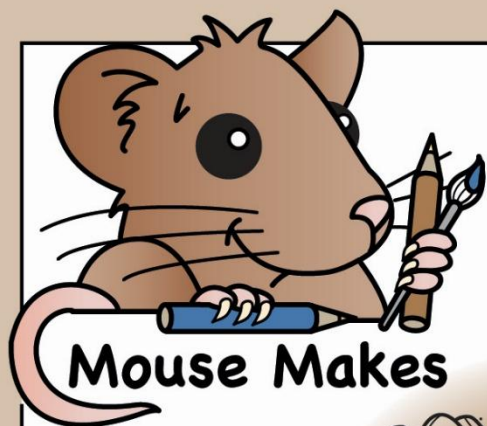
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## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

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 Luke 4:1



**For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?**

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 Luke 4:2



Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

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 Luke 4:8

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

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 Luke 4:3



**READ**  
 the story in  
**Luke 4:1-13**

**Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...**

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 Luke 4:12



What happened after the temptation of Jesus?  
 see Luke 4:14-15

JESUS • LED  
 WILDERNESS  
 DESERT  
 TEMPTATIONS  
 DAYS • DEVIL  
 HUNGRY • SON  
 STONE • ROCK  
 KINGDOMS  
 WORLD • GLORY  
 WRITTEN  
 SCRIPTURE  
 WORSHIP • ONLY  
 SERVE • LORD  
 JERUSALEM  
 HIGH • TEMPLE  
 THROW • DOWN  
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Find the words from the questions too!

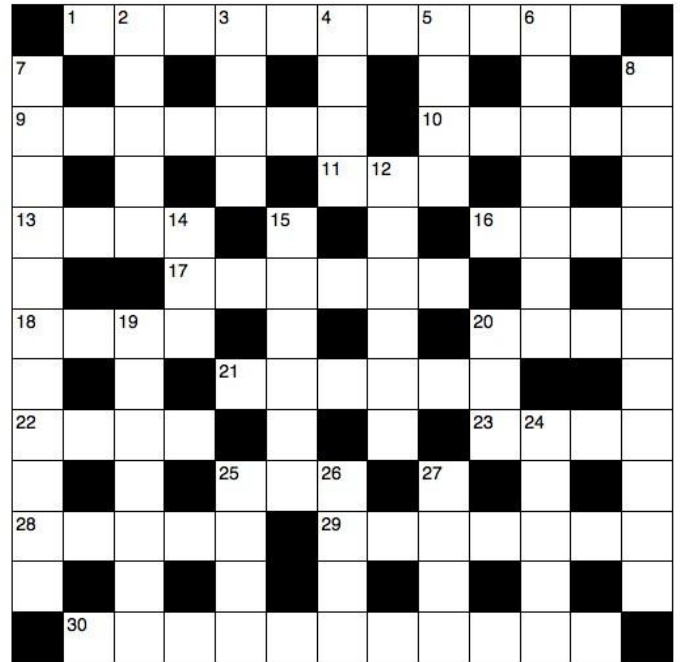
# March Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

## Crossword Clues and Answers

### Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)



### Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

## February answers

**ACROSS:** 8 Cross-examined 9 Ash 10 Apocrypha 11 Sci-fi 13 Typical 16 Visited 19 Offer 22 No account 24 RAC 25 Sovereign Lord

### DOWN:

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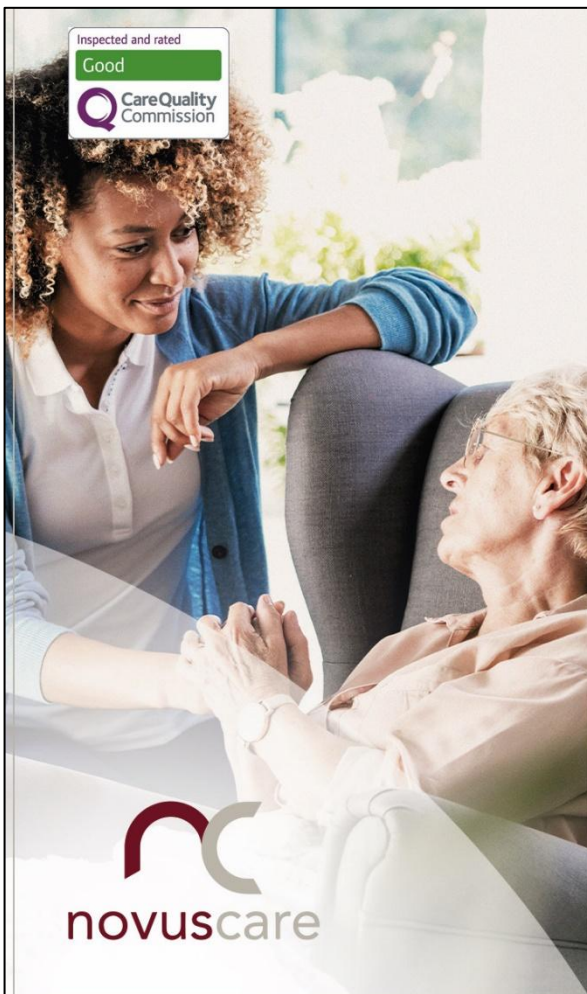
# Puzzles

## March Sudoku

	4			1				8
7	6	2	9		4			
	8	5	3	2	7		9	
6				4			1	
4	2						8	7
	9			5				2
	7		1	9	2	8	3	
			4		3	9	6	5
9				6			2	

## February Solution

1	5	8	9	4	6	7	2	3
2	6	4	3	8	7	9	1	5
9	3	7	5	1	2	4	6	8
4	1	6	8	5	9	3	7	2
5	9	3	2	7	4	6	8	1
8	7	2	6	3	1	5	9	4
6	4	5	1	9	8	2	3	7
7	2	1	4	6	3	8	5	9
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