

**Holy Innocents – Holy Trinity – St Barnabas
St John – St Mary – St Peter**

**DRINK
NEW
LIFE-GIVING
HABITS FOR LENT**



**Praying, growing, and
worshipping together
through Lent and Easter 2026**

The season of Lent

According to the Church of England, “The season of Lent lasts for forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Some people fast, eat frugally, or give up treats following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness. People also give to charity, set aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus’ life.”

There are many ways to mark Lent, but often a good way is to come together with other people to engage in worship, learning, discussion and prayer. This year, the Church of England’s Lent theme is ‘Draw Near’, helping us develop and practice life-giving habits that help us grow in discipleship.

In our team churches, we are offering a range of services and groups to help open up this theme. On Monday evenings we’ll explore the Christian Way, using the Church of England materials to help us form our own rhythms of life and discipleship. On Wednesdays, we’ll study and discuss some of the encounters Jesus had when people drew near to him. And on Sunday evenings we’ll rest in God’s presence with worship from a variety of styles and traditions focussing on repentance and forgiveness.

Worship throughout Holy Week helps us follow Jesus’s journey through the last supper, the garden, and the cross to the resurrection joy of Easter.

We hope that there is something for everyone to join in during the coming weeks. Perhaps you could try something new or different this Lent, or return to one of our services that you haven’t experienced for some time. Whenever or wherever you join us, you will be very welcome. You are welcome to attend any church service, whichever church you usually go to. If you’d like to visit one of the churches outside of service times, Holy Trinity Church will be open during Holy Week 10am-4pm with prayer stations available.

You can sign up for daily Lent reflections from the Church of England here, or search online ‘Draw Near daily reflections’.



Ash Wednesday – 18th February

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent - the 40-day season that leads up to Holy Week and Easter. The whole of Lent is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection on how we live our lives. Ash Wednesday is a chance to be reminded of God's goodness, and to acknowledge our own failings.

At an Ash Wednesday Eucharist, we receive the blessed bread and wine, and can also choose to have the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads in ash, as a reminder of our commitment to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

We have two services on Ash Wednesday – you are welcome to attend either service, whichever church you usually attend:

10am at St John's Church

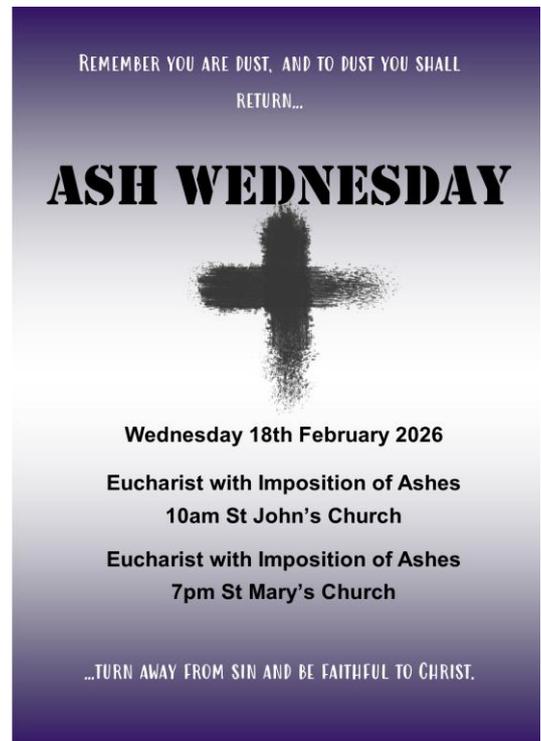
7pm at St Mary's Church

Bible reading

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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.



Online worship
here:



Sunday evening Team services for Lent:

Each Sunday evening in Lent there will be a special service exploring themes of repentance and forgiveness. These will be in a variety of styles, ranging from traditional choral evensong to Celtic worship to prayer stations.

We hope that these team services will allow us to join with friends from across all of our churches to experience this holy season together.



**DRAW
NEAR AND BE
FORGIVEN**

**A series of Sunday Evening Services for Lent
in a variety of styles, exploring themes of
repentance and forgiveness.**

22nd February, 6.00pm at St Barnabas, Franche
1st March, 6.00pm at Holy Trinity, Trimpley
8th March, 6.00pm at St John's, Kidderminster
15th March, 6.00pm at Holy Innocents, Foley Park
22nd March, 6.00pm at St Mary's, Kidderminster
29th March, 6.00pm at St John's, Kidderminster

*Prayer ~ Music ~ Action
Song ~ Reflection ~ Silence*

Everyone very welcome

If you can't get to church, you can join us in prayer by
joining our 'Woven Worship' online here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQCfsO-oozSl8B01-TzKKbqZbayeoxu74>



Mondays in Lent: *Draw near to God...*



Monday evenings in Lent

Exploring the Christian Way

God calls us to...

23rd February Holy Innocents'

Share in Worship

2nd March St Barnabas

Share in Prayer

9th March St John's

Explore the Scriptures

16th March St Mary's

Share Communion

23rd March St Peter's'

Offer Service

30th March Holy Trinity

Share the Good News



A simple service with time for quiet, shared exploration and refreshments

Quiet Space on Lent Tuesdays...

Open Church

a quiet reflective space

Tuesday 3th March - 7pm until 8pm

Tuesday 17th March 7pm until 8pm

St Peters Community Church will be open providing a peaceful space for quiet reflection.

You are welcome to come and sit with us for just a few minutes or stay for the whole hour..

This is just a silent relaxed candlelit space, where we can gather our thoughts and rest in contemplation .

There will be a basket on the table by the door where you can leave requests for prayers on the way in or out, if you wish.

**St. Peters Community Church,
Meredith Green DY11 7EJ**

Wednesdays in Lent: *Draw near – Conversations with Jesus*

**DRAW
NEAR**

**WEDNESDAYS
IN LENT**

CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS



In our weekly Eucharist services, come and hear some of the conversations that Jesus shared with groups and individuals and explore how we can engage with those conversations ourselves.

25th February at Holy Innocents - Jesus and Zacchaeus
4th March at St John's - Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
11th March at Holy Innocents - Jesus and the Pharisees
18th March at St John's - Jesus and Nicodemus
25th March at Holy Innocents - Jesus and Martha
1st April at St John's - Jesus and Pilate

*All services at 10.00am, followed by refreshments
and an invitation to discussion.*

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

Children's Lent and Easter journey 2026

The story of Jesus is for all ages! Below are this year's activities and events which are particularly suitable for children and families.

40 words to change your life



40 days of fun exploring some powerful words and their meanings – start watching videos here:



Collect an activity book in church or download one here:



PAUSE: Sundays in Lent



Quiet space to think and pray for all ages. Sundays in Lent on YouTube and Facebook.

Start watching videos here:



Palm Sunday Celebration



Sunday 29th March – 'Jesus the King!' 3pm-4.30pm at St John's Church DY116RL.

Messy Church/POP-up Church Mashup! Crafts and activities, an animated story, high-energy singing and dancing to iSingPOP songs. Free refreshments.

Churchyard Easter Trail



Explore the Easter story in the beautiful surroundings of St John's Churchyard with signs of Spring all around you! Self-guided trail from 29th March.

Please keep to the main churchyard path and respect the graves and those who visit them.

'Cross to Celebration' children's event



Tuesday 31st March, 10am-12noon in St Barnabas' Hall, DY115JW.

Easter crafts and activities, singing and story, and refreshments. This event is free and all ages are welcome (children must be accompanied).

The Praise Maze Easter Special



Wednesday 1st April, 1.30pm-3pm in Holy Innocents' Church DY116LA.

Easter special of our family service for little ones – singing, puppets, story, bubbles, snacks. Activities offered for older siblings.

Messy Church on Good Friday



Good Friday 3rd April – New Life at Easter! 10am-12noon at St Peter's Church DY117EJ.

Messy Church fun with crafts, activities, refreshments and an Easter story.

This event is free and all ages are welcome (children must be accompanied).

Week One: 22nd – 28th February

Sunday 22nd February – Lent 1

9.30am at Holy Innocents	Eucharist
9.30am at Holy Trinity	Morning Prayer
9.30am at St Barnabas	Eucharist
11am at St John's	Eucharist
11am at St Mary's	Eucharist
11am at St Peter's	Café Church
6pm at St Barnabas	<i>Draw Near and Be Forgiven: Stations of the Cross - pray and walk with Jesus on his final journey.</i>

Monday 23rd February

7pm at Holy Innocents	<i>Draw Near to God: Share in Worship – Refreshments, silence, worship, discussion, decision</i>
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Wednesday 25th February

10am at Holy Innocents	Draw Near: Conversations with Jesus – and Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10
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When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.'

Lord Jesus, when life feels crowded or over-complicated, help us find the vantage point we need to see what truly matters. Give us the curiosity of Zacchaeus, to climb above the noise and look for a better way to live. Thank you for meeting us exactly where we are, seeing past the labels others put on us to person underneath. Help us to live with an open hand and a quiet heart. If we have made mistakes or treated others unfairly, give us the resolve to make things right. Teach us to be as welcoming to others as You have been to us. Amen

Week Two: 1st – 7th March

Sunday 1st March – Lent 2

9.30am at Holy Innocents	Family Friendly Eucharist
9.30am at St Barnabas	Eucharist
11am at St John's	Eucharist
11am at St Mary's	Eucharist
11am at St Peter's	Morning Prayer
6pm at Holy Trinity	<i>Draw Near and Be Forgiven:</i> - music and liturgy from the Celtic tradition

Monday 2nd March

7pm at St Barnabas	<i>Draw Near to God:</i> Share in Prayer – Refreshments, silence, worship, discussion, decision
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Tuesday 3rd March

7pm-8pm at St Peter's	Quiet space for silent prayer
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Wednesday 4th March

10am at St John's	Draw Near: Conversations with Jesus – and a Samaritan Woman: John 4:7-30
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Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

Lord Jesus, we often find ourselves tired, returning to the same "wells" to satisfy a thirst that never goes away. You see our whole story, the parts we are open about and the parts we keep secret, yet still you engage us in conversation. Grant us the living water you promised and let it refresh our spirit. Amen.

Week Three: 8th-14th March

Sunday 8th March – Lent 3

9.30am at Holy Innocents	Eucharist
9.30am at Holy Trinity	Eucharist
9.30am at St Barnabas	Morning Prayer
11am at St John's	Eucharist
11am at St Mary's	Eucharist
11am at St Peter's	Morning Prayer
3pm at St Peter's	Messy Church
6pm at St John's	<i>Draw Near and Be Forgiven</i> : Choral Evensong in traditional language

Monday 9th March

7pm at St John's	<i>Draw Near to God</i> : Explore the Scriptures – Refreshments, silence, worship, discussion, decision
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Wednesday 11th March

10am at Holy Innocents	Draw Near: Conversations with Jesus – and the Pharisees: Mark 12:13-17
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Jesus said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Lord Jesus, the world constantly demands our attention, our resources, and our loyalty. Teach us to fulfil our responsibilities to the world around us without losing sight of to whom we truly belong. While we give our efforts to our work and our community, remind us that our spirit and our purpose is held by you alone. Give us the wisdom to know what to hold onto and what to let go of. May we live with integrity in the systems of this world while staying rooted in your grace. Amen.

Week Four: 15th - 21st March

Sunday 15th March – Mothering Sunday

9.30am at Holy Innocents	Morning Prayer
9.30am at Holy Trinity	Morning Prayer
9.30am at St Barnabas	Eucharist
11am at St John's	Eucharist
11am at St Mary's	Eucharist
11am at St Peter's	Eucharist
6pm at Holy Innocents	<i>Draw Near and Be Forgiven: Prayer Stations to explore at your own pace</i>

Monday 16th March

7pm at St Mary's	<i>Draw Near to God:</i> Share Communion – Refreshments, silence, worship, discussion, decision
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Tuesday 17th March

7pm-8pm at St Peter's	Quiet space for silent prayer
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Wednesday 18th March

10am at St John's	Draw Near: Conversations with Jesus – and Nicodemus: John 3:1-15
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Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

Lord Jesus, like Nicodemus, we often come to you with more questions than answers. Help us let go of the need to manage everything by our own effort. May we live today with open hearts, ready to see the world through the lens of your grace rather than our own limitations. Amen.

Week Five: 22nd – 28th March

Sunday 22nd March – Passion Sunday

9.30am at Holy Innocents	Eucharist
9.30am at Holy Trinity	Morning Prayer
9.30am at St Barnabas	Eucharist
11am at St John's	Eucharist
11am at St Mary's	Eucharist
11am at St Peter's	Café Church
6pm at St Mary's	<i>Draw Near and Be Forgiven</i> : Choral Evensong in traditional language

Monday 23rd March

7pm at St Peter's	<i>Draw Near to God</i> : Offer service – Refreshments, silence, worship, discussion, decision
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Wednesday 25th March

10am at Holy Innocents	Draw Near: Conversations with Jesus – and Martha: John 11:17-27
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Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

Lord Jesus, we come to you in the moments when life feels heavy and things have not gone as we planned. Like Martha, we sometimes struggle with regrets and the timing of your will. Thank You for meeting us in our frustration and our grief without expecting us to hide how we feel. When we are looking for distant solutions, remind us that you are present here and now. Help us to believe in the possibility of renewal, even when things seem lifeless or lost. Shift our focus from what has been taken to the life that is still unfolding. Give us the quiet confidence to trust that, in your hands, no story is ever truly finished and no hope is ever wasted. Amen.

Holy Week at-a-glance



Holy Week at a glance 29th March - 5th April

Holy Trinity, Trimpley is open all day throughout the week for personal prayer



**Palm
Sunday**
29th Mar

Services at regular times in every church
6pm Evening Service for Palm Sunday at St John's

Monday 30th

7pm Draw Near to God at Holy Trinity



Tuesday 31st

10am Messy Church at St Barnabas Hall
7pm Service for Holy Week at St Barnabas

**Wednesday 1st
April**

10am Holy Communion at St John's
Draw Near...Conversations with Pilate
1.30pm Praise Maze at Holy Innocents
6.30pm Agape, St John's (*booking required*)



**Maundy
Thursday**
2nd

7pm Eucharist & Watch at St Mary's
7.30pm Simple Eucharist & Watch at Holy Innocents



**Good
Friday**
3rd

10am Messy Church at St Peter's
1pm Walk of Witness St John's to Holy Innocents
2pm Good Friday Service at Holy Innocents
2pm Hour at the Foot of the Cross at St Mary's



Holy Saturday
4th

8pm Easter Vigil at St John's

Easter Day
5th

6.30am Sunrise Service at St Peter's
Eucharist at regular times in every church

Holy Week in detail:

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March 2026

9.30am at Holy Innocents	Eucharist
9.30am at Holy Trinity	Morning Prayer
9.30am at St Barnabas	Morning Prayer
11am at St John's	Eucharist
11am at St Mary's	Eucharist
11am at St Peter's	Morning Prayer
3pm at St John's	POP-up Messy Church! – family friendly service with activities, singing and dancing - for all ages
6pm at St John's	A service of music and readings for Palm Sunday

Read John 12.12-19

What kind of king do you think Jesus is?

Monday of Holy Week

Monday 30th March 2026

7pm at Holy Trinity	<i>Draw Near to God:</i> Share the Good News – Refreshments, silence, worship, discussion, decision
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Read Isaiah 42.1-4

How does Jesus show us how to serve?

Holy Week in detail:

Tuesday of Holy Week

Tuesday 31st March 2026

10am-12noon in St Barnabas' Hall	'Cross to Celebration' - Easter crafts and worship for children and families
7pm at St Barnabas	Evening worship in Holy Week

Read Isaiah 11.1-5

What kind of judge will Jesus be?

Wednesday of Holy Week

Wednesday 1st April 2026

10am at St John's	Draw Near: Conversations with Jesus – and Pilate: John 18:33-38
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Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Lord Jesus, in a world filled with competing voices and shifting narratives, we often find ourselves asking alongside Pilate, "What is truth?" It is easy to get lost in the pursuit of power, status, or the need to be right. Help us recognize that your kingdom does not operate by the rules of this world. Give us the ears to hear your voice and the stillness to recognize the truth when it stands before us. Guide our steps today so that our lives reflect the integrity and peace of the kingdom you describe. Amen.

1.30pm at Holy Innocents	The Praise Maze family service – Easter special. Older siblings welcome.
6.30pm for 7pm in St John's Refectory	Agape meal – a shared meal with prayers and singing. Booking essential – phone 01562 515894 or email assocpriest.kwtm@gmail.com

Holy Week in detail:

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2nd April 2026

7pm at St Mary's

Sung Eucharist, followed by the Watch until 8.30pm

7.30pm at Holy Innocents'

Quiet Eucharist, followed by the Watch until 10pm

Read John 13.12-16

How can we follow Jesus' example?

Good Friday

Friday 3rd April 2026

10am at St Peter's

Messy Church: *New Life at Easter* – crafts, activities, games, singing and Easter story for all ages – no charge

1pm Walk of Witness from St John's to Holy Innocents'

Meet at St John's at 1pm to walk with the cross to Holy Innocents', pausing to hear the story of Good Friday and pray as we go

2pm Good Friday Service at Holy Innocents'

A reflective service for Good Friday, with church open for prayer until 4pm

2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's

A reflective service for Good Friday

Read Isaiah 53.1-5

What is it that Jesus carries to the cross?

Holy Week in detail:

Holy Saturday

Saturday 4th April 2026

8pm at St John's

Easter Vigil service with Eucharist – please note, incense will be used during this service

Read Romans 6.3-11

How do we share in the death of Christ?

Easter Day

Sunday 5th April 2026

6.30am at St Peter's

Sunrise service, followed by breakfast

9.30am at Holy Innocents'

Eucharist

9.30am at Holy Trinity

Eucharist

9.30am at St Barnabas'

Eucharist

11am at St John's

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11am at St Mary's

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11am at St Peter's

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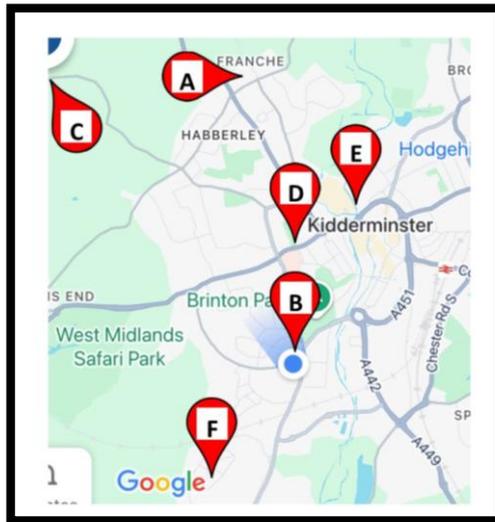
Read John 20.1-9

What surprises you most about this story?

Collect for Easter

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

How to find us



- A St Barnabas' Church, Franche, DY11 5JW
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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

1 Peter 1:3

