

I wonder what Lent means for you, what plans you might be making, how you might want to use the time between now and Easter. Do you see it as a time to be got through, a time for feeling guilty about not giving something up, about planning to give something up and failing? Or about daily readings and prayer which don't get past the second week?

Perhaps we have all been through this at some time, I can certainly identify with some of those things.

But this year I have been inspired, inspired by the Filipino word for Lent – **Kuwaresma**, which means “special days”, which I think is rather beautiful, really positive rather than negative, penitential but not guilt ridden and more about what we can do than what we fail to do.

40 special days, time to concentrate in a special way on the life of Christ, on his teaching and on how he wants us to live.

Lent encourages us to recognise more clearly and acknowledge the depth of the sacrifice Christ made for our benefit. It is a time for us to better understand and appreciate the love he has for us and then we are more likely to respond to him with love.

So sacrifice is an important part of Lenten observance, sacrificing parts of ourselves that can stand between us and God, things that are so important to us that we lose focus on what should be most important – our relationship with God.

A quote from the Independent in February 2018:

“Church of England issues Lent commandments to reduce plastic waste.”

The church was being encouraged to participate in the Lent plastic challenge to reduce the actions which damage

God's creation. This year our Archbishops are encouraging us “to make space, allow God's word to dwell in us richly as we seek together to know Jesus better and to become more Christ-like in everything we are and in everything we do.”

How can we do that? by making space to study a Lent book, to spend time each day to light a candle and sit silently with God, listening to him; by making space to join one of our Lent groups, any or all of these.

Of course there is always giving something up, so what could that be? Well, chocolate and wine are traditional but here are some suggestions I found that aren't giving up chocolate!

1) Give up music and use the silence for prayer, or listen to a different kind of music.

2) Give the time to write a note every day to a friend or family member, to send words to those we love.

3) Give up the snooze button and get out of bed with the first alarm.

4) Visit a holy place daily – church or chapel – or we can make our own holy space for prayer.

5) Find out about the work of an organisation such as Oxfam, and perhaps become involved.

Spiritually, the chief goal of Lenten discipline is to pry ourselves away from those things which pull us back from the single-minded pursuit of clinging to the joy of Christ and focusing on him.

**Kuwaresma**, special days. How will you spend them this year?

May God's word dwell in us richly this Lent as we seek together to know Jesus better and to become more Christ-like in everything we are and in everything we do. Amen.

*Linda*

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## READINGS FOR MARCH

### Sundays and holy days

- 3 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT  
Exodus 34: 29-end  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2  
Luke 9: 28-36
- 10 LENT 1  
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11  
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-end  
Romans 10: 8b-13  
Luke 4: 1-12
- 17 LENT 2  
Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1  
Luke 13: 31 - end
- 24 LENT 3  
Isaiah 55: 1-9  
Psalm 63: 1-9  
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13  
Luke 13: 1-4
- 31 MOTHERING SUNDAY  
Joshua 5: 9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5: 16 - end  
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b - end

### Weekdays at 9.30am

- 6 ASH WEDNESDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Isaiah 58: 1-12  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
- 13 MORNING PRAYER  
Jonah 3  
Luke 11: 29-32
- 20 HOLY COMMUNION  
Jeremiah 18: 18-20  
Matthew 20: 17-28
- 27 MORNING PRAYER  
Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9  
Matthew 5: 17-19

## REGULAR SERVICES IN MARCH

- Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Communion
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion  
or Morning Prayer
- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
Morning Prayer, when said in church, will  
be at 9.15.  
Second Monday of each month will be set  
aside for Staff Prayer.

## SPECIAL SERVICES IN MARCH

- Friday March 1** World Day of Prayer  
service at St. Luke's at 2pm
- Sunday March 3** at 5pm Talk on  
Atonement followed by coffee, cake and  
Compline.
- Wednesday March 6** at 9.30am and 7pm  
Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
- Sunday March 17** at 10am Service of  
Healing and the Laying on of Hands with  
Prayer
- Sunday March 31** at 10am All Age Service  
for Mothering Sunday

## EVENTS IN MARCH

- Saturday March 2** Welsh Evening at  
Collinsons 7.30pm
- Sunday March 3** at 12 noon. Bring and  
Share Lunch
- Tuesday March 5** at 6.15 for 6.30 Shrove  
Tuesday Fish and Chips
- Sunday March 24** at 11.30 Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting in church.



And pray to God to have mercy upon us  
And pray that I may forget  
These matters that with myself I too much discuss  
Too much explain  
Because I do not hope to turn again  
Let these words answer  
For what is done, not to be done again  
May the judgement not be too heavy upon us

Because these wings are no longer wings to fly  
But merely vans to beat the air  
The air which is now thoroughly small and dry  
Smaller and dryer than the will  
Teach us to care and not to care Teach us to sit still.

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death  
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

This is a small part of a favourite poem of mine entitled ***Ash Wednesday*** by T S Eliot. Eliot has been one of my favourite authors since I first studied his poems for A Level. Linda mentioned the poem as she was writing her letter for the month and it has been with me ever since.



## EVANGELISM

On a recent Sunday Sam Lohead, one of our students, preached on *Evangelism*. A number of people wanted to read this and spoke to me after the service. So here, with Dave's agreement and Sam's permission, is Sam's sermon. *Ruth*

For some people the word inspires a sense of excitement, a sense of purpose - a sense of God's call in their life that leads them into encounters with others to help people come to know God.

If, on the other hand, you're more like me, the word evangelism fills you with a sense of nervousness, sometimes even a little discomfort.

I know it's an important part of being a Christian, and I perfectly understand why it is so vital - but, if I'm honest, a lot of the time I'd rather leave it to someone else.

Someone who's more extroverted, someone who knows how to spark up a conversation seemingly out of thin air - a gift that often amazes and baffles me when I see it in others.

Then I'm confronted with readings like today's.

They're readings which place evangelism front and centre, and remind me that it's really not an optional bolt-on - it's a crucial part of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The passage from Luke, which features both a miracle and Jesus' call to Simon Peter, is often pointed to when discussing evangelism. And it's easy to see why - Jesus invites Simon Peter into discipleship with the memorable phrase 'from now on you will be catching people', or even 'from now on you will fish for people' in some translations. The idea of fishing for people as a metaphor for evangelism is a strong one, particularly when juxtaposed with the miraculous catch that nearly sinks two boats beforehand.

A surface-level reading of today's Gospel is easy enough - just listen to Jesus, he'll tell you where to put down your nets, and soon enough they'll be full of fish.

Or, to decode the implicit message - just listen to Jesus, he'll tell you where and how to evangelise, and soon enough you'll have crowds of people wanting to hear you speak. This sort of interpretation always makes my heart sink a little, images of angry people shouting on street corners filling my head, or else pictures of people who seem so much more confident than I do, so much more certain of themselves and what they have to say.

And yet, there's part of me that doesn't want to totally disregard such a reading - I've heard stories of people profoundly moved by what they've heard someone preaching on a street corner, and I have been inspired when watching others evangelise with real passion. But *that style* of evangelism, at least - it's not me. And, bluntly, it's not a lot of people I know, either. There's absolutely a place for it, but it does raise the question of where it leaves the rest of us? Fortunately, I think with some attentive reflection, this passage in Luke can speak just as much to us as it does to those called to more overt forms of evangelism.

Take the beginning of the story, for example.

We're told that Jesus was preaching by a lake, and that he had a crowd around him listening to him speak God's word. We might expect Jesus to call his disciples from those at the front of the crowd - those who seem most keen to be involved. But it's not anyone in the crowd that draws Jesus' attention - it's the fishermen washing their nets by the lake - very much on the edge of the scene. Perhaps they were listening to what Jesus was saying whilst they worked, or perhaps they were caught by surprise when Jesus got into one of their boats and asked to be pushed away from the shore. Either way, they weren't at the centre of the crowd trying to hear God's word. They

were, in effect, just getting on with their lives. I think it's often the same for us - we find it hard to believe that God might want to include us in his work - we're better off in the background, not in the middle. And yet, throughout the Gospels it's the people in the background that Jesus seems to seek out - to offer healing, to challenge, to call to discipleship, or even just to talk to. Likewise, God calls us to evangelise from wherever we are - and it doesn't necessarily require us to be the centre of attention.

So whilst we might know that Simon Peter will go on to do great things, and be a crucial part of the early church, at this point he was just someone washing his nets where Jesus happened to be preaching. All this is also reflected in Simon Peter's reactions to Jesus. When Jesus tells him to put out his nets into deep water, he does, but only after expressing a little incredulity. He's willing, but sceptical - which again is something I think a lot of us can relate to. We sometimes get a sense of God calling us to do something, and we want to respond with - 'Really? *That's* what you want me to do?'

And Jesus allows Simon Peter his scepticism - just as God allows us to have ours.

Where Jesus does draw the line, however, is after all the fish have been caught, and Simon Peter declares himself unworthy - 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' Jesus is firm but compassionate in his response - 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people'. So when it comes to evangelism, I may feel sceptical about my abilities or what I'm doing, but I am *not* unworthy. Whatever 'fishing for people' looks like for me, I do not need to be afraid. Admittedly easier said than done, but I think if we dig a little deeper into Luke's story - and look at what we've heard Paul say this morning - then we can know why we need not be afraid.

There is a lot of significance in the fact that it is Jesus who tells Simon Peter where to put down his nets, and then calls him to 'fish for people'. It's a subtle reminder that evangelism is actually God's work - it's work he invites us to join in with - but it does not rest on our efforts, nor is it something that we 'achieve'. The hearts and minds of others are in God's hands - we can do our part, but ultimately evangelism is something God does *within* others *through* us.

This echoes what Paul says to the Corinthians, as he recalls his own work evangelising to them. In a very Pauline display of humility, Paul declares himself to have worked harder than any of the other apostles (Simon Peter included!). But immediately after this he offers a key insight - that it was not him doing the work, but 'the grace of God with [him]' - and the same is true of us.

One of the reasons I sometimes struggle with evangelism is I fall into the trap of thinking it is actually about me - my gifts, my ability to talk to others, how appealing *I* can make Christianity look or sound. But - thankfully - it's not about those things at all. Evangelism is about people meeting God, and that's something that God does - not me. I might help enable that encounter, or someone might even see something of God through me, but I don't have to shoulder the pressure - it's not for me to try and work out if something has 'worked' or not. Essentially - I can't and shouldn't try to measure if my evangelism is successful by how full my net is.

All well and good - but it still leaves us with the question of what evangelism might look like if I'm not one for street preaching or casually name-dropping Jesus in conversation. At this point I think it is helpful to turn to the metaphor of 'fishing' itself. Fishing is all about attentiveness - I should know, because when I went with my dad as a teenager I was never any good at it - I was far too happy to sit reading a book with a packet of liquorice allsorts to pay attention to what was happening on

the water. Perhaps unsurprisingly - and much to my dad's chagrin - I missed more than a few fish. Little wonder it wasn't a long-lived hobby.

Evangelism is also all about trying to be attentive - to what is going on and the people around us, yes, but ultimately to God. When I really take the time to try and listen, when I take the pressure of success off myself, and when I remember that I am joining in God's work - that will take place in *his* way and in *his* time, *then* I can start to really evangelise. It also allows me to be attentive to the times when I'm not a disciple, but a fish. The times when God is speaking to me through those around me. We often think of evangelism and conversion as 'one time' things - but in truth we're all constantly in need of hearing the Good News afresh - we are as much the people God is fishing for, as we are the people doing the fishing! Immediately that changes our perspective on evangelism. Rather than something we do to others, it becomes something God does within us and within others. It's not based on a dynamic of those inside the church and those outside the church, but a dynamic of God calling all of us together to listen to him. That also means that evangelism may well look remarkably like the things we already do everyday.

Yes, Simon Peter dropped everything to follow Jesus - but Jesus phrases his call in familiar terms. Now you will 'fish for people' - it may involve the unknown and risk, but it will also rest on the skills and experiences you already have. So it is for us - evangelism may look like our day-to-day life, time spent at school, time spent with family, or friends, doing whatever it is we're called to do each day. Because it's when we try to do those things attentively - listening to God and listening to those around us as carefully as we can - that they become evangelistic.

That's when our **whole lives** *become* evangelistic. That's when we start to notice the opportunities around us - a kind word, time given up to listen to someone, an offer of prayer at the right moment - opportunities for little acts of love that allow God to evangelise. Because, at the end of the day, if it is a God who is love we seek to help others and ourselves come to know, then it makes perfect sense that that would happen *through* love. It is easy to feel nervous about the idea of evangelism - what could *I* possibly say or do to bring others and myself closer to God?

Like Simon Peter, we might want to declare ourselves unworthy, or not up to the task. But, perhaps, if we see evangelism - whatever form it takes in our lives - as acts of love through which God speaks to us and to others - maybe we, like Simon Peter, can start to see **ourselves** as fishing for people, **too**.

Amen.



# Theology in the Public Square

is the title of a conference organised by Modern Church, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July, which may be of interest to some members of Good Shepherd as the topics for consideration are highly topical. It will be held at the conference centre at High Leigh, Hoddesdon in Hertfordshire.

We will be looking at the role and impact of faith in culture, economics, media, community organising and public policy. Speakers and workshops will explore questions of church and politics, secular vocations for lay people, grass-roots campaigning and representations of religion in popular culture, considering the challenges of engaging ethically and strategically with the media. All of this is highly relevant to the challenges which face us all with Brexit, environmental campaigning and the questions around migration and refugees. In the light of Brexit, the General Secretary of Modern Church, Jonathan Draper will consider the prospects of this historic event for the future of public theology in the UK.

Other speakers will include Malcolm Brown, Director of Mission and Public Affairs for the Church of England and who will look at Mission and Politics Today; Rosie Dawson of the William Temple Foundation on Theology and the Media; Prof Adam Dinham on Faith and Multiculturalism; and Dr Maria Power on the theology of dissent. The chair will be Professor Elaine Graham of the University of Chester.

Standard rooms cost £195 per person, while an en suite room is £250. However, **students are encouraged to apply for one of the free places** which are available in return for help with some of the organisational tasks such as help with the technology or supporting disabled attendees

Readers of the Newsletter may know that I have long been a member of Modern Church, a liberal organisation within the Church of England aiming to promote open and thoughtful debate on matters of importance to our faith. I attend the annual conference every year and always find something to stimulate me and provide food for thought as well as contributing to my spiritual development as a Christian. If you are interested to know more, do please ask me, or look up the website <https://modernchurch.org.uk/mc-events/annual-conference>.

*Rosalind Lund*



## The Environment and you and me!

Everyone coming to church since the end of January will have noticed the temporary traffic lights at the junction of Arbury Road with Campkin Road and Mansell Way. I'm sure you are all aware that the reason for this is that the Greater Cambridge Partnership is spending millions of pounds to improve cycling and public transport infrastructure within the city in an effort to reduce car use.

This has to be a good thing. Walking the streets with my small grandchildren I am more aware than ever of the pollution caused by our love affair with the car. And of course all those lorries on the main roads to supply the shops with the huge variety of goods from all over the world which we purchase happily. But the advantages of a huge range of supplies in the shops and the convenience of personalised transport is ruining our children's health - In England and Wales 1,320 people died of asthma in 2017, a sharp rise of more than 25% over a decade, according to data from the [Office for National Statistics](#) There is mounting evidence of the impact on people's health of atmospheric pollution – particularly children and the elderly. The inquest on a 9-year-old who died in London of an asthma attack blamed the death on the levels of street pollution.

More people are deciding to become vegan on the grounds that eating meat is a cause of climate change and the heating of the atmosphere. This is in addition to the use of fossil fuels for heating and transport and making plastic – itself a huge source of pollution in our soils, rivers and seas. And it's not just the fish that are being changed by ingesting plastic, humans are ingesting it too, although we don't yet know if it's actually damaging us and affecting our reproductive abilities.

Another worry, taken from the news reports in February this year, is the massive decline in the insect population. This means that within one hundred years, if the decline continues, there simply won't be any insects at all – so no pollination, no food crops, as well as a disastrous effect on the food chain through smaller animals right up to the birds and humans themselves.

All too depressing I hear you say – too much for me to take in and what difference can one person make? Well as Christians we simply cannot leave it there! We are people of hope. And here's some good news - according to a 2011 Pew Research Center survey, there were 2.19 billion **Christians** around the **world** in 2010, more than three times as many as the 600 million recorded in 1910, while according to a 2015 Pew Research Center study, by 2050, the **Christian population** is expected to be 3.0 billion. This is out of a total world population of 7.7 billion in February 2019. Christianity is a force to be reckoned with.

And what does the Bible tell us about the environment and the right attitude to it? Stewardship is a biblical concept right from the very beginning – we read in Genesis that Adam, the first human, was put on earth to look after and care for all God's creation – animals and plants – everything is God's, but humanity is expected to respect that creation and protect it. God's creation was for the long term not just for today. This is very different from the short-termism of modern government and societies.

Of course, it's not just Christianity which speaks of caring for creation; we share the Old Testament with Jews and Muslims who all take a similar view of stewardship of the earth's resources. And members of most other faiths also place a central emphasis on caring for the natural world so, for example, many members of Asian religions are vegetarian if not vegan.

People of faith should unite to demand their governments take effective action. We can certainly do our own bit, but I am certain that if we are to succeed in reducing the damage done by humans to our precious world, then we must make changes to the way we live and do business. I am equally sure that this means that we must put pressure on our government to take necessary action.

So what can be done? Well, first of all, we must be prepared to live in a more basic way – less food, less meat (think the diet for the WWII years), fewer clothes, less plastic, less travel, for example. In other words we must learn to live more simply than others may simply live!

But we must also be political which means that we have to be prepared to ask our elected representatives, locally and nationally, what they and their party intend to do about it. We can also lobby our MP and councillors on particular actions that will help – for example, the campaign to help the bee population by banning neonicotinoids has resulted in some action in some countries including the EU, but probably not enough yet. We can write to the Press, sign petitions and share what we do with our friends.

When Jesus talked about God's Kingdom, he seemed to be referring to actions taken by us, his followers, now. So he begs us to feel compassion for the poor and sick, to visit prisoners because in those very people God is to be found. Likewise, we are told that God cares for the very hairs on our heads and for the grasses in the fields which means that it is our calling to do the same. The demands Jesus makes on his disciples are high, but not impossible! We can do our bit and each one of us can help to fulfill God's intention for his Kingdom.

*Rosalind Lund*

## **FOOLS UNITED**

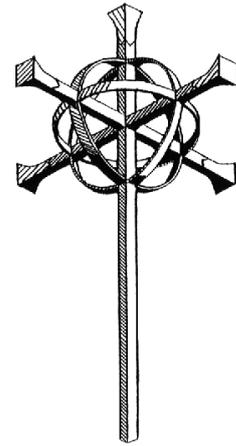
(First published in Henry Disney's  
2012 'Teach us of Love',  
Pneuma Springs Publishing UK)

To follow Christ one needs to be  
A simple fool it's claimed. His call,  
To worldly wise (devoid of doubt  
They're cut above the herd), is all  
Baloney only meant for those  
Bereft of drive they claim  
Is only way to move ahead.  
But service has another aim.  
A world of justice, peace and deep  
Respect for all, whatever lack  
Of high I. Q. or other gifts.  
But latter course is on the track  
That leads to what we're meant to be.  
As child of God His loving grace  
Sustains us when the goings tough,  
Despite we never see his face  
Until our days on earth are done.  
Besides, the Way of Christ is fun.

## IN THE CHURCH HALL (to book call 352151 (evenings))

<b>THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	Jinty Keir	572303
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<b>SANG</b> Monday 10– 11.30 (meets in Haven in Church)	Anastasia Sanders	07467 956296
<b>THE MONDAY CLUB</b> Monday 2.00 – 3.30pm	Ruby Leyshon	352151
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS</b> Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
<b>DOG TRAINING CLASSES</b> Monday 8.15 - 9.15pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
<b>LINE DANCING</b> Tuesday 10am-12 noon	Deborah Walker	01954 231382
<b>KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP</b> Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Margaret Briggs	01954 250870
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS</b> Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
<b>DOG TRAINING CLASSES</b> Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
<b>THE 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES</b> Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
<b>PILATES</b> Thursday 12.40-1.40	Lexi	367639
<b>TAI CHI</b> Thursday 1.40-2.40	Lexi	367639
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS</b> Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS</b> Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Chris White	0700 891511
<b>CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB</b> Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
<b>TAI CHI</b> Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
<b>DOG TRAINING CLASSES</b> Friday 3.13-4.15pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

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## **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

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