

March Diary 2007

Vicar's March Jottings

So its Lent and you've given up Chocolate, or Coffee, or grumbling, or... and certainly you've given up any idea of feeling smug about what you've given up! And maybe you've taken something up; a book, or space for more prayer, or a commitment to spend more time just being quiet before God and being.

You are planning to make something of Lent aren't you? If you're like me, you may have overshot the start and so begin a couple of days late, but don't let's let that stop us. If you're not sure what it's all about here are the words we used at our Ash Wednesday Services.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

On February 18th we watched a DVD at the evening service of Carl Medearis talking mainly about events that have happened to him in the Middle East especially as he was talking about Jesus with Moslems. His two main points were that we need to lose our fear through discovering a deeper sense of how amazing God is, and how The Cross and Christ Crucified are right at the centre of both the foolishness and the power of the Gospel.

It was last Autumn that we made the plan to watch this DVD but it struck me how appropriate his message was on that Sunday. We'd just completed the series of sermons on Ecclesiastes and Carl & his message exemplified what "The Teacher" concluded – *Fear God. Do what he tells you.* And in Lent and up to Easter we are focusing our teaching upon The Cross using different 'windows' to understand it from many angles.

If we approach Easter with a clearer understanding of the Cross, and with a deeper fear of God that motivates us to obey His call, then this Lent will have been well spent for all of us and I believe God will be able to begin to use us more and more in His kingdom work in this place and time.

Nick Grew

Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
1 st Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12 noon	Not-so-Young	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
3 rd Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
4th SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
	9.30am	All Together – followed by 'Intro' for newcomers to the church	Holy Trinity Church/ H T Coffee Room
	9.45am	20:20 Church	St Saviour's Church
	6.30pm	Evening Hour	Holy Trinity Church
5 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
6 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting – led by TROG	Holy Trinity Church
	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Vestry
7 th Wednesday	12-2.00pm	Chapter Meeting – fire safety regulations	Holy Trinity Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	5.30-7.30pm	Youth Alpha (6 of 7)	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	7.30pm	Wardens meeting	Trinity House
8 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church

10 th Saturday	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	Time TBC	Call to Prayer for PCC Away Day	Holy Trinity Church
	9.30am-4.00pm	PCC Away Day	Emmanuel Church

11th SUNDAY <u>Lent 3</u>	9.30am	Hands Free & Thanksgiving George Durrant (Clive B-L Good News 5)	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion (Chris H Good News 5)	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Morning Prayer & Baptism Emily Searle	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Evening Praise	Holy Trinity Church

12 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
13 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
14 th Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	St Saviour's Vestry
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	5.30-7.30pm	Youth Alpha (last, 7 of 7)	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
15 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12.30-2.30pm	'Lunch with Others' in Brookwood	Brookwood Memorial Halls
	8.00pm	Ministry Team Meeting	31 Arethusa Way
17 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room

18th SUNDAY <u>Mothering/Lent 4</u>	9.30am	Hands Free Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Inter-generational Service	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Evening Hour	Holy Trinity Church

19 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Standing Committee Meeting	44 Connaught Road
20 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
21 st Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion – Reading, 2 Thess 3	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
22 nd Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	Growing Leaders Meeting	St Saviour's Church
24 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room

25th SUNDAY <u>Lent 5</u>	9.30am	Hands Free (Chris H Good News 5)	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Morning Service (Clive B-L Good News 5)	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Evening Hour Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church



Jubilee week aims to keep our diaries free of routine meetings, allowing time for personal prayer, bible study and reflection. Outreach events and opportunities for corporate prayer continue.

26 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
27 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
28 th Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	St Saviour's Vestry
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
29 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
30 th Friday	morning	St Saviour's Pre-School Grandparents Festival	St Saviour's Church
31 st Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room