

ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY

10.00am Lent Course at Autumn Lodge

Barking Road

6.30pm Meditation group meet at 43 Barking Road

7.30 Revd Diane funeral visit

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY

9.30am Tuesday Tots in the ARK

11.00am Prayer group meet at 12a Uvedale Court

2.00pm Revd Diane meeting

7.30pm Revd Diane Finance meeting reference Church giving

WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY

10.30am Revd Diane Rural Dean with Bacton Clergy

12noon MU AGM meeting in the ARK

THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

10.30am Christians together Lent group at Christchurch

2.15pm Revd Diane funeral of Brian Pipe at Seven Hills Crematorium

7.30pm Lent Course at 34 Pinecroft Way

FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

7.30pm Revd Diane chairing meeting of Barham PCC

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY

9.00am Revd Diane Diocesan Synod meeting

12NOON-1.30pm LENT SOUP LUNCH £3 pp in aid of the Kagera Appeal

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY

2nd SUNDAY of LENT

10.00am Sung Eucharist at the Limes

7.00pm Young People meet at the ARK

CONTACTS

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Please include in your prayers

-Madge and Iris

-the Ruby family, for Mick and Linda

- Catherine's friend David and for Janet and for the family

- Roland's mother Lore and for Roland and Allison

-Bryony and Tom and the twins

especially Frida who is still in hospital

-Bradley and Claire as they prepare for their wedding

-the family of Denise Martin and Brian Pipe whose funerals are this week.

-for all families who are facing difficult times during these uncertain times

-we pray for our church and all who worship with us during this time of

changes in our service pattern. We pray for Revd Diane as she prepares us for the

season of Lent and Easter and for her ministry among us and all she does in

her role of Rural Dean.

We also pray for the many names that appear on our prayer board and all those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who are in pain and distress and for those who care for loved ones. Give skills to doctors and nurses and patience to all those who care for invalids.

–as the Church begins this season of Lent, we ask you to remind us of what is important and what is not; of where we are wondering away and what we need to change; so that by Easter we will be renewed and strengthened for you service in this community

-knowing our weakness in the face of temptation, we ask for your strength and protection so that, though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong.

St. John the Baptist Church Needham Market,

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 1st SUNDAY of LENT

10.00am Sung Eucharist in the ARK

Readings

Genesis Ch9 v8-17	pg 10
1 Peter Ch3 v198-end	pg1219
Mark Ch1 v9-15	pg1002

Hymns

190	Forty Days and forty nights
150	Do not be afraid
527	On Jordan's bank
343	Jesu, lover of my soul
66	Be still and know
54	At the name of Jesus

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 AMEN

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES thank you to all those who have signed up to make the soup or help on these Saturdays. There are however a few spaces for soup makers and for helpers so please do check the rotas today if you can help. Owing to the service situation these rotas are going to have to be transported on a board to each Sunday service, so if you can help please seek out the board with them on so you can sign up for your preferred Saturday. Thank you

LENT COURSE this year is one of the **Pilgrim study courses entitled Church and Kingdom.**

There will be five sessions beginning on Monday 19th February at 10am at Autumn Lodge, Barking Road and Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm at 34 Pinecroft Way. If you would like to join in these discussions please pick up a copy of the blue leaflet with all the details on. Please be sure to fill in and detach the form and return to Revd Diane so she knows how many will be attending each course.

PRAYERS if you or anyone you know, would like us to pray for them or someone else, if you write your request on a slip of paper there is a box in the post office shop by the till, that you can post them in. These are then collected weekly and placed on the prayer board which is now situated in the ARK lobby.

PEW SHEETS we will continue to produce the pew sheet each week. Now that the church is closed if you know of someone you either see or live near who picks one up during the week, please take a second copy and drop it into them. It is also available on line at www.needhammarketparishchurch.co.uk

Thank you

MARMALADE MAKING thanks to the support of Peter, George, Margaret W, Margaret S, Cora and Jennifer a total of 30 jars of marmalade were made and will be available to purchase later on in the year. Thank you to those who donated jam jars too Margaret Savill

WORDS & MUSIC evening I am proposing to hold a third Words & Music evening in the Ark at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 22nd June and am looking for volunteers to take part. I will be contacting direct those who have performed in the previous two events but, if you did not do so and fancy "treading the boards" on this occasion, please email or phone me - see below. As before, I will suggest some of the items for the evening's programme but many of them will be the personal choice of the individual performer.

Email: michaeltbenge@aol.com/Phones:
Landline - 01449 258615 & Mobile:
07788110457 hank you, Michael Turner

EASTER LILIES due to our service structure this year we are unable to display our Easter lilies. However we know that the purchase of these, in memory of those no longer with us, is very important to you, so this year you can still purchase a lily but only ONE. These will then be displayed at the Easter morning service. We then, as we cannot leave them anywhere, would like you to take it home with you and have the memory in your own home. As usual forms are available, please complete and return to Diana or Christine with your £3 for your lily. A list of the names will be compiled and displayed at the service

From the Vicarage

We have arrived at Lent; one of the two penitential seasons in the church's year and a time of spiritual preparation for the great festival of Easter .

There will be a great deal going on as usual and began last Wednesday as about two dozen of us gathered to take part in the Ash Wednesday Quiet morning and the service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. Although it is always quite demanding preparing for the day's activities, for me, it is a wonderful start to the season. This year the Evening Service had to be held at the Vicarage which made for a very different and rather special atmosphere as we were once again invited to "the observance of a holy Lent".

Holy means "set apart for God" and over the coming weeks I encourage you all to find time to set apart for God and also to find ways of being set apart, yourself - taken out of the busyness, or the routine or the humdrum that is life - to draw closer to God.

And so to our Lent Courses – Church and kingdom – which might just help you to begin the process of setting both time and yourself apart for God.

The Lent course is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another in fellowship as well, a way of building the Church so that we may more faithfully and powerfully witness to God's presence and activity in his world.

So we begin a good Lent, a holy Lent, journeying together towards Good Friday and the day of resurrection.

Blessings Diane