



Sunday 2nd March 2025
 @ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



The Vicar writes:

This Sunday we welcome Beatrix Hardy-Mills for baptism at the 9.30am service. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday: there will be a Communion service at 10am when you may be marked with the sign of the cross traced in ash (if you wish). At the monthly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening I will report briefly on the February session of General Synod. This Sunday we will be thinking about some of the spiritual disciplines which can strengthen our life in faith - prayer, giving and fasting. Please consider how you might make the most of Lent - perhaps with a more regular habit of prayer, or by reading about prayer, the person of Jesus or the fruitful Christian life.

The Walking the Way course begins on Friday - an opportunity to renew the basic teachings and practices of faith, and ideal preparation for baptism or confirmation.

yours in Christ, Graham

March
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Next before Lent: *An Audience of One*

Bible Readings: Isaiah 58.1-9, Matthew 6.1-18

9.30am Sunday Praise & Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton

11.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

5.00pm Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton

7.00pm 14-18's in Church room.

St Mary's

Bible Readings: Leviticus 19.1-18, Matthew 5.38-48

11.00am Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom

3 Mon

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom

6.30pm Wise Guys in Bovey Youth Cafe

5 Wed

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion in church: Rev Graham Hamilton

1.30pm 'Welcome Wednesday' in the Church Room

2.30pm Memorial service for Victor Palmer in church

7.30pm Monthly prayer meeting in the Church Room/on Zoom

6 Thu

7.00am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

9.30am Ladies' Sewing group in the Church Room

7 Fri

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10.00am Friday Friends group in the Church Room

7.30pm *Walking the Way* Introduction in the Church Room

9 Sun

First Sunday in Lent: *Your Kingdom Come*

Bible readings: 1 Tim. 6.6-19, Matthew 6.19-24

9.30am Sunday Praise: Rev David Harris

11.00am Holy Communion: Rev David Harris

5.00pm Prayer and Praise: Rev David Harris

St Mary's

11.00am

Bible readings: Deut 26.1-11, Luke 4.1-13

Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock

Please join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.00am on Mondays and Fridays. It lasts no more than half an hour. It's simple to join: just click [here](#) to join Morning Prayer, or enter the ID 986 2130 8247 and Passcode: 102020

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Our Mission focus for March is Leprosy Mission.

Peter Waddup CEO of The Leprosy Mission reports that he was drawn by God to research the Odisha region of India. There he found 76 leprosy colonies with communities of people affected by leprosy all of whom had been forgotten by the world. Poverty, poor or no sanitation, collapsing damp housing, no clean water and a lack of healthcare mean that it's the perfect breeding ground for leprosy and, where there is little understanding about the disease and no easy way get treatment, cases of leprosy rise. 96% of people in Odisha have disabilities caused by the disease. The Leprosy Mission are working here to revive hope by curing leprosy, building safe homes, providing clean water from boreholes providing toilets and giving the people plants and animals to improve their nutrition.

We are asked to prayerfully consider the ways in which we may help The Leprosy Mission to break the cycles of despair and poverty.

All gifts in the collection plate or using Contactless go to our monthly mission focus. Gifts in yellow Gift Aid envelopes are for the general church funds.

Welcome Wednesdays: every Wednesday in term-time from 1.30pm to 3pm, for all ages 0-99 - toys, friends, chat, cuppa and cake.

Mum's Bible study meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 9.30am in the church room: pre-school children are welcome!

Walking the Way: is an exploration of Christian basics through the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. This is ideal preparation if you are thinking about baptism or confirmation, or would like to refresh your understanding. Please contact Graham for details. Course will begin in March.

Catechism Question: What happened to all mankind because of Adam and Eve's sin?

A: Because of Adam and Eve's sin, all people are now born sinful and don't love God. (Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. Rom 5.12. At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. Titus 3.3)

Prayer List: John Ayre, Robbie Beauchamp, Bernard Bishop, Judy Bowen, Nina Coleby-Clarke, Betty Dewart, Hillary Ellery, Barry Jarvis, Rachel Knightly, Mathew Percy, Ronald Percy, George Smith, Rose Tyrrell

In Memory: Alec Jacobs, Victor Palmer

Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Study Questions:

Icebreaker: which spiritual or devotional disciplines (prayer, bible study, giving, fasting etc) do you find most helpful, and which are most difficult for you? What are their purpose?

Context: in ch 5 (the Sermon on the Mount) Jesus has taught us how our relationship with God (our 'righteousness') should be lived out in ways that go beyond the literal sense of the Commandments. Now Jesus addresses spiritual disciplines.

Read Matthew 6.1-18

Jesus warns about hypocrisy (vv 2,5,16). What is a hypocrite? What are the dangers of hypocrisy?

Jesus describes different kinds of 'reward' (3-4, 5-6, 16-17).
What is the true reward for righteousness? (cf 5.3-10)

Jesus focuses on three spiritual disciplines, common to many great faiths. What other spiritual disciplines are there, and did Jesus practise them?

Giving Alms or giving to the needy: (vv2-4)

How were observant Jews expected to give alms?

How is this different from paying taxes, tithes and other offerings?

How are we confronted by need in today's modern world? How should we give?

Fasting: (16-18) When were observant Jews commanded to fast?

How had the practice developed? (see Leviticus 16.29, Ezra 8.21, 2 Chron 20.3, Joel 1,2 Dan 9)

How had it been corrupted (see Isaiah 58.1-9)

When and how does Jesus expect us to fast? (see also Mt 9.14-17)

Can the local or national Church rightly call its members to fast? (cf Acts 13.1-3, 14.23)

Praying: (vv5-13)

What are the dangers of praying in public? Does Jesus forbid public prayer? (Jn 11.41, Acts 1.14)

How does Jesus expect us to use his model Prayer - and in which version?! (cf Lk 11.1-4)

What attitude to God does Jesus' prayer help us to develop, and to avoid?

Which lines of the Lord's Prayer puzzle you? See if you can help one another understand better

There are too many tricky questions of translation and interpretation in the Lord's prayer for a single sermon or study. Consider reading a book about the Lord's Prayer for Lent this year: there will be copies for sale or for lending available in church over the next few weeks.

Application: how can we encourage one another to develop our spiritual disciplines ('do righteousness') without falling into the trap of 'practicing your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them.' (v.1)

Mon 3 Mar Ps 80, Jeremiah 1 Give thanks that after the grey wet days of winter we can see the first signs of spring in our gardens and the countryside, and pray for gardeners and farmers as they prepare to sow crops.
Tue 4 Mar: Ps 89.1-18, Jeremiah 2.1-13. On this Shrove Tuesday pray that we would enjoy and give thanks to God for the bounty with which He provides us and that we would be reminded to share those gifts with others.
Wed 5 Mar: Ps Ash Wednesday. Ps 38, Daniel 9.3-6,17-19. The memorial service of Victor Palmer, a well known business man in Bovey Tracey, is taking place at PPT church today. Pray for his family and friends.
Thur 6 Mar: Ps 77, Jeremiah 2.14-32 Pray for the people of Odisha, India, living in poverty and living with leprosy. Give thanks that the Leprosy Mission are working there to improve their lives and curing leprosy.
Fri 7 Mar: Ps 3, Jeremiah 3.6-22. For the Walking the Way Course beginning this evening, and for Graham leading it.
Sat 8 Mar: Ps 71, Jeremiah 4.1-18 Pray for our farmers as they struggle to cope with the many and varied interventions by the Government, that they may not lose hope
Sun 9 March Ps 5.1-15, Micah 6.1-8 Give thanks that in this increasingly changing, uncertain world, where truth, integrity and compassion is needed that we have a God who knows, loves and understands us and offers us His peace.

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