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**"Enough" – Lent Devotional**

40 days of thoughts and prayers, published by Tearfund, one of our core missions. Pick up a booklet at the back or sign up to receive a regular email: [www.tearfund.org/en/lent\\_2019](http://www.tearfund.org/en/lent_2019)

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - (APCM) 7 APRIL 2019, 11.45am (straight after the morning service). ST MARY'S CHURCH DENHAM - ELECTORAL ROLL 2019** Every six years a new Electoral Roll is prepared. Members on the present roll have been invited to re-apply. Enrolment is also open to residents of the parish and to people who live outside the parish who have habitually attended church over the last six months (at least once a month). Application forms are available from our Electoral Roll Officer Maurice Litchmore (printed copies are next to internal mail tray), who must receive all completed applications by **no later than 11 March 2019.**

**Francis and Annabel Moloney**

Francis Moloney, our Parish Assistant and Ordinand, will be leaving us to serve his training curacy at St. Leonard's, Beoley in the Diocese of Worcester. Francis and Annabel's last Sunday in Denham will be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Francis will be ordained in Worcester Cathedral on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Annabel will also finish her nursing degree this summer. Please pray for them as they prepare for this next chapter in their life and ministry.

**A DAY TOGETHER**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4.45pm, Gerrards Cross**

A Seminar for couples to invest in their relationship. To find out more, please pick up a brochure at the back.

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**WEEKLY DIARY**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am Alpha Course. *St Mark's*  
7.30pm Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

6.00pm Youth Alpha *St Mark's House*

**Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*  
10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group *St Mark's*

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**NO** Holy Communion. BCP. *St Mary's Vestry*  
7.30pm Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

**Bible reading Fellowship:** BRF Bible reading notes work on a 12 month year which starts in May 2019 to April 2020. They are sent out 3 times a year covering a 4 month period. NEW DAYLIGHT Bible Readings have a Bible passage and a comment for each day. If you wish to join us in these daily readings please let me know and I will be happy to arrange this for you. If you receive these readings and you wish to continue, you need do nothing, your subscription will continue. To contact me please email: [howellglynis@gmail.com](mailto:howellglynis@gmail.com); or telephone 01895 833335. Also, if you have not given me your contact details (email/telephone) please let me know. Glynis Howell.

**Tombola for Denham Fayre**

Collection for the Tombola at the Denham Fayre has begun. Please place any unwanted gifts which are in good condition in the Tombola Box at the back of the church.

**Book Stall at Denham Fayre**

We are running a book stall this year. Please place your book donations into the boxes provided at the back of church.

*No other gifts, please. There will be no bric-a-brac stall. Thank you.*

Copies of C.S. Lewis's sermon *The Weight of Glory* (mentioned in the sermon at 10.30am) are available at the back of church.

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**PAROUSIA**  
Weekly News Sheet  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019  
The Sunday next before Lent

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is Sunday club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.  
*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

**NOT OWNED, ONLY 'LENT'**

*Christoph Lindner*

This week, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Early Christians wanted to prepare in a special way for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day. As early as the second century many therefore observed special days of fasting. Over the next centuries that time was extended to 40 days, maybe in remembrance of Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and when you do the maths, you will find that it lasts for 46 (!) days. That's because Christians thought it wasn't right to fast on Sundays, when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

The Letter of James reminds us that every good gift comes from our heavenly Father. But we have a tendency to worship the gifts and forget the giver.

**In Lent we have the opportunity to remind ourselves that all God's gifts are *lent* to us, that we do not own them.**

We do this by giving up things for 40 days – not because they are bad, but because they could become an *idol* – something or someone we worship. **In our 10.30am Sunday services at St Mary's from next week** we will be *unmasking the idols of love, money and power* that we are all in danger of worshipping.

What are you giving up for Lent? What new habit might you be taking up?

Tearfund are offering the booklet "Enough", a Lent devotional with a bible verse, thought and prayer for each day (pick one up at the back of church – if we run out, we will order more). Here is what the introduction of the book says:

"In God's eyes, we are more than enough. It's why he sent his son to reconcile us to him. At Lent we can take time to reflect on all he did for us. Time to reject the message that we aren't enough or need more stuff to complete us, and instead remember Christ died for us, just as we are."

*Dear God, you know everything about me. Thank you that you know the very best and the very worst there is to know about me and yet you still love me. Let your acceptance of me sink deep into my heart. And help me to welcome others without judgment. Amen.*

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## Worship today



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

### The Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Alison Barrett

**Readings:** 1 Cor. 13.1-13

Luke 18. 31-end

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:

**Sidesteam:**

Anne Thomas & John Breese

**Readings and Readers:**

Psalm 99 Anne Thomas

Luke 9. 28-36 Carlene Litchmore

**Prayers:** Clergy

**Sunday Club:** Edda Lindner

3.30pm Café Church St Mark's Hall

*Interview with Revd Nnamdi Maduka,  
our new associate minister.*

### Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who is this man who was born as a child

though he was God? (JESUS!)

Who is this man who loved the small,  
the sick, the poor? (JESUS!)

Who said that God wants us all to be  
like little children? (JESUS!)

Who gave his life so that I could be a child of God?

*Jesus, Son of God and Saviour*

*He is Jesus, Son of God and Lord!*

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Who can I turn to when I need a friend  
and helper? (JESUS!)

Who can I talk to when I feel so weak and small?  
(JESUS!)

Who is this man who will keep all the  
good things he has promised? (JESUS!)

Who's got the power to make me a child  
of the greatest King?

### Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! <sup>4</sup> Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Luke 9. 28-36

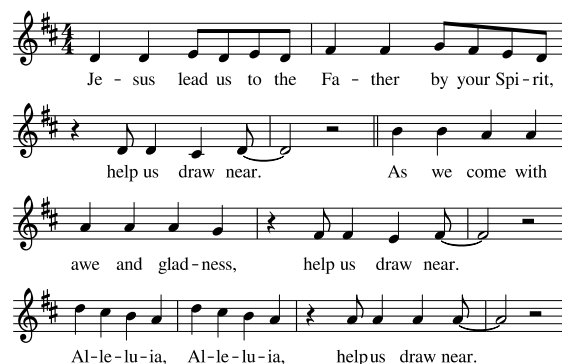
<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God*

**Jesus, lead us to the Father** by your Spirit,  
help us draw near.

As we come with awe and gladness,  
help us draw near.

Alleluia, Alleluia, help us draw near.



## Worship next week



10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Mary Gage

**Readings:** 2 Cor 6.1-10

Luke 19.1-10

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Sung Communion St Mary's:

*Unmasking the Idols:*

*Love is not all you need*

**Sidesteam:**

Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb

**Readings and Readers:**

TBC Ann Collins

Matthew 27.38-46 Stuart Montgomery

**Prayers:** Carlene Litchmore

**Servers:**  
Carlene Litchmore & Ian Jennings

**Sunday Club:** Sheyla Johnson

In your prayers this week, please remember **Jo Beal, Vi Slade, Sean Ryde, Edward (Audrey Sells brother) and Christine Willson**. Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time.

