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10.00am Parish Mass

Weekday Masses:

12noon	Monday
10am	Tuesday
10am	Wednesday
10am	Thursday

Prayer for Growth 4pm Monday on Zoom

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd January	The Epiphany of the Lord
2 nd February	Candlemas (The Presentation of Our Lord)
12 th February	Love Shine a Light Craft Morning 10am Valentine Murder Mystery Evening 7pm
1 st March	Shrove Tuesday Messy Church with pancake party
2 nd March	Ash Wednesday 10am Low Mass 7pm Sung Mass with the Imposition of Ashes. Please return last year's Palm Crosses to Fr Robert.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2022

1	MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
2	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Matt 2:1-12
3	The most holy name of Jesus	I John 3:22-4:6; Matt 4:12-17,23-25
4	Tuesday after epiphany	I Jnoh 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
5	Wednesday after epiphany	I John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
6	Thursday after epiphany	I John 4:-5:4; Luke 4:14-22
7	St Raymond	I John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
8	Saturday after epiphany	I John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
9	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Isa 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16,21-22
10	Monday	I Sam 1:1-8; Mark 1:14—20
11	Tuesday	I Sam 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
12	St Aelred of Revaulx	I Sam 3:1-10,19-20; Mark 1:29—39
13	St Hilary	I Sam 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
14	Friday	I Sam 8:4-7,10-22; Mark 2:1-12
15	Saturday	I Sam 9:1-4,17-19; Mark 2:13-17
16	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	Isa 62:1-5; Cor 12:4-11 John 2:1-11
17	St Anthony	I Sam 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
18	Tuesday	I Sam 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
19	Wednesday	I Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mark 3:1-6
20	Thursday	I Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
21	St Agnes	I Sam 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19
22	St. Vincent	2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27; Mark 3:20-21
23	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	Neh 8:2-6,8-10; I Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21
24	St Francis de Sales	2 Sam 5:1-7,10; Mark 3:22-30
25	THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL	Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
26	Ss Timothy and Titus	2 Tim 1:1-8; Mark 4:1-20
27	St Angela Marie Merici	2 Sam 7:18-19,24-29; Mark 4 21-25
28	St Thomas Aquinas	2 Sam 11:1-10,13-17; Mark 4:26-34
29	Saturday	2 Sam 12:1-7; Mark 4:35-41
30	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	
31	St John Bosco	

FROM THE VICARAGE

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'*

*And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!'*

This poem, which I'm sure is familiar to many of us was written in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins and privately published in 1912. It caught the public attention and the popular imagination when King George VI quoted it in his 1939 Christmas broadcast, when the world was in the darkness of the early days of the Second World War.



These words can be of great comfort for us today as we continue to live with our country still in the grip of a pandemic. Despite the restrictions and fears surrounding COVID19, as Christians we have the assurance of the love of God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, the babe, Emmanuel, born for us on that first Christmas Day. As a worshipping community we have, I believe stayed strong over the last twelve months in our resolve to live out faithfully our Christian witness.

We begin the new year with that great feast of the Church, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord. In this celebration we recall the journey and visit of the Magi to the new-born Saviour. The word Epiphany, which means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal."

Each of the Gospels differ in certain ways and at different times and that is one of the beauties of how each Evangelist unfolds for us the story of Jesus and his ministry. So, it is only in St Matthew's gospel that we learn about the Magi. These 'wise men' were led to a manifestation, an epiphany, of Jesus Christ in a more complicated and oblique way than the shepherds, that we learn about in St Luke's account.

The gospel story of the Magi is taken up largely with their journey, unlike that of the shepherds which concentrates on what was manifested to them and how they communicated it. Many of us might well see our own response to Jesus, the Incarnate Lord and our spiritual journeys as similar to that of the Magi, for our Christian pilgrimage can often be a puzzling and prolonged journey.

Yet epiphany there was, for the Magi and for us and as we journey into a new year we do so in the knowledge of the revelation of Jesus to the World.

*Star of the East, how sweet art Thou,
Seen in life's early morning sky,
Ere yet a cloud has dimmed the brow,
While yet we gaze with childish eye.*

John Keble

With my love and prayers,

Father Robert





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Social and Fundraising

On the 4th December we were very fortunate to have our Christmas Fayre. This year we held this from 11am to 3pm which appears to have been popular. The afternoon went with a buzz – the ‘Naughty or Nice’ stall was very popular and sold out quite quickly. In fact all the games and stalls appeared popular and hence our takings of £1,300 were almost back to pre-covid levels which is amazing.

As always, work starts on the next Christmas Fayre as soon as the previous one is concluded. This festive season, please could you save and collect any gift bags. If you leave these at the back of church, we will put them away for the next ‘Naughty or Nice’ plus any unwanted non-perishable and undated gifts.

Looking forward to 2022, we kick start with a Murder Mystery evening on 12th February. Tickets will be on sale after Christmas; however, we will be keeping an eye on the Government Guidelines to see if this event should take place.

The Summer Fete is to take place in August. If you have any ideas for games, stalls or displays we should include at the fete, please speak to Malcolm Brett.

Church Craft Club

Our Craft Club will continue this year with the idea of setting up a stall at the back of church and creating a larger craft stall at the fairs. With the Messy Church restarting, the Craft Club will only meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. To help with structure we will try to focus on a craft of the month. For January we will try some stitching cards, making general cards, Mothering Sunday cards, Valentine cards or Easter cards.

Obviously we do not know how the guide lines are going to go and we have to bear in mind that people may not want or be able to meet together for the club. With this in mind, if you let Jane Winter know if you would like to be part of the group but work from home, we will put together kits for people to take home. We hope that this will enable as many people as possible to be part of this club.

St Symphorian's
Church
Durrington Hill
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12th February
7pm

£8 per person

Bar available



MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Tickets available from Durrington Parish Office email theoffice@stsymphorians.co.uk

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This Year with St Luke

During this liturgical year we will hear much from St Luke's gospel. So who is he, and why four gospels? Because there is only one Gospel, which is about Jesus Christ.

The word '*Gospel*' means 'Good News' and the good news is about Jesus Christ dying on the cross and then three days later conquering death and rising from the dead, offering salvation to all the world.

But there are four different writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, all offering slightly different emphases on the Gospel story. So what about St Luke and his gospel, which draws on the earlier gospel of St Mark?

Although Luke's name never appears in his gospel (or in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles) ancient Christian tradition consistently attribute the books to him. We understand Luke to be a Syrian from Antioch, so we can deduce that he was probably not Jewish. He eventually settled in the Greek city of Thebes, where he died aged about 84. It is thought that Luke's gospel was written in the third part of the first century, but there are different theories about where it was written, perhaps in Achaia, Caesarea Maritima (while Paul was in prison there) or Rome (where Paul was martyred). Acts was written in Rome.

Luke is the only gentile writer in our scriptures. He is not mentioned during Jesus' lifetime but afterwards became a Christian under the influence of St Paul. Paul describes him as 'the beloved physician' (Colossians 4.14) but he could also be described as 'the historian' and 'the evangelist'.

Luke accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys and on his third and final journey he expresses "that only Luke is with me" (2 Timothy 4.11).

Luke must have had an amazing mind and intellect for he expresses at the start of his account that he 'investigated everything carefully' (Luke 1.1-4). So he must have spoken to eye witnesses to the miracles and events surrounding Jesus' ministry. All his enquiries must have clearly persuaded Luke and he became a

devoted follower of Jesus, and a faithful companion of Paul until the end.

Luke addresses his works to 'Theophilus', who could have been another Gentile convert to Christianity who desired to know more of the facts surrounding the life of Jesus; maybe a wealthy supporter. Yet the name 'Theophilus' means 'lover of God' so could well have referred to all lovers of God in Jesus, i.e. Christian communities generally.

Luke's interest in people is clear and much of the material unique to Luke's gospel involved Jesus's interaction with individuals, many of them on the fringes of the 'acceptable' society of the day; sinners, women and children, tax collectors, gentiles, prostitutes and people with leprosy among them. Luke's portrayal of Jesus reveals our Lord as a man come to minister and show compassion to all people, no matter their station in life.

Just as Matthew portrays Jesus as the King, and as Mark reveals him as the Servant, Luke gives his unique view of Jesus as the Son of Man. And 'Son of Man' was Jesus' favourite way to refer to himself. Luke portrays Jesus as God's ideal man, who offers salvation of all humanity, Jew and Gentile alike.

Luke's gospel reflects on Jesus' life:

His birth, childhood and early Ministry (1.1 – 4.13);

His Ministry in Galilee (4.14 – 9.50);

His journey to Jerusalem (9.51 -21.38);

His rejection and death (22.1 -23.56);

His Resurrection and Ascension (24.1-53)

The richness of Luke's picture of Jesus has vital implications for our relationship with God today. Jesus walks through Luke's gospel illustrating His deep and abiding care for people, regardless of what they have done or their status in society. God, in Jesus, cares for us and, in turn, shows us how we are to care for others.

I hope that our reading from Luke's gospel this year, speaks to you and guides your life.

Fr Keith

Jams, Marmalades, Pickles and Chutneys

A couple of years ago I started doing the occasional chutney, then some jams followed by helping with the family pickled onions. I thought that in 2022 I would share some of my favourite recipes. Additionally I would try to make a few jars for you to try so you can decide if you would like to make them yourselves. I have to admit that each time I make jam or chutney I always see my gran standing in the kitchen making jams. I used to have to help her, but now I have her pan to use.

So for January there can only be one option - Paddington Bear Marmalade. This is made with Seville oranges – amazing amounts of pips in these and they are so bitter – hence there is a lot of sugar. These oranges are only available from just before Christmas and through January. I usually find them in the farm shops - it is worth the effort to hunt them down – but I do occasionally put a twist in it and add some ginger! My copy of this recipe can be found on the BBC Food website. They do the marmalade in two batches which I'm sure makes a better marmalade but I am a little impatient.

INGREDIENTS

1.3kg Seville oranges

lemons , juice only

2.6kg preserving or granulated sugar

1. Put the whole oranges and lemon juice in a large preserving pan and cover with 2 litres/4 pints water - if it does not cover the fruit, use a smaller pan. If necessary weight the oranges with a heat-proof plate to keep them submerged. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer very gently for around 2 hours, or until the peel can be easily pierced with a fork.
2. Pour off the cooking water from the oranges into a jug and tip the oranges into a bowl. Return cooking liquid to the pan. Allow oranges to cool until they are easy to handle, then cut in half. Scoop out all the pips and pith and add to the reserved orange liquid in the pan. Bring to the boil for 6 minutes, then strain this liquid through a sieve into a bowl and press the pulp through with a wooden spoon - it is high in pectin so gives marmalade a good set.

3. This recipe produces approximately 10lbs of marmalade. This is a good point to prepare the jars. Ensure the jars and lids are thoroughly washed and then place in a warm oven to dry and keep warm.
4. Cut the peel, with a sharp knife, into fine shreds. Add the peel to the liquid in the preserving pan with the warm sugar. Stir over a low heat until all the sugar has dissolved, for about 10 minutes, then bring to the boil and bubble rapidly for 15- 25 minutes until setting point is reached.
5. Take pan off the heat and skim any scum from the surface. (To dissolve any excess scum, drop a small knob of butter on to the surface, and gently stir.) Leave the marmalade to stand in the pan for 20 minutes to cool a little and allow the peel to settle; then pot in warm, sterilised jars, seal and label.

Fresh ginger marmalade: Peel 100g/4oz fresh root ginger and slice thinly. Tie in a muslin bag and bruise with a rolling pin to release its natural juices. Add the bag to pan at step 3, once sugar has dissolved. Remove ginger just before potting.

The Canning Method.

After making the marmalade or jam, I will use the canning method to help preserve the shelf life of the product. For this I boil the full jar for approximately 15minutes.

Your marmalade is ready to give to friends or store.

Over the coming weeks I hope to make batches of both the plain and ginger marmalades suggested above. Each jar costs about £1 to produce. Please put your donation in the wall safe at the back of church. Once you have emptied the jar, I would be grateful if you could wash it out and return to church so that it can be used again. This will keep future costs to a minimum.

Thank you for your support.

JANUARY Prayer Diary

Please find below a daily prayer diary. Each day (except Sunday), we pray for three streets in our parish. If you spot any road is missing from the list, please email magazine@stsymphorians.co.uk.

Saturday 1 st	Mary, Holy Mother of God For the new year Downe Walk, Durrington Hill, Durrington Lane
Sunday 2nd	Epiphany Sunday For the Parish of Durrington
Monday 3 rd	The Most Holy Name of Jesus For local schools East Tyne, Edgehill Close, Edmonton Road
Tuesday 4 th	Local government and councillors Elm Mews, Eriskay Court, Essenhigh Drive
Wednesday 5 th	Long-term sick Exford Walk, Exmoor Close, Exmoor Crescent
Thursday 6 th	The faithful departed Fircroft Close, Forest Lane, Foxglove Walk
Friday 7 th	The emergency services Franklin Road, Fulbeck Avenue, Fulbeck Way
Saturday 8 th	Vocations to the Priesthood Gatcombe Close, Gaywood Walk, Gladiolus Grove
Sunday 9th	For the Parish of Durrington
Monday 10 th	Worthing Hospital Chaplaincy Greenland Close, Greenland Mews, Greenland Road
Tuesday 11 th	Religious Communities Halfmoon Lane, Halifax Drive, Hamble Gardens
Wednesday 12 th	S. Aelred of Rievaulx Bishop Martin Hamble Way, Hammond Drive, Harlech Close
Thursday 13 th	S. Hilary Spiritual directors and confessors Hatfield Walk, Highclere Way, Hildon Close
Friday 14 th	For the Society of the Holy Cross Hildon Park, Hobart Close, Holly Close
Saturday 15 th	Those suffering from coronavirus Hollyacres, Hudson Close, Humber Avenue
Sunday 16th	For the Parish of Durrington

Monday 17 th	S.Anthony Our parish link with Münchberg Hurley Road, Iris Close, Ivydore Avenue
Tuesday 18 th	The unity of the Church Ivydore Close, Jevington Close, Juniper Close
Wednesday 19 th	S.Wulftsan The Diocese of Chichester Kennet Close, Kingfisher Close, Kingsbridge Mews
Thursday 20 th	Our Lady (<i>S.Fabian</i>) The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham Laurel Close, Lavender Close, Lilac Close,
Friday 21 st	S.Agnes St Barnabas House Littlehampton Road, Littlestone Road, Lobelia Drive
Saturday 22 nd	S.Vincent The Orthodox Church Loddon Close, Lowther Road, Lupin Spinney
Sunday 23rd	For the Parish of Durrington
Monday 24 th	S.Francis de Sales RC Church Lyn Road, Magnolia Close, Malthouse Way
Tuesday 25 th	The Conversion of S. Paul S. Paul's, Brighton Manitoba Way, Meadowsweet Close, Medway Close
Wednesday 26 th	Ss. Timothy and Titus Worthing Deanery Mendip Crescent, Mendip Road, Mersey Close
Thursday 27 th	S.Angela Merici National Health Service Mersey Road, Middle Tyne, Montreal Way
Friday 28 th	S.Thomas Aquinas Theologians Moore Close, Muirfield Road, New Brunswick Drive
Saturday 29 th	The Royal Family New Road, Nightingale Avenue, Ontario Close
Sunday 30th	For the Parish of Durrington
Monday 31 st	S.John Bosco HM The Queen Ontario Gardens, Orkney Court, Pennycross Avenue

Silent Night

In their village high in the Austrian Alps, a Catholic priest and his organist often talked about the hymns their church sang. They agreed that the perfect Christmas hymn had not yet been written. Then, just before Christmas 1818, the church organ broke down. Suddenly, they needed a new hymn that could be easily sung by a congregation, even without a booming organ to lead the way.

Joseph Mohr, the priest, took up the challenge and quickly wrote the words of 'Silent Night.' He handed them to Gruber, the organist, who said, 'You have found it – the right song- God be praised!' Then Gruber wrote a tune that could be effective with guitar accompaniment.

The hymn might have remained an obscure Alpine folk song if it weren't for the organ repairman. A few days after Christmas, he got a copy of the song and began sharing it with others. Soon touring groups began to sing it in concerts, spreading its popularity even further. Today it is one of the most beloved of all Christmas songs.

A Recipe for the New Year

Take twelve whole months.

Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humour.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a happy new year.

Author Unknown

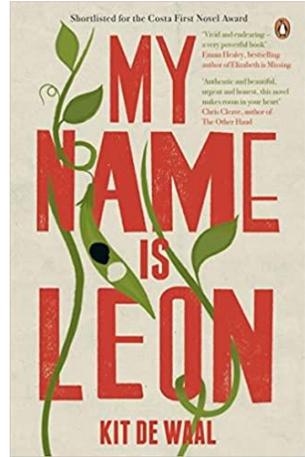
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Durrington Book Club
Next review time will be on
Wednesday 5th January 2022,
When we will discuss
an assortment of topics



Our November read was a “Marmite” book and only scored **6** - but 10 out of 10 for discussion! “**My Name is Leon**” was written in 2016 but set in the early 1980s. The narrative is seen through the eyes of an eight year old boy who is trying to understand the world around him and keep control of his life. Unfortunately, most of the adults and circumstances around him keep changing the goalposts and from his perspective, Leon, doesn’t always interpret things as an adult might be expected to do. Leon just wants to return to the life with his mother and baby brother where he felt safe.

Now, all that this little boy possesses is his name, Leon. His father left when his mother fell pregnant by another man; his mother has been found incapable and unwilling to take responsibility or care for her two sons; his precious toys were never retrieved from the old flat when he was taken into care; his beloved younger brother, Jake, is then adopted and the only photograph of Jake that he was given he gives to his mother,



Carol – she is white and Leon’s father was black so life is a little more complicated.

Kit de WAAL was not a name any of us knew until we started reading this book. She was born in Birmingham. Her mother was Irish, a foster carer and auxiliary nurse and her father came from St. Kitts, West Indies, and worked as a bus driver. Among the Irish Community, she and her siblings were the only black



children and at the West Indian Social Club they were the only ones with a white mother. Kit de Waal attended Grammar School, then worked in criminal and family law as a Magistrate for 15 years. She sits on Adoption panels, has worked as an advisor for Social Services and has written manuals on adoption and foster care. She has always enjoyed writing but when her children had grown up she decided to study creative writing, which she did at Oxford Brookes University achieving a master's degree. **“My Name is Leon”** was her first novel, set against the backdrop of the Handsworth riots of 1981, and drew on her personal and professional experience of foster care and the adoption system and probably the importance of good “role models” for the growing child. Perhaps this is why this book reads well if thought of as nonfiction presented as a novel. The author has since set up The Kit de Waal Writing Scholarship for a writer from a disadvantaged background and continues to exhort the publishing industry to include more working class writers. She has become an “Ambassador” for the charity Listening Books. What tour de force this name of Kit de Waal earns an honour from Her Majesty? It would be good to have Leon as the next Mayor of Birmingham!

Our next meeting will be on the 5th January when we will meet to discuss an assortment of topics which may or may not be related to the poems, readings, books or articles brought along to share! We will meet in the church via the side door, up the ramp on the north side of the building from 2.15pm for 2.30 a start, having a tea break in the middle and finishing around 4 pm. All are welcome to join us if Covid free. The book that we will collect and tackle during January will be about Barack OBAMA!



The Epiphany of the Lord

**2nd January
Parish Mass
10am**

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Durrington You Group - Returns

Welcome back to all you loyal supporters after such a long break. The first meeting is on Wednesday January 19th at 2.30pm. Hilary Firth will give a talk on the Doorstep Library Service. For anyone new this group welcomes anyone from the community who enjoys meeting others and sharing similar interests. There is a slight change with the venue which is now inside the Church and will be the same

now for our future monthly meetings. The cost will be the same as before £3.50 which includes refreshments. Please arrive by 2.15 as the talk will start promptly at 2.30 pm. Further details are available from the Church Office 01903 268109 or email:

theoffice@stsymphorians.co.uk .

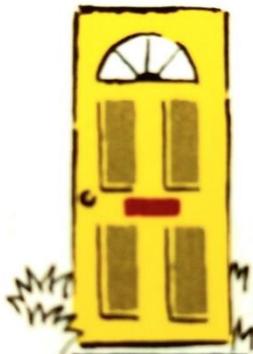
Look forward to seeing you all. Linda

The Durrington “You” Group

This friendly Group welcomes anyone from the community who enjoy meeting other people and share similar interests.

Wednesday 19th January, 2.30pm

please arrive by 2.15 pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.



with
Hilary Firth

“The Doorstep
Visiting Library
Service”



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Use It!

My family has a number of rugby supporters and regularly you will hear the ref shouting 'Use it' when the play is in a lull while the players work on their next move. I always want to finish that statement with 'or lose it!'

This phrase 'Use it or lose it' makes me think about the gifts God has given to use. Do we know the gifts he has given us? Often we stick to the things we know we can do be it craft, singing, sport, preaching, teaching – the gifts are endless. But maybe we have gifts we didn't know we have?

- If you aren't part of the flower arranging team, could you do a small window display and then try something a bit bigger.
- Maybe you haven't tried your hand at craft work. This year our craft club is going to try different crafts each month to give a selection of products for sale at the back of church or at the annual fairs. There is no cost to join the club although help covering the cost of the materials would be gratefully received. If you are worried about mixing with others or if you simply can't make the time the craft club meets, then how about getting a kit from the club to do the crafts in your own time at home!
- How about gardening? Maybe you could care for a set area of the church garden.
- Are you a photographer – could you take photos of the church to make cards or postcards or just to update the website.
- How are your IT skills – would you like to help take care of the website or help edit the magazine?
- How are your DIY skills – could you help with the redecorating some of the church hall.

I could keep going. I firmly believe that if we listen to the call of God, we will be given all the necessary skills we require to not just succeed at the task but to excel.

At the start of very New Year we always have that dilemma, should or shouldn't we do New Year Resolutions! Maybe one resolution we should have to listen to God more, find out his will for us and then go and do it, trusting that God will provide.

NICK AND BEN

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Lent 2022

The bishop has commissioned a five-week Lent course for 2022 which takes as its title “Comfort ye my people.”

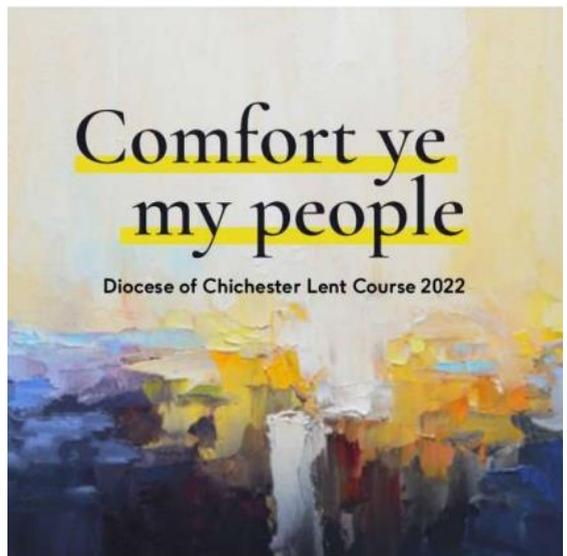
Although often associated with the season of Advent, Bishop Martin believes the theme also fits perfectly into the preparations for Lent 2022, considering all we have been through in recent months and as the nation returns its attention to the theme of the jubilee next summer when the Queen marks 70 years of service.

A booklet is being produced which will include a weekly programme for each of the five weeks of Lent featuring a verse of scripture, a reflection, a prayer and a work of art, which Lent groups and individuals will be encouraged to reflect on.

Five contributors are putting the finishing touches to their offering and the course is being edited by Earl Collins, supported by the diocesan communications team.

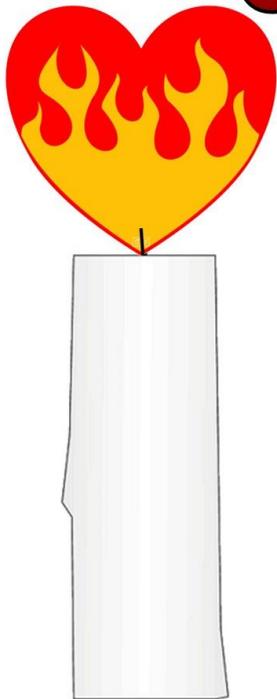
Earl writes: “The focus on ...the Lent course is on God’s consolation, as indicated by the quotation from the prophet Isaiah. The course offers five short exercises written by clergy of the Chichester Diocese. The meditations will also be available in the form of short podcasts.”

“With our inner ears attentive to God’s call, I will hope that we will journey together on this 2022 Lenten road. Led by the Spirit we will be brought ever deeper into new life in Christ, who comes to meet us every year with his Easter greeting of peace (John 20.10).”



The Lent course booklet and podcasts will be available from Epiphany Sunday.

Children's Love Shine a Light Craft Bags



10 crafts including
materials and glue—
just add scissors

**Saturday
12th February**

Crafts can be completed
at home or in the church
between 10am until
11:30am

We request a donation of
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Update from Chichester Cathedral



Thursday 6 January 2022 - Friday 1 April 2022 The Art of Worship. the heart of the Cathedral. Chichester Cathedral has a long history of seeking the face of God in visual form, from the twelfth century Chichester Reliefs, the murals of Lambert Barnard in the sixteenth century, through to the contemporary work of Artists Ursula Benker-Schirmer, John Piper and Graham Sutherland.

Leading British liturgical Artists Martin Earle and James Blackstone will be undertaking the residency within a custom-built studio in the Cathedral's North Transept until March 2022. The project has been developed with celebrated liturgical artist Aidan Hart. All three draw on the same spiritual wells as the Cathedral's first builders and employ many of the same techniques, including egg tempera, fresco, water gilding, carving, and hand-cut glass mosaic. Visitors to the Cathedral will be invited to observe these timeless, intricate techniques in the setting of a busy working studio. Martin Earle will be at work on a crucifix for the Beda College in Rome and James Blackstone will be making a mosaic of St Dominic for Chichester Cathedral.

Accompanying the residency will be a lecture series from James Blackstone on the spiritual senses and liturgical art, as well as a study day with the three Artists and the Cathedral's Canon Chancellor, the Reverend Dr Daniel Inman, exploring the theology and process of commissioning liturgical art.

The residency period will also see a week-long event focusing on the practice of iconography for third-year students from The Prince's Foundation School of Traditional Arts in London, led by Aidan Hart.

Saturday 15 January 2022, 19:30 - Chichester Singers: Handel – Messiah

Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 1.10pm - The English Piano Trio, Jane Faulkner (Violin), Pal Banda (Cello) and Timothy Ravenscroft (Piano) perform Piano trio in B flat major, Op. 99, by Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Tuesday 25 January 2022, 13:10 - A lunchtime concert by the Kassia Trio - a modern re-invention of the piano trio made up of two saxophones (Chloe Percy-Smith and Emma Jones) and piano (Amy Bladon). Performing new music and arrangements of repertoire from the past.

Puzzle Corner

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“Grant me,
 O Lord my God,
 a mind to know you,
 a heart to seek you,
 wisdom to find you,
 conduct pleasing to you,
 faithful perseverance in
 waiting for you,
 and a hope of finally
 embracing you. Amen.”
 – Thomas Aquinas

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ST SYMPHORIAN'S CHURCH HALL

Monday	Slimming World 9:30am Penfold Bowls Zumba 7pm
Tuesday	Dazzlers Sing Well Choir* Penfold Bowls Jazz Band*
Wednesday	Funtastic Futures Rangers
Thursday	U3A Yoga Brownies and Guides
Friday	Pram and Toddler 10am

*in church

Venue for Hire

The Church Hall and Atkinson Room are available for hire for parties and functions.



Charges are:

Main Hall £25 per hour
Atkinson Room £16 per hour
Both Halls £38 per hour



All bookings have access to the kitchen.

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