Church Chimes - Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

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18th and 25th February 2021-two week edition

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The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lengten," which simply means "spring" — when the days lengthen and new life springs forth. It is a time in which we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It is, to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis, a season of a kind of "happiness and wonder that makes you serious."

It is our prayer that as you journey with us as we Worship in the Wilderness from Ash Wednesday to Easter, you would be reminded of the reality of our broken humanity, but as days grow brighter, you would experience with greater abundance the reality of God's redeeming grace. And so, just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' death and resurrection.

You can join in each day with the Worship in the Wilderness Lent study guide available here for £5

Take care Antony stmarydavicar@gmail.com

Live stream services for Sunday 21st February click <u>here</u> Also available on demand

Theme: Worship in the Wilderness - A Spirit led journey

8am Holy Communion – from the traditional Book of Common Prayer

9.30am Matins – traditional morning prayer

3pm Sunday at 3pm – see zoom link later

6pm Ardleigh Christians Together lead us in a Taize service – see zoom link later

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.1-5,15-18 and Mark 1.9-13

Not online? – if you are not online but would like to join in with the 9.30am service via phone Conferoo service (Sue Browne will be hosting this)

Tel no: 03332 666 999 PIN: 186982



II.I5 am after the Sunday morning service

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 819 9147 8573 Passcode: 619335



Join in by zoom for a story, crafts, chat and cake (virtually!)

Sunday 21st February 3-4pm

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 823 2673 3513

Passcode: 437685



Join us for a service of Taize Sunday 21st February at 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 885 0861 8067

Passcode: 582357

Taize comes from the ecumenical **Taizé** community in France, it's based on the singing of simple somgs, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence. **Come and try it!**

Live stream services for Sunday 28th February click here Also available on demand

Theme: Worship in the Wilderness - a Simple Journey

8am Holy Communion - from the traditional Book of Common Prayer

9.30am Morning Praise

5pm ReBoot Revive at 5 - see zoom link later

Readings: Psalm 63.1-8 and Luke 4.1-13



This month Revive turns into **ReBoot on Sunday 28th February at 5pm,** zoom open from 4.45pm

Tearfund's ReBoot Campaign asks us all to think about what the church and the world should look like after COVID, and how we are going to address the Climate Emergency to build a better world. You can find out more here.

Join us as we hear Jack from Tearfund and join in with worship and breakout discussions.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 893 3719 4196

Passcode: 429547

Homegroups

Community is more important that ever in these times. Each week several small groups in our congregation meet to catch up, encourage and support one another, pray for each other and discuss the bible theme from the previous Sunday. If you would like to join a group please get in touch with the leaders – details below:-

Tuesdays II.00am (Contact Ann 322192)

Thursdays 5.00pm (Contact Liz and John 323770)
Wednesdays 7.30pm (Contact Antony 323919)
Fridays 9.15am (Women) (Contact Jo 323881)

Wednesday Lunchtime ½ hour prayer gathering at 12 noon

Join in to pray for our communities and country click here

Meeting ID: 878 2295 7586

Passcode: 618312



Prayers for the next two weeks

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS - A SPIRIT LED JOURNEY 21st February

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Matt 4 THANK THE LORD that Jesus goes before us in the wilderness and he is with us.

TAKE UPTHE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, the scriptures, by which Jesus defeated all temptations to sin against the Father. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help all believers to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Bible and to TEACH their families. Pray for all who TEACH the young especially Antony, Amanda and Merv.

TRUST GOD to carry us through the present difficulties, humbly asking him to aid all nations in the fight against the virus and the distribution of the vaccine. Pray for those who are hungry, overwhelmed by life's difficulties or struggling to believe God is good. Ask that they may overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit and the example of Jesus.

"Lord your word abides and our footsteps guides. Who your truth believes light and joy receives." AMEN.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS - A SIMPLE JOURNEY 28th February

During the drought Elijah was told to hide and "the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening and he drank from the brook".

I Kings 17 v 6

THANK GOD for all the people who supply our physical needs often overcoming difficult circumstances. Thank him too for the vaccine and all those distributing medicine. Pray for their strength and protection. ASK GOD how he would like us to share what we have with others perhaps by giving to Tearfund, Korban, our church or another charity this Lent.

PRAY FOR ALL who seek to TRANSFORM our society by loving service. Ask for renewed determination to TEND the wild life around us and TREASURE our resources by living simply TRUSTING IN GOD that others may simply live.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled." Matthew 5 v 6. AMEN

Thank you to everyone for continuing to give to support the ministry and Generous God mission of our parishes. For ways to give electronically or to set up a Generous Disciples standing order please contact the church office stmaryda@gmail.com