

Ideas for Lent and Easter

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Shrove Tuesday, 16 Feb

- **Pancake Party!** Join us online at 6pm for an online party with lots of pancakes and games. This will include a flipping competition – so get practising. Dress up as your favourite Bible character and then see if you can decorate their face on a pancake....!
- If you're not confident about making pancakes then watch **Cooking with Ann** on the website or Church Family Facebook group beforehand and get tips from our very own award-winning cook Ann Dean.

Ash Wednesday, 17 Feb

- This is traditionally a **day of penitence** – when we come to God in sorrow for our sins. Not because we are bad people but because all of us fall short of God's perfection and holiness – **join us online at 10am**, or

download the service order from the website and use at your convenience

- **Collect your ash from the Vicarage** – it will come with instructions as to how to use – mix with **oil** NOT water as this could result in burning to the skin. Normal oil you'd find in the kitchen will be sufficient
- Use the **prayer for anointing** – and you will either have to anoint yourself or ask someone in your household to help – simply say “turn away from sin and turn to Christ”. Have a think about what that means in your life and prepare your heart before you are anointed
- The **church office can send by post** both the service and the ash if ordered by 10 February.

Observing Lent

- What will you deliberately **fast** from (ie give up) this Lent? And with the deprivation, what will you **DO** differently to feed your soul or bless others? Tell someone what you are planning to do and make yourself accountable
- **Join us for morning prayer** Monday to Friday at 9am on Zoom – you may only usually come on a Sunday, but this could be an opportunity to start your day with God and your brothers and sisters in Christ – give it a try.
- You can use one of the **#LiveLent booklets** from the Church of England that offers a reading and prayer

every day. There are 50 copies available from the Vicarage – just £2 each – you can collect or, if you are shielding, these can be posted.

- **Love yourself through Lent** – is a resource to encourage you to look after yourself during Lent. You can download the photo to your device or print off an A4 or request an A3 poster from the Church Office.
- **Families: 40 challenges to do together** – these range from planting seeds to playing a game together - all an encouragement to spend precious time together, being creative. Again, you can download the photo, print it off or request a poster.
- **The LEGO Lent challenge!** – posted/ emailed every other day, not including Sundays. Contact Rachael to be on the mailing list.
- **Blessing others** – could you actively do something that would bless someone else? How about a daily act of kindness? There are plenty of ideas on the internet to inspire you.

Holy Week, 29 March to 2 April

- Join us for a service online at 9am and 7pm Monday to Thursday during Holy Week
- Reuse your Holy Week in a Box resource from last year – booklets available from the website
- Good Friday – All Age Worship at 10am

- Hour at the Cross online– Good Friday 2pm to 3pm.

Easter Day

- **Easter window displays** to rejoice in the resurrection - only reveal on the day!
- Buy a **Real Easter Egg** – order from the Church Office before end of February – and give to children who live nearby so they read the Easter story, alongside the delicious chocolate – deliver them on Easter Day
- Send **Easter cards** to your friends and neighbours – we need hope and light in this dark time – tell them that Christ is Risen!
- Join us for the **Easter Day All Age Service 10am** to celebrate

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