

Holy Trinity Wentworth and Harley Mission

Our vision: to be a church at the heart of the community
Living in Christ | Growing in faith | Transforming in love



CHURCH NEWS



Prayer For The Week

Holy God,
 our lives are laid open before you:
 rescue us from the chaos of sin
 and through the death of your Son
 bring us healing and make us whole
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Draw Near to God this Lent

This Wednesday, 18th February, is **Ash Wednesday** which marks the start of the season of Lent. There will be a service of Holy Communion in Wentworth Church at 7pm. This will include the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross marked with ashes as a sign of penitence and turning to Christ. It is a moving ceremony in which all are invited to take part.

As many will know, Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to the commemoration of the death of Jesus on Good Friday and celebration of his resurrection at Easter. It is a time when we are all invited to draw closer to God and spend time thinking more deeply about what it means to follow Christ. The practice of observing what we now call Lent is rooted in the life of the earliest Christians. They spent the weeks leading up to Easter in fasting and abstinence to better focus on prayer, penitence, holiness and hope.

One of the ways we may choose to draw close to God is by reading and reflecting on passages from the Bible. The Church of England has produced some booklets of short Bible reflections which explore how we might build habits and patterns in our life that will help us draw near to God and grow as disciples. Each week a different contributor

What's On

Sunday 15 February *	9.30am	Holy Communion, Harley
<i>Sunday before Lent</i>	10.45am	Holy Communion, Wentworth
Monday 16 February	10.30am	Tea and Toast Club, Wentworth Village Tea Room
Tuesday 17 February	10.30am	Morning Prayer Wentworth <i>Followed by refreshments</i>
	1pm	Funeral of Alison Porter-Cox
	7.45pm	Romans Course, Session 10 Wentworth Mechanics Institute
Wednesday 18 February	7pm	Ash Wednesday Communion Service
Saturday 21 February	9.30am	Marriage Matters morning at Wentworth Mechanics Hall
Sunday 22 February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	10.45am	Holy Communion, Wentworth
	12.45pm	Baptism of Olivia Key
Tuesday 24 February	10.30am	Morning Prayer Wentworth <i>Followed by refreshments</i>
	7.30pm	Start Course – see below for more details
Thursday 26 February	6.30 for 7pm	Spring Supper in Wentworth Mechanics Hall
Saturday 28 February	9.30am	Spring Clean in Church
	5pm	Renewal of the Marriage Vows of Joe and Esther Hill

*A warm welcome to Beth Burras, lead Ministry Enabler in the Diocese of Sheffield who will be preaching at both our services on Sunday 15th February.

Spring Supper and Quiz

Our Spring Supper this year will be on Thursday 26th February (6.30 for 7pm) at the Mechanics Hall. An opportunity to meet together to socialise, relax, and enjoy good food. There will be a choice of three main course dishes: roast pork dinner, salmon with vegetables or vegetarian pasta bake, followed by a choice of dessert. Tickets are £12 each including a raffle available from Lissa. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. We hope to see you there.

explores a different theme – worshipping together, praying, reading the Bible, sharing communion, offering service and sharing the good news with others. Marie has some copies available priced £3. The reflections will also be available on an app <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith>.

We will also explore the habits that can help us draw near to God at our Tuesday morning services during Lent. We won't be running an evening Lent Course this year but are planning to hold a post-Easter course beginning on 14th April. If you wish to attend an evening Lent Course you are invited to join the congregation at Holy Trinity Elsecar who will be reading Luke's gospel together on Tuesday evenings, beginning 24th February at 7pm. Meet in the church.

Those wanting to go deeper may also like to read "Dancing to the Heartbeat of God" published by SPCK priced £11.99. I (Marie) am also going to be reading "Meeting God in John" by David F Ford, also published by SPCK, which promises to be an inspiring read.

Bishop Pete will be giving a Lent Lecture based on Genesis 22 "The sacrifice of Isaac and the sacrifice of Jesus". It will be delivered at Sheffield Cathedral on 11th March and Rotherham Minister on 12th March. The lecture will start at 7pm and will be followed by a Q&A session and a short service of compline. All welcome.

Marriage Matters

On Saturday 21 February we invite couples who will be getting married at Holy Trinity this year to a morning to help plan and prepare for their wedding service. The event will cover all that couples need to know about the service and also provide an opportunity for them to talk together about the things that are important to them in marriage. The event will be held at Wentworth Mechanics' Institute, Main St, Wentworth, S62 7TL from 9.30am-1pm. There are 11 couples planning to marry at Wentworth this year. Please pray for them as they prepare for the commitment of marriage.

Can You Help?

If you have any spare knitting wool, the Harley craft group are running short and would appreciate any donations. The group makes items for Baby Basics in Sheffield and Families First in Rotherham. Please give any donations to Sheila Wood. Thank you.

Big Spring Clean

On Saturday 28th February (9.30am-1pm) you are invited to roll your sleeves up, put on your rubber gloves and help spring clean the church at Wentworth. We all like to see the church looking clean and tidy and the job will be much easier if lots of people are willing to pitch in, even if you can only give an hour or so. Please bring vacs, brushes, buckets, dusters, rubber gloves and elbow grease. Refreshments for the workers will be provided. We hope to see you there.

Giving to Wentworth Church

If you would like to support our ministry by giving financially you can make a one-off gift or set up a regular donation via the Parish Giving Scheme. More information here.



Tea and Toast Club

The Tea and Toast Club is an opportunity for those who have been bereaved to meet together for friendship and mutual support. It meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 10.30 am at the Village Tea Rooms in Wentworth where there is an excellent selection of cakes as well as bacon sandwiches. Everyone is welcome.

Safeguarding Reminder

Remember if you are concerned about a possible safeguarding issue, please contact our **Parish Safeguarding Officer, Sharon Peace** safeguarding.wentworthhtc@gmail.com, or ring on 07918612596. Any issues are dealt with and resolved in the strictest confidence, and it is always better to raise a concern than to ignore it.

Newsletter Contributions

**The next notice sheet will be out on 1st March
Items for inclusion need to be with Rev Marie
by Sunday 22nd February.**

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