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**St. Alban's
Church,
Bluebell Hill.**

**St. David's
Church,
Lordswood.**

**St. William's
Church,
Walderslade.**



***As we seek to protect one another our Church
Council has agreed that worship in our churches
will continue to be suspended for this month.***

Look inside to see what is planned for Lent.

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comprising the churches of St. Alban, St. David and St. William*

and serving the communities of Blue Bell Hill, Lordswood and Walderslade.

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Bible Focus and prayers



Here are the readings and collects for the coming weeks.

Sunday next before Lent – 14th February

**2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6,
Mark 9:2-9**

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

Ash Wednesday – 17th February

**Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-18,
2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10, John 8:1-11**

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. Amen



1st Sunday of Lent – 21st February

**Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 Peter 2:18-end,
Mark 1:9-15**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Lent – 28th February

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-end, Romans 4:13-end,
Mark 8:31-end**

Collect to follow.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

We had just begun our observance of Lent in 2020 when the first Lockdown began. Lent 2021 is almost upon us and our plans are very different from last year, indeed some have said we have been living Lent for the past year! Unlike Advent and Christmas, Lent is perhaps more relevant to church goers than the wider community (although many choose to use these 40 days to change their usual lifestyle patterns.)



Lent, of course, is very much about deepening our faith rather than merely 'giving things up' although physical discipline may help us to focus our hearts and minds. Yet,

Lent can also be an opportunity to consider how we might share the story of God in our lives – this, despite the limitations we are facing, is at the heart of our Lenten thinking this year.

For Lent 2021 we are sharing:

- ✝ **#Live Lent** booklets with daily reflections come with this mailing – you can also download an app to your phone/tablet, request a daily email or phone the Daily Hope 0800 line to listen to them. (plus a bonus sheet of ideas for loving yourself in Lent!)
- ✝ a weekly Zoom Lent Group on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm for an hour of reflection, prayer and discussion beginning on Ash Wednesday and running throughout Lent.
- ✝ posters to go up in our windows (copy included) reminding ourselves and neighbours of this season.

The daily reflections in **#LiveLent** will help us ‘renew our faith, to fall in love again with the story of what God has done in Jesus and to see our part in it.’ Whether you follow the booklet or app, sign up for a daily email (via CofE website,) are on your own or share in our weekly discussions may God bless each of us through another Lockdown Lent.

The Wednesday Zoom on 17th February will also include readings, prayers and music for Ash Wednesday.

Elaine

Keeping in touch (on Zoom)

We are continuing our pattern of social events on Zoom so coming up we have:

Coffee Morning, Tuesday, 16th February – 10.30am
(with pancakes?)

Tea at Three: Monday, 22nd February – 3.00pm

**Live streamed worship every
Thursday morning at 11.00am
on  YouTube**



The link to the service is posted on our **Facebook** page (**Holy Trinity South Chatham**) and included in the weekly email that is sent out each Saturday. Don't forget that the **DAILY HOPE** telephone line offers prayers, hymns, etc via a freephone number: **0800 804 8044**

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