

# LENT *INTER-LINK* LENT

## The Churnside Benefice

All Hallows South Cerney, All Saints Preston, Holy Trinity Cerney Wick and St Peter's Siddington

Today is 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Mothering Sunday and The Fourth Sunday Of Lent**

*A warm welcome to you*

### Today's services

8.00am	Holy Communion	All Hallows
10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	All Hallows
10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	All Saints
10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	St Peter's

### This week in the parishes

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Hallows
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### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Hallows
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's

*Morning Prayer is said in All Hallows as follows:*

*Monday at 8.30am, Tuesday at 9.15am, Wednesday at 9.15am,  
Friday at 9.15am, Saturday at 8.30am*

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## **LENT GROUPS 2024**

This year we are running Lent groups. These will take place on a Tuesday morning from 10am and a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm, both will be held in the United Church, South Cerney. This year we will be using a course entitled 'Lentwise: Spiritual essentials for real life' written by Paula Gooder. If our lives with God are a journey, what are the travel essentials we should not be without? Lentwise explores five different essentials for our journey of faith, using passages from John's gospel.

Week 4: 12<sup>th</sup> March - Shelter: Finding security

Week 5: 19<sup>th</sup> March - Water: Enjoying refreshment.

The Lent groups will have times of Bible study, reflection, discussion, prayer and will end with refreshments and a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend. It would help with planning if you were able to let Revd Jennifer McKenzie know if you are planning to attend one of the groups.

## **LIGHTHOUSE**

The next Lighthouse is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10.30am. The morning begins with a choice of, usually, three crafts which can be colouring or something a bit more challenging. At around 11.45am there is a short time of worship followed by lunch. Why not come and join us for the whole or part of the time?

## **ALL HALLOWS SOUP LUNCH**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March there will be a soup lunch in All Hallows Church between noon and 2pm. Join us for some delicious homemade soup, bread and fellowship. All welcome. Donations welcome for All Hallows Church.

## **THURSDAY COMMUNION**

Please note that there will be no Thursday Communion on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## **AGAPE AND EUCHARIST MEAL FOLLOWED BY GETHSEMANE VIGIL**

**7pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March, All Hallows Church, South Cerney**

If you would like to attend the Agape meal, then please either sign up on the list at the back of church or let Jennifer know. We need to know number for catering purposes.

## **MESSY EASTER FRIDAY**

**10am on 29<sup>th</sup> March, All Hallow Church, South Cerney**

An activity session for all the family and all ages exploring the Easter story in a fun, creative and engaging way followed by refreshments and hot cross buns. If you are able to help with Messy Easter, either supporting a craft activity or with the refreshments, then please let Jennifer know.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2024**

Please see the special leaflet for the details of the services taking place during Holy Week and Easter.

## **CAKE & CO**

All are welcome to come along to enjoy coffee, tea, cake, toasted teacakes and good company in All Hallows Church between 10am-12 noon on the following Saturdays: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## **STREET FAIR 2024**

We are looking for people to run the church stalls at the Street Fair this year. In particular, we need people to help run the cake stall, tombola, book stall and the raffle on the day. These stalls help raise important funds for All Hallows Church. If you are able to help, then please get in touch with Joan Townsend.

## **ANNUAL LEAVE**

Revd Jennifer McKenzie will be on leave from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.

## **DIOCESE WHATSAPP**

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## **GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL – A GUIDE TO EASTER AT YOUR CATHEDRAL**

The Easter guide is available on the cathedral website with the details of the variety of services and events taking place. *[gloucestercathedral.org.uk](https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)*

## **GUIDED TOURS AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL**

There are 4 professionally guided tours available at the cathedral: the Highlights Tour, the Crypt Tour, the Library Tour and the Tower Tour. Full details and how to book can be found on the cathedral website.

*[gloucestercathedral.org.uk](https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)*



## **Readings for the Fourth Sunday Of Lent**

Numbers 21. 4-9  
Ephesians 2. 1- 10  
John 3. 14-21



### **COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Please remember the needs of the church and the world in your prayers.**

Prayers are especially invited for:

Bjorn Parkander.

Kay Winfield.

The family and friends of Bryan Shepherd as they prepare for his funeral.

South Cerney playgroup; Duke of Gloucester playgroup;

Siddington and Kemble playgroup.

All who live in The Twenties.

All who are seeking God's intervention, guidance or healing in their lives.

Thank you, God, for the love of our mothers.

Thank you, God, for their care and concern.

Thank you, God, for the joys they have shared with us.

Thank you, God, for the pains they have borne for us.

Thank you, God, for all that they give us,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May God's love embrace you, God's Spirit empower you,  
God's whisper encourage you, God's wisdom enthral you,  
and lead you on this journey of faith today.

### **Our Benefice Mission Statement**

Growing in our relationship with God, caring for the whole church family,  
sharing the good news of Jesus in love and action.