

Bewsborough Bulletin

The weekly church newsletter for Barfreestone, Coldred, Guston, Eythorne & Elvington, Waldershare, Shepherdswell and Whitfield



This Week

Sunday 16th March

9.00am | Morning Worship | St. Nicholas, Barfreestone
10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Andrew's, Shepherdswell
10.30am | Let's Worship | Mayfield School Hall, Whitfield
3.00pm | Messy Church | Shepherdswell Village Hall
6.00pm | Evensong | St. Martin's, Guston

Mon 17th March

10.00am | Let's Play | Elvington Community Centre

Wed 19th March

9.30am | Let's Chat | Whitfield Rec. Pavilion

Thur 20th March

12.30pm | Lent Lunch | Elvington Community Centre
7.00pm | Small Group for Lent | Whitfield

Fri 21st March

9.30am | Let's Play! | Whitfield Village Hall
1.30pm | Small Group for Lent | Eythorne
7.00pm | Alpha | The Vicarage, Whitfield

The Big Clear Up!



St Andrews churchyard clean up.

Saturday 29th March
0930 to 1100

All welcome.
Bring your own tools.

Tea, coffee and cake on offer to keep all that come along sustained!

Indifference

(or When Jesus Came to Birmingham)

When Jesus came to Golgotha, they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham, they simply passed Him by.
They would not hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do,'
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and through;
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall, and cried for Calvary.

by G A Studdert Kennedy (Woodbine Willie - Chaplain WWI)

For Our Prayers

Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who tend to them and show them love and care:

Tallulah, Michael, Pauline, David, Alan Jones, Suzie, Elsie, Ian M, Mark, Nick Stanley, David B, Whitney, Tantely, Joyce C, Simisola Adedeji, Karen, Janet. B, Margaret & Robin. S, Madge and Jill.

Keep in Touch



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Lent

JOIN A SMALL GROUP



Lent groups will be offered across the parish during the Lenten period. Please do come along and join one as we journey together through this important time. Currently these are being offered as follows:

Thursday 7.00pm in Whitfield

contact Rev. Sean - 07710423432

Friday 1.30pm in Eythorne

contact Jenny Groombridge - 07861183733

If neither of these are convenient then contact Rev. Sean as other evenings / afternoons may be possible.

Lent Lunches



Thursdays during Lent - 12.30pm

@ Elvington Community Centre

Starting Thursday 6th March



Loving God,
loving our communities,
growing disciples

A simple meal of homemade soup, bread
and cheese and a chance to journey together
this Lent over a shared meal.

no charge, but donations welcome

Another opportunity to gather together during Lent, and to journey with others.

Starting Thursday 6th March, our Lent lunch will be offered at Elvington Community Centre from 12.30. A lunch of soup, bread and some cheeses will be on offer with an opportunity to share conversation and fellowship, and encourage one another.

Finally, during Holy Week there will be morning and evening prayer, and other services taking place, details will follow soon.

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

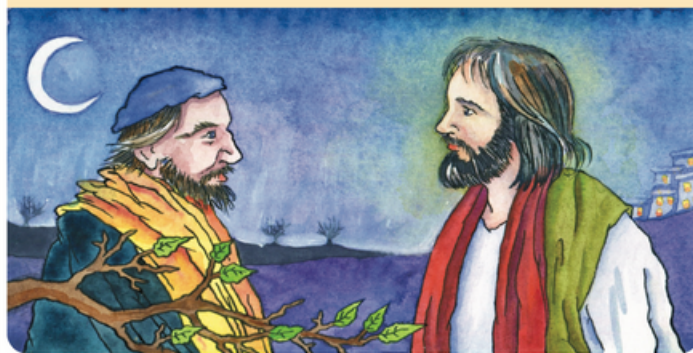
LENT — NOTICING GREEN SHOOTS



'Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.' (John 3:6 NLT)

God, Wellspring of Life -

- As we journey through Lent and the Coming of Spring, help us to notice signs of life in the wilderness places.
- As we draw near to you in worship, renew us for mission.
- As we encounter those who feel uprooted and displaced, show us how to be an oasis of refreshing.
- As the Church faces uncomfortable truths, root within us a determination to become a safer place for all.
- As our world rolls on the shifting sands of political change, bring us to faithful prayer.



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CHANGED LIVES  **CHANGING LIVES**

Jesus Christ, Saviour and Friend,

Meet with us in the night-time of our unknowing;

Sit with us in the desert of our refining;

Restore us through new birth in your Spirit,

**That your Church might become a seedbed of justice
and peace. Amen.**

Spend some time reflecting on the picture of Jesus and Nicodemus, and read the story in John 3:1-15. What new shoots might be emerging as we wrestle with tough questions?

To find out more about the Changing Lives Prayer network, visit canterburydiocese.org/prayer or email Lbywater@diocant.org

Image: 'Nicodemus & Jesus' by Primrose Northrop 2025

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."



Sunday and Mid-Week Worship for March

2nd March Sunday next before Lent Green	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30 Whitfield Village Hall Let's Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Communion
Wed 5th March ASH WEDNESDAY Purple	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	11.30am Communion for Ash Wednesday
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	7.00pm Communion for Ash Wednesday
9th March Lent 1 Purple	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Holy Communion
16th March Lent 2 Purple	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Morning Worship
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Shepherdswell Village Hall	3.00pm Messy Church
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Whitfield School Let's Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Evensong
Thur 20th March	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
23rd March Lent 3 Purple	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Morning Worship
	St. Peter, Whitfield	10.30am Whitfield School Let's Worship
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	10.30am Morning Worship
Thur 27th March	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
30th March MOTHERING SUNDAY Purple	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Let's Worship Communion



Celebrating 100 Years

Coldred Church Fete 2025

Each year on the last Friday evening in June, Coldred Church holds its annual fete on the village green.

This year on **Friday 27th June at 5.00pm** will be the 100th anniversary of this popular event and we hope it will be one of the most enjoyable yet.

We would very much welcome your help to make it a success.

If you feel able to offer your time to run a stall, to help in the tea tent, organise a new activity or help others with their activity please contact either Jonathan Bates on 07579 042061 or Sue Wadey on 07941 733303.

And whether you are able to help or not, please put the date in your diary now and make sure you come and support us!

To commemorate this centenary event, we are also producing a short booklet about life in Coldred over the last 100 years. If you have photographs, stories or anecdotes that you would like to share covering events in the village please contact Grahame Hood (grahamehood@btinternet.com) or Jonathan or Sue. Photographs of previous Fetes would be particularly interesting!

We look forward to hearing from you!

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QUIZ TIME

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH 2025

Shepherdswell Village Hall

7-00pm for 7-30pm start

**To book a table of up to 8 persons
contact Jane Hartridge**

on

01304 824944

or

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£6-00 pp (payable on the night)

Quizmaster Adrian Newell

Please bring your own 'nibbles', drinks and glasses

Raffle and Heads 'n' Tails

Raising funds for St. Andrews, Shepherdswell

