



Welcome – Lent begins today!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
 Please do join us for refreshments in the Church at 10.30am.
 We're delighted that Bishop Jackie is with us today at both services*

Sunday 23 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with dedication of the 'Godly Play' ministry by Bishop Jackie</i>	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	Holy Communion with Confirmation <i>with Bishop Jackie</i>	Church
6.30pm	Night Shelter	

During the Week

Tues	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers	Lounge
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	Lounge
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion	Church
	7.30pm Matt's Cats	
Thurs	2.30pm Chat @ St. Matts	

Sunday 8 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	United Family Service	Church
12.15pm	Farewell Lunch for the Yates family	Hall/Church
6.30pm	Night Shelter	

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
 fasted forty days in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves
 in obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness,
 so may we know your power to save;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanks go to...
 our House Group leaders



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Children, youth and family worker? 😊 Pick up a Blue leaflet!

We want to replace Victoria's part time role with a full time one! However, unless we can find any grant monies, the entire cost needs to be met from our church family income. Please think and pray about whether God is calling you to support this work financially in addition to your general giving? Please let Tony Barratt, the Treasurer know what you can pledge to support this vital work. Thank you. John Beckett

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'...

...Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."' "

⁴'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. ⁵'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

⁴Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' "

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. ⁶'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' "

⁷Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' "

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Keeping a good Lent

Lent Courses

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm 10, 17, 24, 31 March

'Flourishing' A series of talks led by Andrew Green on being what God wants us to be

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Wednesday mornings at 10.15am 11, 18, 25 March & 1 April

**'Great Bible Stories'** A reading of some of the great bible stories

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And in Holy Week there will be a reading of the whole of St Mark's Gospel (Tues eve & Wed morn)

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### Lent Reading –

- The book to accompany the Lent Talks is **'The me I want to be'** by John Ortberg (a refreshing and engaging read!)
- Or you might try this: **Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Gospel of Joy** (aka Evangelii Gaudium). "A thoughtful, hopeful, wise and thorough overview of the Church's and hence each Christian's privilege and duty - to share the joy of knowing Christ Jesus with others. The book is fairly brief and it makes for both sobering and surprisingly encouraging reading. The Joy of the Gospel really is at the heart of this book - and it's infectious". Lindsay Glazebrook
- You can order both books in advance from David Burch on [dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk) at £6.95 (Ortberg) and £9.99 (Pope Francis) or at bookstall in church or Tuesday evenings.

**Christian Aid Lent Lunches** every Wednesday from 11 March during Lent.

Served in the Hall 12.15pm until approx. 1.30pm.

(Contact Geoff Payne if you can help please).

## *What's on and News*

**NEXT SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March Church family buffet lunch - Yates's farewell.** Last day to sign up today- clipboard in North Aisle. £10 family, £5 small family, £4 over 16s. Pay today to avoid a queue! More help needed on the day for drinks and clearing up - please see Ruth 293119.

To give towards a gift for them please contact the office or place in the collection in an envelope marked 'Yates'. Thank you.

**Thursday 26 March** Licensing of Stephen Yates will be at 7pm in Brixham. Please sign up for the event and if you would like a space on the coach (which now leaves at 5.45pm). Sign up sheets on grey notice board near Café church.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March @11am** Presentation of prize to Art Group from Ellacombe Primary C of E Academy at Home and Heritage Art Exhibition at The Spanish Barn, Torre Abbey. Free entry.

**25 April Music Workshop** for all who love singing with Geraldine Latty and Carey Luce – all day singing plus evening concert – contact Anya for details: [jones\\_anya@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jones_anya@yahoo.co.uk)

**Thanks...**from Diana (Lord –Lear) *“I would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, beautiful flowers and keeping my spirit alive! It is now 4 months since my accident and I am well on the way to recovery. Thank you for all your love and support.”*

and Linda Townsend: *“Thanks” from me for all the messages, cards and visits I have received since my operation - all most appreciated.*

| <b>For our prayers and praise this week</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Sun</b>                                  | “Come down O love Divine, seek thou this soul of mine” Ask our Lord to come & meet with everyone in Church, especially the Confirmation candidates. Pray for Bishop Jackie as she ministers to us.                       |
| <b>Mon</b>                                  | Pray that the leaders of the nations will know how to deal with the spreading Coronavirus infection and to stop the deaths it is causing.                                                                                |
| <b>Tues</b>                                 | Bring before God All who are sick in our Church family or our own families. Pray that they may know God’s presence and healing. So pray for the Prayer Ministry Team                                                     |
| <b>Wed</b>                                  | Our world is full of chaos - floods, droughts, starvation, homelessness, wars etc. Pray for harmony in our world which only Christ can give                                                                              |
| <b>Thurs</b>                                | Pray that we might find the money to provide a youth and children and family’s worker                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Fri</b>                                  | Thank God for all who help the church in any way. Those who clean or decorate, those who welcome people into our church, those who take any part in the services                                                         |
| <b>Sat</b>                                  | Pray for our Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and all Church officers                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Sun</b>                                  | Praise the Lord for Stephen and Victoria Yates and family, for all they have done and said amongst us. We pray for their Ministry in Brixham, praying that they will settle in quickly and be used by God in a great way |

**Coronavirus** Sharing the common cup of wine has a very low risk of passing infection of any type, but since our hands are a vehicle by which most infections are transmitted, we need to keep them clean. We will have alcohol gel available (on the low cupboards at back of church) for everyone to use as they arrive, especially if they are feeling unwell, or blowing their nose a lot! If you are unwell, or are concerned about using the chalice, please either just receive the bread/wafer and/or ask for the non-alcoholic wine which is in separate disposable glasses. Contrary to what many of us were told many years ago, please do not dip your bread/wafer into the chalice (sometimes called ‘intinction’). This has been proven to pass on infections far more effectively than drinking from the same chalice, because our hands can infect the chalice for everyone else! Thank you for helping us reduce the risks of this awful disease spreading so fast.