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USPG[†]

23rd February 2020

USPG Sunday

This Sunday (23rd February) we will be marking our regular support of the USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel). The USPG works in partnership with Anglican Churches around the world, seeking to share God's love for all people. The vision is to see every person in every community experiencing a full life - just as Jesus promised:

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

Together, the USPG, parishes like ours, communities and other agencies, are working to improve health, tackle poverty, put children in school, challenge discrimination, nurture leaders, give a voice to women, and much more. Support is focused on five key areas:

* protecting health * enabling livelihoods* promoting justice* growing the church* responding to crises*

Theologically, practically and financially, the USPG encourages and enables churches within the Anglican Communion to act as the hands and feet of Christ.

Fr Paul Hawkins is the Diocesan USPG Representative

Ash Wednesday 26th February Lent starts on the 26th February!

This year the Church of England is having an 'Official Green Lent' which was launched by Archbishop Justin during last week. The Lent programme, named **LiveLent 2020**, is based around the Archbishop's recommended Lent book which is called '*Saying Yes to Life*' written by Dr Ruth Valerio.

We will, of course, have the opportunity to follow the LiveLent 2020 daily reflections on our care of God's Creation. The two editions (adults and family) will be available in the Atrium.

Lectio Divina for Lent

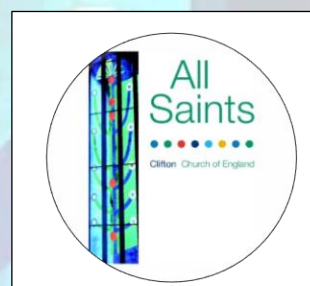
This year we are having a change in our Lenten preparation. Instead of following a course or programme we will have five experiences of reading scripture in a contemplative manner. Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian

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Church and was established as a monastic practice by Benedict in the 6th century. It is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us deeper into God's word. We slow down. We read a short passage more than once. We chew it over slowly and carefully. We savour it. Scripture begins to speak to us in a new way. It speaks to us personally, and aids that union we have with God through Christ who is himself the Living Word.

Thomas Cramner in his Homily on Scripture ended it with an exhortation to read it in this way:

"Let us ruminare, and, as it were, chew the cud, that we may have the sweet juice, spiritual effect, marrow, honey, kernel, taste, comfort and consolation of them."

On Wednesdays in the five weeks of lent there will be two Lectio Divina sessions, one at 2.00 pm and the other at 7.00 pm. Both will take place at the Vicarage – unless otherwise planned

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday 18th March (Fr Charles in on retreat)

Wednesday 25th March

Wednesday 1st April



ASH WEDNESDAY - FIRST DAY OF LENT

7.30 pm SOLEMN MASS & ASHING

*We enter the Lenten season
with a solemn celebration
of penitence and renewal.*

ALL SAINTS PARISH RETREAT 2020

4pm FRIDAY 6th MARCH - 2.30pm SUNDAY 8th

Llangasty Retreat House

Conductor: Br Nicholas SSF £166 per person.

**Please sign the notice in porch
or speak to Liz Badman.**

Only 2 places left !!





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'Music for the Earth'.

Nova, directed by Bruce Saunders.

Medieval and Renaissance music that has something to say about the present climate emergency.

Sunday March 1st.
All Saints Clifton
8.00pm.

All Age Workshops

Meet in the parish room after the 9.30 service.

March 1st: What happens after the pancakes?

An all-age workshop to mark the start of Lent.
Craft, calendars, games and teaching.
We will provide tips and resources for the important 40 days of preparation for Easter.



March 15th: sssh! Next week is Mothering Sunday!

Come and learn more about Mothering Sunday and Easter.
Make a gift for the special mother figure in your life.
Craft activities, teaching, looking forward to Holy Week..

24	Mass 9.30am Pray for your neighbours: both those you see often and those you have yet to get to know.								
25	Mass 9.30am Pray for those taking part in Shrove Tuesday events today; that they will reflect on the origins of the festival...not just the pancakes! <u>Auction</u>								
26	Mass 9.30am Ash Wednesday Mass 7.30pm 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.								
27	Mass 7.00pm George Herbert Priest & Poet 1633 Reflect on George Herbert's words as you pray for the world today... "Of what an easie quick accesse, my blessed Lord, art thou! How suddenly may our requests thine eare invade! To shew that state dislikes not easinesse, If I but lift mine eyes, my suit is made: Thou canst no more not heare, then thou canst die...." (From Prayer II) <u>Dementia training 10.00 – 1.00pm</u>								
28	Mass 10.30am Pray for those for whom today will be long and difficult: those who are in pain. lonely, who are waiting, grieving, depressed or anxious.								
29	Mass 10.30am 2020 is a Leap Year. Pray for those whose birthday or significant anniversary falls today, who struggle with an inability to mark it.								
March 1st	1st Sunday in Lent 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; <table> <tr> <td>Mass</td><td>8.00am</td></tr> <tr> <td>All Age Eucharist</td><td>9.30am</td></tr> <tr> <td>Parish Mass</td><td>11.00am</td></tr> <tr> <td>Evening Prayer</td><td>6.00pm</td></tr> </table>	Mass	8.00am	All Age Eucharist	9.30am	Parish Mass	11.00am	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
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