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Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Information about Lent events: 22 February—8
April 2023

Dear friends,

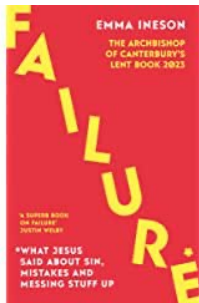
There are seasons in the church calendar that encourage us to pause, to take stock and to reflect on our journey of faith. Lent is one such time and again, there are a wide range of resources to act as companions along the way.

Hopefully during Lent, you may find one or more of the following of help, support, and inspiration.

Our Benefice Lent lunch course on Zoom

For those who enjoy learning together, we will be running a Lent course using the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent 2023 book entitled *Failure: What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up*: by Emma Ineson.

Join our Zoom Lent lunches at 12.00 noon from Wednesday 1st March.



If you would like to join, please contact Bridge in the Benefice Office (nboabenefice@gmail.com or 865046) with your email address and if you would like your own copy of the book, we can order it for you.

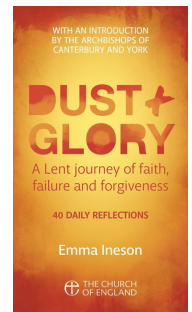
Lent resources accompanying *Failure* from the Church of England

As in recent years, the weekly themes of the Archbishop's Lent Book are also explored in daily reflections from the Church of England.

Dust and Glory: A Lent Journey of faith, failure and forgiveness offers a daily Bible reading, a short reflection, and a practical challenge, as well as a prayer linked to the week's theme.

Co-written by Bishop Emma Ineson and Abbie Martin, the booklet is designed to be used either in parallel with the Lent Book *Failure: What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up* or independently.

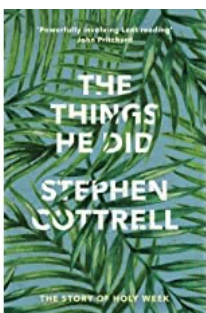
An accompanying children's version is also available to help children and their families explore how we can live well together, offering a simple daily activity designed to explore the weekly themes.



Booklets for adults will be available in each of our four churches before Ash Wednesday. Do please take one.

These daily reflections for **Dust and Glory** are available by email and an app as well as the booklet form. Sign up at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections>



The things he did – the story of Holy Week

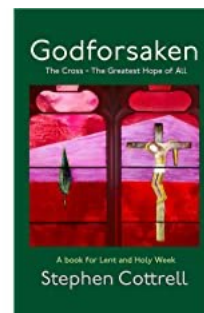
Some of our house groups are studying Stephen Cottrell's book *The things he did – the story of Holy Week* so if you would like to join a group, again contact Bridge in the Benefice Office (via email nboabenefice@gmail.com) and she can put you in touch with house group leaders.

There will also be a Lent group set up to study the book led by Bernard and Judith Hughes. For further details, contact them by ringing 868679.

Individual study – *God forsaken* by Stephen Cottrell

In the Gospel of Mark's account of the Passion narrative, Jesus calls out from the cross '*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*' which is the Aramaic for 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' - the first line of Psalm 22. It's an anguished expression - traditionally ascribed to King David - of defeat, failure, abandonment, and despair.

This series of reflections, written for Lent and Holy Week 2023 by the Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell, ponders the significance of these words. What does it mean for Jesus to have quoted them, at the very end of his life? What do those words mean for us?



From Keith Bennett.....

Virtual online exhibition of St Paul's fruits of the spirit



This virtual online exhibition, plus the full catalogue is available online. It's curated by Rev Dr Ayla Lepine, who's both an academic art historian and associate rector at St James' Piccadilly.

The paired paintings open up discussions around Saint Paul's nine positive attributes in his 2000-year-old letter to the Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The letter discusses how to build and maintain community in the face of disagreement. Although the list comes from a religious source, the nine attributes are positive and helpful for individuals and communities within both religious and secular contexts.

To view the online exhibition: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours/fruits-of-the-spirit>

Holy Week

Do journey with us during Holy Week as we worship around our four churches

Monday evening 3rd April at 8.00 pm Compline, a short service of night prayer at St James, South Wraxall

Tuesday evening 4th April at 8.00 pm Peter's Monkton Farleigh A time for reflection with music from Taizé

Wednesday evening 5th April at 8.00 pm Tenebrae – a new experience for our churches. Tenebrae is an ancient form of worship with the theme 'from light to dark', characterised by the gradual extinguishing of candles. 8.00 pm at Christ Church

Maundy Thursday evening 6th April at 8.00 pm A service of Holy Communion with foot and hand washing at St Nicholas, Winsley

Good Friday 7th April at 11.00 am Walk of Witness with Churches Together. Meet at Westbury Gardens at 11.00 am, ending at Christ Church for coffee and hot cross buns. Children's workshop at Christ Church from 10.30 am. Details of the workshop to follow.

Good Friday 7th April at 2.00 pm The final hour at Christ Church, at St Peter's Monkton Farleigh combined with South Wraxall and at St Nicholas, Winsley

ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February 2023

10.30am Holy Communion Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Bernard Hughes.

7.30pm Holy Communion Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Ann Keating and Revd. Tessa Mann. Organist David Ouston, IT Richard M.

Lent Course at home

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm—9.30pm

Led by Bernard and Judith Hughes

At 6, Priory Park,
Bradford on Avon
28th February

7th March, 14th March and 28 March.

For further details, please contact them by ringing 868679

Dates for your Diary

St Nicholas Church hall Winsley

Sunbeams 22nd February(10.30am—11.30am)

Kettle's On 1st March (10am—12pm)

Soup's Up 3rd March (12pm—4pm)

Sunbeams 8th March (10.30am—11.30am)

Kettle's On 15th March(10am—12pm)

Soup's Up 17th March (12pm—4pm)

Sunbeams 22nd March (10.30am—11.30am)

Kettle's On 5th April (10am—12pm)

Christ Church Events

Coffee mornings every Wednesday from 10.30am—11.30am

The Ark —parent and toddler group every Thursday (term time only) from 10am

Winter Warmer

Monkton Farleigh Village Hall

18th March 12pm onwards

Home-made soup, rolls & conversation

MEN'S NIGHT MEETINGS

Monday 27th February - PROGRAMME PLANNING EVENING Meet in the Seven Stars, Winsley at 7.30 pm and bring ideas for this year's programme – or offer to give a talk.

Wednesday 8th March – SPORTING POETRY Meet in Winsley Church Hall at 7.30 pm. To coincide with the RU Six Nations championship, Bob Williams will be taking a light-hearted look at Sporting Poetry - a variety of popular (and less well-known) sports, through the eyes of poets famous, or still emerging.

Please book for both of these with Paul Billingham as soon as possible; (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229). All men in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited.

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 26th February 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 21st February 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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From Bob Williams.....

SADAO WATANABE

CHRIST WASHING THE FEET OF ST. PETER
I WASH YOUR FEET JUST BECAUSE



In the middle of the meal -
not when they came in the door
not before the meal -
but in the middle of the meal

Jesus fell on his knees
and washed their feet,
not even looking up
to see which foot goes with which face!
He washed them all, one by one.

He washes the feet of all of us,
believers and unbelievers,
old and young,
saints and sinners,
women and men,
rulers and ruled,
rich and poor,
filled and hungry,
dressed and naked.

Can it be possible that Jesus washed
The feet not because they were dirty
but just because ...

"I want to wash your feet
because I want to wash your feet.
For no other reason except
that I love you."

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