

MARCH DATES

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| 3 | Sun | DEEPER | AS | 7pm |
| 6 | Wed | Ash Wednesday Service | SA | 7pm |
| 6 | Wed | Non Quiz Wednesday | WC | 7.30pm |
| 7 | Thu | All Saints PCC meeting | AS | 7.30pm |
| 9 | Sat | Bereavement Care Awareness Training | SA | 10-4pm |
| 10 | Sun | AS Fellowship Lunch | AS | 1pm |
| 13 | Wed | Lent Course #4 | SA | 7.30pm |
| 13 | | Wells Club Quiz night | WC | 7.45pm |
| 14 | Thu | The Waiting Room | AS | 7-8pm |
| 16 | Sat | Who's Coming to Lunch? | Tbc | 12-2pm |
| 16 | | Who's Coming to Dinner? | Tbc | 7-10pm |
| 17 | Sun | Youth Church | AS | 6.30 pm |
| 20 | Wed | Lent Course #5 | SA | 7.30pm |
| 20 | | CAP prayer meeting | BC | 7.30pm |
| 20 | | Non Quiz Wednesday | WC | 7.30pm |
| 21 | Thu | St Andrew's PPC meeting | SA | 7.30pm |
| 23 | Sat | Worship Team Open Day @ Mortimore's | Guarlford Grange | |
| 23 | | Chase Team Lunch | Oct | 12 for 12.30pm |
| 24 | Sun | All Saints APCM | AS | 10am |
| 23 | | SA Shared Lunch | SA | 1 pm |
| 27 | Wed | Lent Course #6 | SA | 7.30pm |
| 27 | | Wells Club Quiz night | WC | 7.45pm |
| 28 | Thu | Messy Church | AS | 3.30pm |
| 30 | Sat | Runaway Mothers Service | SA | 6pm |

APRIL

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| 3 | Wed | Lent Course #7 | SA | 7.30pm |
| 5 | Fri | Beyond Bars 4Front Theatre | SA | 6.30pm |
| 7 | Sun | St Andrew's APCM | SA | 10am |
| 7 | | DEEPER | AS | 7pm |

AS = All Saints, SA = St Andrew's, WC = Wells Club, VH = The Wells Village Hall
Oct = Octagon, BC = Baptist Church

Regular events @ 'The Chase Team'

Prayer meetings: St Mary's Mon/Wed/Friday 8.30 - 9am
All Saints Wednesday 9.00 -9.30am
St Andrew's Friday 9.30am

Life Groups: Throughout the week at different times and venues.
For details see the website or contact Val Fane (val@fan.es.uk)

Octagon: 'ZEST FOR LIFE' Wednesday 12 noon-2pm
Coffee Shop Thursday 10-12.30pm

See notice sheet for details of each week's church services

Deadline.. for the next Monthly Bulletin is **9 pm Wednesday 3rd April** email to: notices@standrewsandallsaints.org



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MONTHLY BULLETIN March 2019

LENT: GIVING UP OR TAKING UP?

As we approach Lent this week, here is an invitation from Archbishop Justin...

"What are you giving up for the Lent this year?"

That's the question we all ask each other as Lent approaches. And there's a good reason for that. For many centuries, denying ourselves certain pleasures or habits has been a way that Christians have made space in their hearts for God as we journey towards Easter. But as well as giving something up, I want to suggest something else you could try this year. As well as stopping something, how about starting something?

Perhaps could you commit to spending a few minutes each day praying for someone in your life - or something that's happening in our broken world - and make that part of your journey through Lent? Or maybe you could find one act of kindness that you could do each day. It could be the smallest thing - even making time to chat to someone who looks like they're having a difficult day can bring some light and life where there was only darkness.

Because the surprising thing about approaching Lent in this way - as a chance to start something - is that the result can be the same: we start to see where we need to change our hearts and minds.

We start to see where we have become selfish or uncaring or indifferent. And at the same time, we find ourselves slowly turning away from those old ways of thinking and acting. We find ourselves turning towards the fuller, more loving, more hope-filled life that Jesus longs for us each to live. We find ourselves turning towards others, just as Jesus did.

It doesn't need to be dramatic. It doesn't need to be spectacular. Jesus walks with us in the ordinary stuff of our daily lives - and every moment is an opportunity to turn towards him. To see ourselves as he sees us. And to see others as he sees them.

Do come and join us for our Ash Wednesday Service to mark the start of Lent: 7pm at St Andrew's.

'BEYOND BARS' 4Front Theatre Company Production

Friday 5th April 6:30pm at St Andrew's (FREE admission).

Our fantastic friends at 4Front Theatre Company are coming to St Andrew's to put on this show on Friday 5th April for anyone aged 8+. It is their first performance of their Prison tour this year and it will be brilliant (as they always are!). And it is free (donations on the door if you wish). So book it in your diary and do come along!

THE 'RUNAWAY MOTHERS' SERVICE Saturday 30th March 6pm St Andrews

Mothering Sunday can be a difficult day for some people; the death of a mother or child, a broken relationship or the inability to have one's own children are just some reasons as to why people can dread Mothering Sunday. The 'Runaway Mothers' Service aims to provide an alternative service in order to recognise and minister to painful or difficult feelings and experiences surrounding motherhood. This will be a reflective occasion and all are welcome to participate in as much or as little as is appropriate for you. Any questions contact Rev'd Peter Myres curate@chaseteam.org

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BRINGING THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD TO MALVERN AND BEYOND

Guest speaker: **Rich Johnson**
Vicar of All Saints Worcester
Sunday 24th March
7.30pm-9:30pm
Eden Church
(Groveswood Rd, Malvern WR14 1GD)

SPRING IN YOUR STEP

Tuesday 19th March - Wild Daffodil walk - meet at 9.30am at St Andrews or 10am at Hollybush car park. Walk approximately 5 miles followed by optional pub lunch at Farmers' Arms (we will drive there). Optional steep ascent of Ragged Stone Hill.

Provisional dates for April:

Monday 8th April - late afternoon walk followed by carvery at the March Hare, Broughton Hackett - OR JUST COME FOR THE CARVERY. Saturday 13th April - geocaching walk - venue tbc

STREET PASTORS TASTER SESSION Saturday 30th March

Meeting at 9pm at the Salvation Army building on The Trinity, Worcester, WR1 2PN. There will be a 45 minute chat / presentation/prayer about the work of Street Pastors, followed by going out as observers for a couple of hours (or longer!) Do contact Roger Ashman 01684 561953

VOLUNTEER HOSTS WANTED

The Malvern branch of Chernobyl Children Lifeline is looking for volunteer hosts for this year's health boosting holiday for children living in the area still affected by the Chernobyl explosion over 30 years ago. The children will be approx. 11 years old and stay in homes in pairs for either 2 or 4 weeks. They come with a leader/translator and there are full days of out of home activities planned for them 3 -4 days during the week and also some events at weekends. Many local families have gained much from the experience over the last 12 years as well as it being of great benefit to the visiting children. The hosting period will be between June 12th and July 10th. If you think that you can help or would just like to find out more please contact Dorothy Knights at dorothyknights@waitrose.com or 01684 561358 or Ruth Lucas at info@cowleighparkfarm.co.uk or 01684 566750.



Reg. Charity 1041178

www.drw.org.uk

The next workshop at St Andrew's Church Centre will run on **3 consecutive Saturdays on 23rd & 30th March and 6th April 2019**

2 sessions per day with lunch in between.

For full details or to book a place contact Gill Owen: 01684 560394 or email her: malvern@domarda.co.uk

DRW is a charity that helps both men and women come to terms with the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage or relationship whenever it took place. If you are concerned about someone who you feel could benefit from coming along, then please encourage them to make contact. All enquiries are confidential.

BATSFORD ARBORETUM

Angela and Bob are visiting Batsford Arboretum on Tuesday 2nd April. Batsford is about an hour's drive away but worth the trip as the trees are spectacular in Spring plus there is a garden shop, gift shop and cafe. Other gardens we hope to visit this year are: Stone House Cottage Gardens on 22nd May, Kiftsgate or Hidcote on 1st July and Spetchley on 6th Sept. If you are interested in joining us please phone 572534 or email angibson@talktalk.net as we hope to do some car sharing. 17 of us enjoyed the snowdrops at Painswick in February.

CARMEN AND PETROUSHKA BY THE BOLSHOI BALLET

Would anyone like to join me on Sunday, 19th May at Malvern Cinema for the 4pm matinee of the ballets Carmen and Petroushka performed by the Bolshoi Ballet? 26 seats have been reserved, priced £13.00 each. As last year, payment will be required with your booking. Please make cheques payable to Patience Broad and post to 110 Wood Farm Road, Malvern, WR14 4PR. Bookings need to be finalised by **22nd March**, so please email janetfinch@gmail.com or ring me on 07776 448641 or 01684 569077. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Janet Finch.

AT THE WELLS CLUB...

QUIZ NIGHTS

The March dates for the Wells Club quizzes are Wednesdays 13th and 27th.

The Club opens at 7.45 and the quiz gets going at 8.15 once we have settled people arriving in ones and twos into teams of four.

The cost of £2.50 includes light refreshments.

Club membership is not essential and there is no need to book - just turn up.

NON-QUIZ WEDNESDAYS

The non-quiz Wednesday study group will be meeting at the Club on 6th and 20th March when we will be looking at parts three and four of the current Bible Course.

The Club will be open from 8 pm and all are welcome to join us for an evening of study and sociability.

Further details from Trish Beecroft or Helen Rhodes

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy A PRIEST IN WAR

A talk by Dr Stuart Bell and Canon Michael Brierly
An address followed by discussion
Friday, 8th March at 2pm
Old St Martin's Church
The Cornmarket, Worcester
WR1 2DF