

BENEFICE BULLETIN

Sunday 25 February Second Sunday of Lent

Weekly Diary

Sunday 25

9.00am St Peter's Holy Communion 10.30am St Mary's Holy Communion

Tuesday 27

10.00am St Mary's Little Lambs 7.00pm St Mary's Lent Course

Wednesday 28

10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion 10.45am St Mary's Lent Course 3.00pm St Mary's Tea at 3pm

The Big Blanket Stitch-Along

Easebourne Primary School would love volunteers to knit or crochet them some 20cm x 20cm squares, which will be made into cosy reading blankets for each classroom. If you are able to help, please bring your handiwork into church and we will ensure it is safely delivered to the school.

Thank you!

World Day of Prayer

The local service this year will take place in Midhurst Church on Friday 1 March at 2.30pm. Each year a different country compiles the service, this year it is the Christian Women of Palestine. The service would have been planned before the present conflict in their country. May we hold them in our prayers together with all those around the world who are suffering violence.

UKRAINE LENT APPEAL 2024



The generous giving of the St. Mary's congregation in 2023 prompted many of you to ask if there will be an appeal in 2024, and some of you have provided me with items to pass onto Petworth Ukrainian relief during the past year, thank you one and all.

As the invasion of Ukraine enters its second year, the needs of the people remain, though they have adapted to a new way of life; war has become their business as usual. To help support them; Petworth Ukrainian relief have provided me with a targeted list of items. As always there is something to suit the depths of all pockets, and giving is optional.

To make sorting, packing, customs labelling and distribution easier, this year there is a minor change. You have two options.

- Instead of providing a bit of everything, simply choose one item from the list and fill a shoe box or other similar box with your chosen item.
- Choose one of the bigger items, and box it

(See the list of items on the second page of this bulletin)

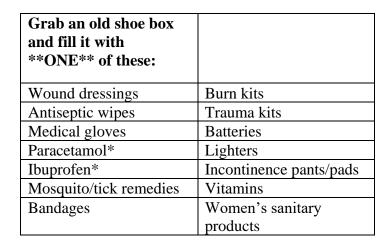
If you want to include a message of encouragement or support, or simply send your best wishes to the recipient, please include a note inside your box.

Thank you, Andy Castledine: andy@castleanddean.consulting 07834 369182



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LENT 2024 'A Journey through our church'



*These are limited in sale quantities (i.e. you can only buy a restricted amount in one transaction)

One off items:	
New & unused sleeping	Emergency foil blankets
bags	

Please provide these items boxed:

Tents 1-4 man	Roll mats
Camping stoves	Power banks
Head torch	Generators
Flashlights	Spades
Warm coats	Clean Blankets



Lent begins this year of 14 February with our Ash Wednesday service. As part of our year of spiritual journey, Derek and Liz are offering a Lent course based around St. Mary's church building, called 'A Journey through our church.' The course will focus on key elements of church life and how they connect to the Cross of Christ:

Baptism: The Journey begins!

God's word: A lamp unto my feet...

Prayer: The conversation we share with God.

Holy Communion: Remembrance and refreshment.

Sending Out: In love we serve...

The course will run on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and Wednesday mornings after the 10am mid-week communion. Please do come and join us for this important spiritual journey through Lent.