

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

...those who can no longer get to church, Jean Ling and Edwin Greenslade.

....those who are ill or in need, Chloe Evans-Lippett, and Julia.

....those who have left requests on the prayer board.

.....those who mourn the loss of loved ones,

...our clergy, Deb, Pete, Ann and Janis; our retired clergy, our LLMs, LPAs, DCCs; our Churchwarden, Chris; and our Verger, Pat.

... and St. Mary's Primary School.

### BCO CONCERT

The next concert by the BCO will be at St Swithun's Church at 3 pm on Sunday 7th April. Tickets £10 available on the day and including teas after the concert. Children free entry. Further info on 01935824786 Caroline Lewars

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

15 Paintings CTiB commissioned will be on display in Bridport United Church. 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 3pm. CTiB Stations of the Cross Service on Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm, led by Rev. Clare Downing and Rev. Peter Clark.

### TODAY'S COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.

### GOOD BOOKS CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

urgently requires someone to look after the **ACCOUNTS**. Any applicant for this (voluntary) post would need to be computer literate and have experience of using Excel spread sheets. The wonderful lady who has been doing this job for a number of years, tells me that two hours a week would be ample time to spend and that some weeks one hour per week would be sufficient – probably not more than five or six hours a month in total. The work includes maintaining monthly accounts, paying supplier invoices, sending out invoices for goods taken and keeping a record of voluntary donations. It may be possible for two people to job share. Should you be interested in exploring the possibility of taking on this work, please contact Valerie Payne, the Chairman of Directors, on 01308 458867.

## Welcome to St Mary's Church in Walditch,



### Bridport Team Ministry.

24<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



### TEAM RECTOR'S THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

The gardener in today's gospel story asks for one more year for the fig tree that produces no fruit. Just one more year. Sometimes we look at a situation or a person and simply focus on what is lacking. We do not see the possibility for abundance of life and hope, or the pain and distress that another may be experiencing. We see waste, not possibility. We see loss, not courage or resilience. And sometimes we might ourselves feel dismissed as fruitless, hopeless or lifeless. Our faith is all about second chances. Is there a person or a project that frustrates and annoys you? Is there a situation where you just want to give up? Is there any way you can give it a second chance – invest in it with time or love and see whether it bears fruit? This Lent can you imagine how you might give a situation in your life - maybe even yourself - a second chance? Deb Smith

### A SELECTION OF SERVICES IN THE BRIDPORT TEAM MINISTRY

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Stations of the cross, St. Swithun's, Allington at 4pm.  
Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. Service of Wholeness & Healing, St John's at 6pm.  
Maundy Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April. Holy Trinity, Bothenhampton with foot washing at 6pm  
Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Holy Trinity, Bradpole. Meditation from 12 to 3pm.  
Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. Service of the Light, St. Mary's, Walditch at 8pm.  
Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. EASTER DAY, Sunrise Service on East Pier at 6am.  
Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Holy Communion at St Mary's, Bridport at 10am.

### CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES (ORGANISED BY CTIBD) (donation of £3.50 towards saving lives suggested)

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. St Mary's Church, Bridport, hosted by Quakers at 12.45  
Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. St Swithun's, hosted by St Catherine & St Mary's at 12.45  
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. Bridport United Church, East Street at 12.45  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Walditch Village Hall, hosted by St Mary's Church, Walditch, following a Meditation in Church for Holy Week at 12 Noon.

*© The prayers have been taken from the following websites and the copyrights therein are hereby acknowledged: www.churchofengland.org The readings have been taken from the Oremus Bible Browser website and the copyright therein is hereby acknowledged. 'New Revised Standard Version Bible: Anglicized Edition, copyright 1989, 1995, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

## TODAY'S SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S, WALDITCH

11.15am Morning Prayer with Ann Ayling.

## SERVICE FOR NEXT SUNDAY, THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2019.

**10.15am.** Mothering Sunday Service with Philip Ringer. **NB. 10.15am.**

## APRIL SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S, WALDITCH

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Evensong (Tea in Hall from 5pm).

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April between 10am and 2pm, Church and churchyard Spring clean.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am, Palm Sunday BCP Communion.

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 12 Noon, Mid-day prayers, followed by Lent Lunch at 12.45 in the Village Hall.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Service of the Light.

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11.15am, Easter Eucharist.

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am, Morning Prayer.

## TODAY'S READINGS : PSALM 63.1-9

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

<sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips <sup>6</sup> when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

<sup>9</sup> But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth

St. Mary's has an Audio loop system. If you would like to make use of it, please switch to "T" on your hearing aid. Chris Wellman-Herold produces this weekly sheet. Items for inclusion in future sheets should please reach him by mid-day on the preceding Wednesday. (chris.w-h@hotmail.co.uk or 281096). If you would like an e-mail copy of the sheet every week, please e-mail or call Chris.

## TODAY'S READINGS CONTD.

### NEW TESTAMENT: 1 CORINTHIANS 10.1-13

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

<sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

### GOSPEL : LUKE 13.1-9

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" <sup>8</sup>He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."