

**PILGRIMAGE WALK**

Join **Revd John Rees** on Wednesday **16 April** for a Pilgrimage walk (5-6 miles) around our 6 churches start at St Swithun's, finish at Holy Trinity Bradpole. Bring a packed lunch. An opportunity for us to enjoy the Spring beauty of our area and recap some of the topics in "**The Whole Easter Story**" written by Jo Swinney – our chosen LENT book.

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**ECO CHURCH NEWS**

Come and share our Custodianship of God's Creation with other Green Groups in Bridport and "**Make Jesus Known.**"

Saturday **17 May** – **Deanery Creation / Eco day**  
2pm to 4.30 pm – St Mary's Church Bridport.  
Share ideas, challenges and opportunities relating to Eco church with other churches in the Lyme Bay Deanery, plus a Cream Tea!

Saturday **27 September** - **Parish Green Day**  
10.00am to 4pm – St Mary's Church Bridport.  
Speakers in the morning and practical workshops in the afternoon including a Workshop organised by Bridport Regenerative Textiles CIC which is working with Bridport Youth Groups.

*Janet Webster - Eco Church Sub Committee*

**SKETCHING DEMONSTRATION**

**Mothers Union** would like to invite you to a sketching demonstration on Tuesday **8 April** from 2pm in the Walditch village hall. Numbers limited to twenty - payment by donation. Please book via Michele Craddock on 01308 458725 or via email:

The Parish of Bridport

**COME and SEA**

**A FAMILY TRAIL**  
IMAGINING YOU ARE ON A MOVIE SET,  
WATCHING THE FILMING OF

**Easter the Movie!**  
**JESUS' BIG WEEK**  
WITH ART, CRAFTS  
'I WONDER' QUESTIONS, ACTING  
HOT CROSS BUNS  
AND QUIET MOMENTS

**ST JOHN'S WEST BAY**  
**EASTER SAT 19TH APRIL**  
**10.30 - 12.30**

16 March 2025

Second Sunday of LENT

**PARISH NEWS**

**Greetings** from Bridport's worshipping community

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

This Sunday at 11am in St Mary's we are piloting a new all-age Eucharist service. Many across different age groups have felt called to participate in co-leading it. The service will be lively, fun, engaging, creative, participative and experimental - and possibly even a little chaotic – all so that we can meet and worship God together. Come and be part of it! Note: This is a pilot service. If feedback suggests making it regular, it would move to a different timeslot, as this time is reserved for Peter Wright's popular and growing informal morning worship service. *Stay tuned for updates...*

It is wonderful to highlight initiatives like this that help us to provide worship experiences for everyone – from those wanting to deepen their faith to those exploring from the edges – and including young families. Right now, this is what we offer:

**Regular Services**

**Traditional:** High Mass, Matins, BCP Eucharist

**Contemporary:** Morning Praise/Worship, the monthly Parish Eucharist and a wide variety of Common Worship Holy Communion services from simple to formal in multiple locations on Sundays and mid-week

**Family-Focused:** Wild & Messy Church, Breakfast Church

**Contemplative:** Wellness and Healing services, Contemplative Church

**Special Prayer Opportunities:**

Monday Morning Prayer (St John's)

Fortnightly Prayers around the Parish (rotating through our six churches)

Monthly Pray Bridport meetings with Churches Together in Bridport

Centering Prayer group

Ministers' Tuesday morning prayer group

**Seasonal and Occasional Offerings:**

Franciscan Prayer, Celtic Prayer, Ignatian meditation

Prayer trails and activity days

Lent and Advent book groups

Quiet days

Which of these *already encourages* you in your faith?

Which *could* you try out this Lent?

Which *would* you invite others to?

Where *should* we be focussing our energies?

As long as we can resource them, each of these offerings is worth having, as long as we are working towards deepening our faith and attracting new worshippers to God - in other words, **Making Jesus Known.**

*Revd Cally Burch*

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error  
the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things  
as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

(or)  
Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves  
to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

**Philippians 3 : 17 to 4 : 1** Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Luke 13 : 31 to end** *The Lament over Jerusalem*  
At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

## Psalm 27 *Triumphant Song of Confidence – Of David*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

## THURSDAY PARISH 'CYCLE OF PRAYER'

First and third Thursdays of the month 3.30-4.30pm.

**20 March** *St John's West Bay* **3 April** *Holy Trinity Bradpole.*

## ELECTORAL ROLL

Application forms - to go on the Electoral Roll - will be in each of the six churches in the Parish soon in accordance with the electoral roll timetable.

*James Craddock - Electoral Roll Officer*

## OTHONA QUIET DAY

Saturday **12 April** 9.30am- 4pm. Details to follow.

## BRINGING TOGETHER FLOWERS & QUILTS!

A Flower and Quilt festival will be held in St Mary's Bridport **27 – 29 June** 2025 to bring together our community's creative talents celebrating the colour and vibrancy of our town. *Proceeds from the project 'Bridport Bright and Beautiful' will be shared amongst church/community projects.* Contact Di at the church office 01308 424747 or [admin@parishofbridport.org](mailto:admin@parishofbridport.org) or speak with Becca Doe at Beccas Fabric Larder in South Street **before tomorrow (Monday 17 March).**