

PRIMLEY CHURCH - MARCH 2023

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell or struggling. :

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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - FEB 27th - MARCH 12th

Coffee Morning - Sidmouth Library - March 4th 10.30-12.30

WORLD DAY of PRAYER written by the women from Taiwan, based on Ephesians 1 15-19 - MARCH 3rd

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP LUNCH - MARCH 5th

LENT SERVICE & LUNCH @ PRIMLEY 11.45 - MARCH 8th

KESWICK IN DEVON (ALL SAINTS) - MARCH 5TH- 9TH

MOTHERING SUNDAY - MARCH 19TH

ROTAS					
MARCH	5th	12th	19th	26th	APRIL 2nd
Elder	Barbara	Roger	Marilyn	Maggie	Roger
Door Steward	Alison	Jill	Barbara	Alison	Chrissy
Communion - Roger & Marilyn					
MARCH		PREACHERS			
5 th		Rev Michael Diffey			
12 th		Rev Sabrina Groeschel			
19 th		Roger Stinson - Mothering Sunday			
26 th		Rev Aiyana-Gardener-Houghton (Communion)			
April 2 nd		Ann Skinner - Palm Sunday			

Practicing Love in Lent

I wrote this piece last year and thought it was worth repeating!

If you or I were to send God a Valentine card it might go like this:

" I love you. Thank you for loving me. Forgive me when I am not very good at loving you . Help me to do better. Amen"

Love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person. God has committed unconditionally to love us, however imperfect we are, through the death of Jesus on the cross. To love somebody isn't just a strong feeling. It's a decision, a judgement and a promise. It is said when we love, we come closer to God. Living a Christian faith requires us to put in lots of practice at being loving and forgiving, which always belong together.

If God sent us a Valentine card he might write: "My dear child, I'm opening an emotional bank account for you, so deposit your love for me in it, and you'll get a high interest return."

Ash Wednesday (Feb 22nd) is the beginning of Lent and there are all kinds of spiritual and practical things we can do to make a good Lent preparation for the celebration of Easter. Helping others is a tradition of the Lent season, inspired by the command of Jesus to "Love your neighbour as yourself." We should give to others in love all through the year, but maybe an extra emphasis should be added during the time of Lent.

Time with God is critical. Quiet and solitude enable us to listen to the Spirit and discern answers to prayer. We can create opportunities for peaceful contemplation and intimacy with God. No matter how prayers are answered at the end of 40 days, time with the Lord is a cause for joy, praise, and thankfulness.

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