

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mary's, Bishops Lydeard.

We are delighted that you have been able to join us this morning. Please do come for refreshments in the Church Centre afterward the 9.30am service.

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

Forthcoming Services at St. Mary's

Wednesday 11th March

10.30am: Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 15th March

9.30am: All Age Eucharist (CW)

Future Benefice-wide services

Sunday March 22nd

4.00pm: Benefice Evensong (BCP)
(St. Pancras the Martyr, West Bagborough)

Sunday 29th March

10.30am: Benefice Eucharist (CW)
(Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Combe Florey)

Sunday 26th April

6.00pm: Benefice Evensong
Preacher: The Dean of Wells (St. Mary's BL)

Your Events Calendar

MARCH

Monday 9th

12.00 noon: Lent Lunch hosted by Combe Florey (CC)

2.00pm: Julian Group meeting NOTE EARLIER TIME (CC)

Tuesday 10th

3.00pm: Conversations in Lent (CC)

Wednesday 11th

3.00pm: Prayer Group meeting (CC)

Friday 13th

7.30pm: Peter's Winter Talks: The Artist's Railway

Saturday 14th

Church Centre Committee meeting (CC)

Monday 16th

12.00 noon: Lent Lunch hosted by West Bagborough (CC)

7.30pm: Reading Group meeting (CC Quiet Room)

Tuesday 17th

3.00pm: Conversations in Lent (CC)

Wednesday 18th

11.30am: Open the Book rehearsal (CC)

Please inform Adrian of all meetings and events for inclusion in the Benefice/Website Calendars/notices.

Email: adrianandkatharine@gmail.com

JULIAN GROUP

Please note that tomorrow's meeting of the group will start at the earlier time of 2.00pm.

Lent lunches

The next Lent Lunch is tomorrow, **9th March from 12 noon in the Church Centre**. It will be hosted by Combe Florey. There is no need to sign up.

There is no charge for these lunches but last week's event, hosted by Lydeard St. Lawrence, made £220 in voluntary donations for Shelterbox. Many thanks to everyone who attended and was able to contribute.

Conversations in Lent

The first conversation arising out of reflections in a book called "A Word for Lent" by Denis McBride and Janet Fearn took place last week and was a most valuable session. This week is the first of two sessions facilitated by Katherine Lyddon: "I wonder ...stories". Please join us at **3.00pm on Tuesday in the Church Centre**.

The Artist's Railway – Peter's Winter Talks

There is no better way to spend a Friday evening than coming along to the latest in this series of illustrated winter talks by Peter Harrison. The next one is this **Friday, 13th March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre and is on the subject of 'The Artist's Railway'. Admission is free and a warm welcome is assured.

Mothering Sunday: a Request from Maggie



We will be putting together posies of flowers on **Saturday morning 21st March** in readiness for the Mothering Sunday service on the 22nd. Any offers of greenery or flowers would be much appreciated and also help assembling the posies. Many thanks.

Easter Cards

The Benefice Easter Card will soon be available. Maureen has placed a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and asks that you kindly indicate where you will be able to deliver. Easter is a time of wonderful news for all people – our Easter card is a great way of spreading this among our friends and neighbours.

Confirmation

One or two people have asked about Confirmation, and Maureen is preparing to lead six sessions of Confirmation preparation beginning shortly after Easter. If you are not Confirmed and would like to be - or if you know of anyone who is thinking about Confirmation - please get in touch with Maureen as soon as possible. A Confirmation service is due to take place in Wells Cathedral in early November.

Thought for the Week

"I cannot do all the good that the world needs
But the world needs all the good that I can do."

Jana Stanfield

Rector: position currently vacant Associate Priest: Revd. Maureen Young 01984 667472 (*Maureen's day off is Thursday*)

Reader: Katharine Smith 01823 325425 Churchwarden: David Smart 01823 432531

Churchwarden: Adrian Smith 07787 281215 Church Centre bookings: Jo Wainwright 01823 433738

Benefice website: bishopslydeardbenefice.org

Please email items for the notice sheet, website and Benefice Diary to Adrian: adrianandkatharine@gmail.com by 12.00 noon on Friday.