

## Sunday before Lent

10am Sunday 26 February

Our Parish Communion will have a bit of a carnival feel, before the seriousness of Lent sets in.

The choir will sing Bob Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass* within our worship.

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 1 March

Lent begins with special services of prayer and penitence.

For those who wish there is the option to receive the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads. A sign of penitence for the forthcoming season, and the recognition of our mortality.

10am Said Holy Communion

8pm Sung Communion with the Choir

## Mondays in Lent

8-9.15pm in the Lady Chapel of St Michael's Church

### *Jesus and Israel: the Old Testament in the New*

A series of teaching and meditation sessions exploring the centrality of the Old Testament to our understanding of Jesus.

The Vicar will share some of his insights on the Old Testament from his Study Leave last year.

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| 6 March  | Creation and recreation   |
| 13 March | God's law and God's grace |
| 20 March | Wilderness and exile      |
| 27 March | Passover and Exodus       |



## Tuesdays in Lent

12.30pm in the Lady Chapel of St Michael's Church

### *Things Jesus Carried*

We will be having a series of half-hour Lent Meditations exploring the things Jesus bore on Good Friday.

These will be followed by Soup Lunch at 1pm in the Windhill Churches Centre, raising funds for the *Mary's Meals* charity for the hungry in Africa.

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| 7 March  | His followers' disappointments |
| 14 March | The cross                      |
| 21 March | The hopes of God               |
| 28 March | The sins of the world          |
| 4 April  | A seamless robe                |

## Thursday 30 March

10.30am at the White Cottage, Albury

### *Quiet Day*

The Rev'd June Knight will be holding a special day of reflection at her home in Albury: with coffee at 10:30am, then a period of silence from 11am (a time to walk, paint, read, pray or even sleep). Shared Holy Communion at 3pm and the day ends with tea, cakes and fellowship. Contact June on 01279 771756

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### *Living God's Love*

*Living God, draw us deeper into your love;  
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;  
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.  
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us*

*to live your love  
with generosity and joy,  
imagination and courage;  
for the sake of your world  
and in the name of Jesus,  
Amen.*



All are welcome to our regular services,  
in Lent, and throughout the year:

### Sundays

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Parish Communion

10am Parish Praise (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

11:15am Sung Eucharist (Prayer Book)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

4pm Messy Church (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

6pm Evening Prayer  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

6pm Choral Evensong (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

### Wednesdays

10am Said Holy Communion

10:45am Tiny Tots Service

# Lent 2017

at  
St Michael's Church  
Bishop's Stortford



Services, Meditations and Events

All are welcome to join us  
as we seek to

'Go Deeper into God'

during this special season of preparation  
for Easter