

**STUDY GROUP
for LENT
"LIVING HOPE"**

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A Booklet (£3) is available which will help us through the 5-6 week study. Please do consider giving time to faith building during this special period before Holy Week and Easter. Lively discussion and fellowship are on offer to ALL during the season of Lent.

Continues at 2.30 to 4pm on Thurs. March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd & 10th in the Lounge.



FOODBANK

please support by leaving items, in the porch basket. NO fresh goods, please.

Southport Foodbank is now at Victoria Centre, 197a Sussex Road, PR8 6DG

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<https://southport.foodbank.org.uk/>

BIBLE VERSE for 2025

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality. [from Romans 12 : 12-13]

**Are YOU on ?
In 2025 there has to be a
complete revision of the
ELECTORAL ROLL,**

everyone will need to complete a form to register membership of the church and be able to vote at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 6th.

More info and forms from Carol Hosker , our Electoral Roll Officer.

There will be elections for the Church Council, so please consider standing and sharing in the leadership of All Saints. Have a chat with the wardens.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pancakes & Bingo

2.30pm Tues. March 4th
Tickets (£5) from Lesley

Kanzi Kibera Friends coffee & cake with Bring & Buy and Raffle (Hall)

10am to Noon. Fri. March 7th
Pay at the door - Bring your friends

Advance notice.....

**Maundy Agape & Supper with Friends on April 17th at 6.30pm.
Ticket event.**

All Saints Parish Church

BULLETIN for MARCH 2025

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SUNDAY SERVICES

- March 2nd 10am Holy Communion - Canon Rod Garner
- March 9th 10am Morning Worship - preacher - Chris Moyes
- March 16th 10am Holy Communion - Canon Roger Wikeley
- March 23rd 10am Morning Worship
6:30pm Celtic Evening Service
- March 30th: 10am Mothering Sunday - Holy Communion
children, families, mums and dads all very welcome

WEDNESDAYS

- March 5th 10am ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION in church
other weeks at 9.30am - BCP Communion (lounge)

DEAR FRIENDS,

I can't be the only one who is rather grateful that Lent starts late this year - On Ash Wednesday, 5th March there will be a Communion Service in church at 10am with hymns, an address, and the traditional imposition of ashes. A retiring collection will go to Christian Aid for its work in Gaza. I hope that many of us can share in this special service that sets the tone & aim of Lent season. It also encourages us to forgo a meal and give to those for whom life seems a permanent and frightening fast. There are three Christian churches in the Gaza Strip : two in particular have provided sanctuary for Christians throughout a military campaign that has laid waste to much of the city. Their future remains precarious and our prayers should continue to embrace them.

The Church of England certainly needs its Lent. We have had a bruising and deeply distressing few months since the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and more recently the Bishop of Liverpool. Local churches such as ours can pray regularly and simply ' Kyrie Eleison' - Lord have mercy. We are part of a damaged institution that has lost the trust of many in its competence and integrity. Not a few have already decided that for good reasons they can no longer remain within its membership. Why then should we remain? Quite simply, the Church is more than Bishops and Synods. We, that is, all the baptised faithful of Christ in word and deed, are the Church. The Bible lays upon us the duty of not losing heart and holding fast to the truths we have received and cherish: sacraments, prayer, the necessity of service to others, the building up of fellowship, and our commitment to the person of Christ.

More details about Holy Week at All Saints will be in the April bulletin and in an Easter card that is being prepared for circulation in the parish. In the meantime please note our evening service on the 23rd, the Lent Course (back page) and consider who you might invite to our Mothering Sunday service.

Canon Rod

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N.B. The ministry team are always available to offer private prayer, particularly in cases of illness or times of distress.

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WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Tues.4th 2.30pm Pancakes & Bingo (Hall)
Thur. 6th 2pm Bereavement Group (lounge)
Fri. 7th 8.45-9.45 Prayer Breakfast
10 - noon Coffee & Cake in the Hall (*se back page*)
11am WORLD DAY of PRAYER
at Holy Trinity Church

Tues. 11th PCC in the Lounge
Thurs. 13,20,27 Lent Study Group - 2.30-4pm (in the lounge)
Fri. 21st 8.45-9.45 Prayer Breakfast



After careful prayer, thought and discussion, the PCC has chosen to continue our regular Prayer-time on Fridays twice a month, starting with a short slot for Tea/Coffee/Juice and Toast. Prayer is an essential part in everyone's faith journey, so if you are unable to be physically present, do join us 'in spirit' to pray for the needs of our church, the world and those we know and love, who need the Lord's peace and strength in their lives.

Pray for our King Charles III, Queen Camilla and all members of the royal family, may God grant them wisdom and strength.

Pray for our bishops that they be faithful in their calling; with wisdom and integrity for the process of appointing a new Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop.

Pray for our Prime Minister and government as they seek solutions for peace in Israel and Ukraine, and how to deal with the cost of living crisis.

Pray for our CMS Mission Partners, Marc, Helen & family, in North Africa, and for the Wilson family in Ethiopia, also for the work of Kanzi Kibera Friends in Nairobi's slums.

Remember those amongst our families and friends undergoing medical treatment.... Also pray for medical staff working under pressure.

Those who are housebound and their carers, and those being cared for in residential homes.

For recently bereaved families and friends as they face a future without their loved ones.

For our church leadership as they seek God's plan for the way forward for the Church during the Interregnum, seeking to support the congregation at present and develop opportunities for mission; and for other church members to take up active responsibilities.

(Lots of little jobs need willing hands...speak to the Wardens - join the crew!)