

Westwold Deanery Online LENT Courses 2021

This year we are offering 2 regular weekly opportunities to join us and walk through Lent together. Lenten journeys are important as times of reflection, but they also help us grow in our faith as we consider difficult issues in our lives and the world and of course help prepare ourselves for great celebration of Easter.

The courses commence with our **ASH Wednesday service at on 17th Feb at 7pm.**

Obviously this year we cannot be signed with ashes, but we can come together on ASH Wednesday to publicly declare our willingness to repent, to change our ways and to offer ourselves to God in self-reflection and self-denial. The symbol of the Ash cross is traditionally our public declaration of this, yet it carries no sacramental action. God already knows us and knows if we in our hearts turn to him.

There are 2 courses to help us on our 2021 Lenten journey.

A. LENT in the Wilderness: Led by Revd Claire Walker and Revd David Atkinson

Commencing in the ASH Wednesday service then continuing on the 5 subsequent Monday evenings. 7pm start (Approx 30 Minutes)

B. For Such A Time As This: Led by Revd Annabel Barber and Revd Elaine Turner

Commencing on Wednesday 24th February and the 5 subsequent Wednesday mornings. 10-30 to 11.30am.

Each course can be accessed via ZOOM and also includes the ability to telephone in.

I hope you will find the time to join us to start on this journey for 2021.

Every Blessing

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Fr Chris Hewitt SCP

Rural Dean of Westwold

10 Feb 2021

A. LENT In the Wilderness

Lead by Revd Claire Walker and Revd David Atkinson

This is a 6 session course, with each session approx. 30minutes and based around a reading and reflection on the nature of our lives in the Wilderness. Each meeting will close with a short act of worship.

Wed 17 th Feb 7pm	Lent in the Wilderness	Mark ch1 vv12-13 (ASH Wed)
Mon 22 nd Feb 7pm	Cul-de-sacs	Exodus ch14 vv1-12
Mon 29 th Feb 7pm	One Step Enough for Me?	Exodus ch15 vv20-22
Mon 5 th Mar 7pm	Sufficient unto the Day	Exodus ch16 vv13-20
Mon 12 th Mar 7pm	Beyond Our Reach?	Exodus ch20 vv1-21
Mon 19 th Mar 7pm	Do Not Cling to Me	Exodus ch32 vv1-4

ZOOM Link (for ALL Evening Sessions)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81247792020?pwd=ZkNrWmpwK1o1ZUE4V2tJUDdlaU9lUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 4779 2020

Passcode: 758453

Or Dial In by Phone: 0203 901 7895 / 0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874 /0203 481 5240

Please Note: For the Mondays in LENT this course will replace our normal Monday Evening Fellowship.

B. For Such A Time As This

Led by Revd Annabel Barber and Revd Elaine Turner

“The world is in crisis; Creation is groaning. People and the Earth have been crying out for many years. But for too long, many people - particularly those in the global North - have chosen not to listen, instead remaining complicit in destruction and continuing to increase inequalities. In such a time as this, what have Christians got to offer?”

There will be an opportunity to meet together online each Wednesday morning in Lent and have a conversation over coffee (bring your own!) around material on climate justice from the USPG. Each session will consider a Bible passage, and a short commentary based on information from theologians working in less-developed countries, like India, the West Indies and the Philippines. Questions will start our thinking and talking, and each session will begin and end with a short prayer and a challenge for the week!

If you want to find out more, please go to this USPG link:

<https://www.uspg.org.uk/engage/support5/forsuchatime/lent-course-2021/>

The session Dates and Topics are:

Wed 24th February	For Such a Time
Wed 3rd March:	Creation
Wed 10th March:	The Fall
Wed 17th March:	Salvation
Wed 24th March:	Restoration
Wed 31st March:	ReCreation

The ZOOM link (For all Wednesday Morning Sessions):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81168017601?pwd=U3hMMW9VWkdFTXM0cnUzRHVvdE4vdz09>

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