



Parish of Whitton

JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

(15th February – 3rd April 2021)

Hello there!

We sometimes think of Lent just as a time “giving things up” – no choccies for six weeks, for instance – but it’s much, much more than that. Lent comes in Spring, so it’s a good time to “spring-clean” our hearts, ready to celebrate Easter, in the same way that we spring-clean our houses when the bright springtime sunshine shows up all the dust and the cobwebs of winter...

So that may mean clearing out some rubbish that we’d be better off without, but Spring is also a time of new growing things, so we’re sending you some suggestions about how we might all grow some lovely new things in our lives this Lent.

The enclosed booklet suggests a different outdoor activity each week of Lent – so if you’re fed up with being indoors, or need a break from home-schooling, here is your chance!

Let us know how you get on – and send us pictures for the Parish Facebook page [@WhittonTeamNews](#). There are also details of a photographic competition overleaf.

Finally, we’ve added some websites where you can find indoor activities – including baking! – and other good things to do in Lent. Enjoy!!

Love from Beth, Sue, Rhona

and all your friends at the churches of the Whitton Parish
(*Aldbourn, Baydon, Chilton, Froxfield and Ramsbury & Axford*)

Other resources that you might like to explore:

- **Journeying through Lent route map poster –**
Click [here](#): or see www.whittonteam.org.uk



- **Service for Ash Wednesday –** Online (Zoom) service live from St Michael's Aldbourne at 7.30pm, 17th February
<https://zoom.us/j/98318554563?pwd=bTJlSHNOUWtTTmdlV3hzK2xNTkFWZz09>
Meeting ID: 983 1855 4563; Passcode: 943415;
service sheet on the website



- **Ash Wednesday at Home –**
as it will not be possible to conduct a service of ashing in person in church, you may wish to mark the day with ashing at home, using this simple service.

Click [here](#), or see www.whittonteam.org.uk



- **40 things to do in Lent –**
suggestions for things you can do to care for others this Lent.
Click [here](#), or see www.whittonteam.org.uk

- **Love yourself in Lent –**
if you are finding life tough, practice some self-care with these 40 actions.

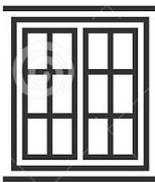
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- **Through the Window –**

Ideas for connecting with creation for people who can't get outside easily. There is an idea for each week – maybe print it out for someone who is stuck indoors?

Click [here](#), or see www.whittonteam.org.uk



- **Baking through Lent –**

Six recipes for you to bake while you think and talk about the gospel reading for each Sunday in Lent.

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- **40 good things to do in Lent –**

This is the leaflet that has been circulated to our schools, with ideas for positive actions in Lent

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Photographic competition

‘Journeying through Lent’



If you are aged 18 or under you are invited to enter either or both of these competitions during Lent 2021.

Competition A: Compile photographs of as many crosses as you can outside the home between February 17th and April 4th. If you are observant you may notice natural items forming the shape of a cross in a certain light or from a certain angle. You may see other crosses on buildings. Keep your eyes open!



Competition B: Submit a photograph (as many as you like) that illustrates ‘Journeying in hope’.

Each competition will be judged in two age groups: 11 and under/ 12-18. The four winners will each receive a ‘Real Easter Egg’. The photographs will be judged by a small panel of our church leaders, whose decisions will be final. We will be looking for striking images which inspire us on our journey of faith rather than technical proficiency.

You will be asked for permission for us to display your photographs on our website and/or social media. We will credit you as the photographer.

When your photo(s) are ready for submission please contact the Revd. Beth Hutton to agree the most suitable method of transfer. rector@whittonteam.org.uk or 01672 520235.

Advance Notice for Easter

We'll do another mailing just before Easter, and we'll be suggesting that we build Easter gardens, to put either in our churchyards or on a doorstep/windowsill/wall



where we live, to share the joy of Easter. If you want to start planning and thinking about it, there are ideas at:

[https://amysfreeideas.com/English/Step by step instructions for how to make an Easter Garden.html](https://amysfreeideas.com/English/Step%20by%20step%20instructions%20for%20how%20to%20make%20an%20Easter%20Garden.html) or

<https://godspacelight.com/2014/02/11/gardening-for-lent/>

Maybe you could start putting some plants in now, so that they are flowering in time for Easter?

Or you could plan an Easter tree – see

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/easter-ideas/g26809936/diy-easter-tree-ideas/>

it can be as simple or as complicated as you like.



If you can't wait till Easter, there is an interactive online "garden", with activities for every week in Lent at

<http://www.cnob.org/?p=2153>