

Fr Hugh Writes:

The 2nd Sunday of Lent, with the gospel extract on the Lord's Transfiguration. 1st March is also St David's day, patron of Wales, but not kept in England as feasts are not transferred in these Holy seasons.

Please remember that we have an evening Mass on Thursdays at 7pm at our Sisters home, very much with those of you at work during the day so that you may have the opportunity to gather to celebrate Mass especially in this season of Lent.

You may have heard that the Bishop of Chichester, Rt. Rev'd Dr Martin Warner announced his retirement earlier this month. We have also received news and a request for prayers for the Rt Rev'd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Sr Anne-Marie at the Poor Clares is in hospital just now as she faces surgery, she will appreciate our prayers too.

This weekend we need to concentrate on filling all the tables for our quiz night, an opportunity for some fun as we get together socially and of course have conversations. Friday 20th is the date, and we need to get your teams of 6 organised for the evening

There was lots of news last week, and if you missed the CAFOD fast day envelopes there are a couple still in the narthex. Alternatively make your offerings on line where this Lent, your donation can have double the impact since generous supporters are matching all gifts up to £378,000. <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

This Friday is the World Day of Prayer at St Peter's church at 2.30pm. Thank you to Helen for helping organise this time of prayer with our sister churches. Posters abound, for all the details. On Saturday 14th: a St Patricks night celebration and Monday 16th is our Lent Penitential service with your opportunity for 'confession' 7pm.

Spring days arrived and were almost fleeting, however it was warm enough to bring the 1st flowers into bloom on the Magnolia, and also the Camellias, Narcissus in their many forms will provide colour over these next weeks, as the snowdrops fade. This is the perfect time to lift and split clumps of snowdrop bulbs and replant straight away. They will settle quickly and reward you with pleasure over the years to come.

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Notices:

Children's Liturgy takes place in our hall at 9.30am on Sunday mornings.

Suitable for children aged from 6 to 13 years It is followed by our 10am Mass in church.

For more details please contact Andreia Gaio by [email: andry_nunes_18@hotmail.com](mailto:andry_nunes_18@hotmail.com)

OUR LENT GROUPS for the coming week are:

Wednesday, 3pm at the Convent (week 2) – 'We dare to ask' course

Thursday, 3pm at 29 Parsonage Road (week 3)
'We dare to ask' course

Thursday, 7.30 pm at 'Sunnyside', Upper Station Road (week 3) – 'Sycamore' Lent course

It is not too late to join a group, should you wish to do so.

There are still a few **'We dare to ask' course booklets for private use** at the back of church so please help yourself.

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The 2026 World Day of Prayer Service is this coming Friday 6th March at St Peter's Church, Henfield at 2.30pm. This year the Ecumenical service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria and brings us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. There is a collection for the projects run by WDP to support women and girls across the world. Despite being called the "Women's" World Day of Prayer for many years, this is of course open to all and everyone is very welcome. As usual there will be refreshments in church afterwards.

A reminder that all weekday Masses at the Towers are at 4.30pm.

A Lent group at Billingshurst: LENT SCRIPTURE FORMATION explained by catechist Sue Petritz MA. Do come along to St Gabriel's church hall, Billingshurst, to hear in depth about the Sunday Mass readings. Sessions take place on Mondays from 16th February weekly, ending Monday 23rd March from 7pm to 7.45pm. You are welcome to join when you can.

CELEBRATE Trust is a Catholic ministry that inspires and equips people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, in support of the family, to form the next generation and encourage local community. CELEBRATE have produced a family activity pack for Lent 2026 which can be downloaded: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm>

Our St Patrick's Day Community Party and Fundraiser is on Saturday 14th March from 6pm to 10pm.

Tickets are available after Sunday Masses and online via the QR code or website on the posters and handouts.

This popular annual event is an opportunity to meet with others from the parish and wider community. With a live Irish Band, Irish dancers and a meal of Irish stew and soda bread (vegetarian/vegan option available).

There will also be a raffle and a donation bar.

Proceeds will support the charity Uganda Hands for Hope which provides education, health, nutrition and social support to the poorest children and families in the Namuwonog slum in Kampala.

Our parishioner Joe Cuminskey founded the charity.

Our Lent Penitential service is on Monday 16th March at 7pm.

Fr John Inglis will join Canon Tim and Fr Hugh. Please put the date in your diaries.

Our Quiz Night & Ploughman's Supper is on Friday 20th March starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 per person available in the hall after Mass from Brigid Hilton (07743 229828) or Audrey Shaw and include a delicious Ploughman's Supper (suitable for Vegetarians)

Our Church Hall seats 60 and we are aiming to have ten teams of 6. If you are unable to get a full team together then *fear not*, we will be able to put you together with others before or on the night!

There will NOT be a Bar but you are more than welcome to Bring Your Own drinks/glasses. Quiz Nights are extremely popular in Henfield and we would love our Parishioners to have "first dibs".

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The Henfield Parish Council's Children & Young People Committee would like to invite a representative of your parish to participate in a meeting of the Youth Engagement Working Group.

The purpose of the Working Group will be to engage with you to gain a picture of life for the youth in the village to identify gaps in provision and to help the Parish Council better understand, engage with and work to address the needs and views of young people in the village by:

- Identifying issues affecting young people locally
- Identifying any gaps in local youth services and provision
- Developing new ideas for youth focused projects or initiatives
- Making recommendations to the Committee

The meeting will be on **Monday 16th March at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at The Henfield Hall.**

If you would like to attend the Working Group meeting to share your ideas please let Helen Boosey (Parish Administrator/Henfield Parish Council) know: helen.boosey@henfield.gov.uk

Aid donation/collection for UKRAINE:

We will be collecting again in our Church Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th March: 11am to 2pm

Wednesday 25th March: 5pm to 7pm

Thursday 26th March: 10am to 2pm

**The following items are needed: Tinned & dried food • Packet soups • Toiletries
Sleeping bags • New underwear • Sanitary pads/tampons.
Power banks for charging phones.**

Volunteers are welcome to help with sorting and packing the boxes.

Please phone Celia Emmott 07802847234

Financial contributions can be made to: The Hope and Aid Direct registered charity number 1077146, delivering humanitarian aid since 1999. Taking Aid – Not Sides.

The charity is a 100% volunteer-led, UK-based humanitarian aid charity.

They operate across mainland Europe and beyond, with a current focus on supporting people affected by the conflict in Ukraine. They are non-political and non-affiliated.

To donate please go to: <https://hopeandaiddirect.org.uk/>

Organised by A&B Diocese there will be a **Grandparents' Formation Day on 23rd April**, from 10am to 4pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Springfield Road, Horsham. How can we accompany younger generations to experience the joy and hope that faith brings into our lives? Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with our guest speaker David Wells. Tea and coffee will be available on the day but do bring a packed lunch with you. [Click here](#) to book.

Missio Red Box Holders: the Spring edition of the Missio newsletter, 'Mission Today', has just arrived and can be found in the narthex – please take a copy.
