

**ASH WEDNESDAY – 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - marks the beginning of our Lenten journey in 2023.

There will be a Said Eucharist at **Great Bealings at 10am** and a Sung Parish Mass at **Woodbridge at 7.30pm**. Both will include the Imposition of Ashes for the start of this Penitential Season.

**TUESDAYS IN LENT** – starting at **7.30 pm** each week in **St Mary's House or Church**, ending with Compline. The series, called 'Journeys,' is being resourced by The Clewer Initiative, based on "The Stations of the Cross." Through five mini-films and an accompanying devotional resource, it will take us on a journey, challenging us to take action against modern slavery and not be a bystander.

28<sup>th</sup> February 'The Journey Begins'

7<sup>th</sup> March 'The Journey Continues'

14<sup>th</sup> March 'Full Starts and New Directions'

21<sup>st</sup> March 'Systemic Failure'

28<sup>th</sup> March 'A New Journey Begins'



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm in Quay Church.** All welcome.

**NEXT MESSY CHURCH** – for children and their parents/carers is on **Saturday 11th March 10.30am to 12.30pm** in St Mary's House followed by a shared lunch.



**OUR LENTEN CHARITY** this year, for both our churches and every age group, is for our twinned Diocese of Kagera. Please take a "Lent Challenge" booklet from our shop. We ask you to bring all that you have collected in your jars at home, to either of our Churches, on Easter Saturday or Sunday. Thank you.

**MIRFIELD TO WOODBRIDGE** Brother Marc Voase, CR, will be preaching on **Sunday 12th March (10am)**. There will be an opportunity to meet him afterwards to share his thoughts with us about how we will keep Holy Week (he will be with us from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday).

**THIS YEAR'S LENT BOOK** chosen by the Rector for personal reflection is by the Dean of Southwark Cathedral, Andrew Nunn, **“The Hour is Come: The Passion in real time”** (Canterbury Press).

These are on sale in our Church Shop. Fr Nigel has volunteered to offer coffee ‘n’ chat in St Mary’s House, from **11am** on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, to discuss what you thought of it. It will be a great lead in to our sharing Holy Week and Easter.

**ECUMENICAL LENT LUNCHES** will ‘tour’ different local churches **every Thursday**. Our donations this year will be for the Woodbridge Ukrainian Hub.

**2nd March** at St Mary’s, Woodbridge

**9th March** at St John’s, Woodbridge

**16th March** at St Andrew’s, Melton

**23rd March** at St Mary’s, Woodbridge (hosted by St Thomas’)

**30th March** at Woodbridge Methodist Church

**12 noon to 1.30pm. All welcome.**

## LENT PRAYER

Our Father, help us to reflect the deep concern you have for every child, and to raise up all those journeys of suffering with which you continue to be involved.

May our practices be always caring, our hearts never lose hope, and our desire become ever more focused upon responding to the cries of those being exploited, so that we may work tirelessly to bring healing and hope.

We pray in your name and for your sake that this Spirit may live in us.

Amen



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