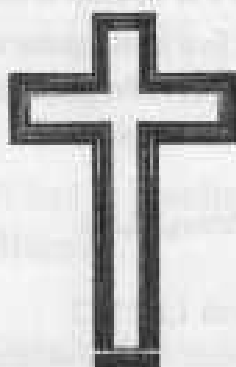


# **LENT 2010**

**IN**

## **THE BROMYARD DEANERY**



**17th February**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**11.00 am St. John the Baptist, Whitbourne**

**11.00 am St. Peter with St. Paul, Stoke Lacy**

**7 pm St. Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome**

**7.30 pm St. Peter's, Bromyard**

## LENT COURSES



### **Lent Course for the benefice of St Peter's, Bromyard and St Peter's & St Paul's, Stoke Lacy**

You are invited to a five week course on Holiness led by Rev Graham Sykes at the home of John & Mary Caiger, The Old Rectory Stoke Lacy.

7.30 pm Mondays through Lent.

Starting Feb 22 March 1,8,15,22

Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

Contact Christine Walters for further details 01885 490870

### **Bredenbury Benefice**

We are running a lent course for 5 weeks, looking at local ministry. It will obviously be geared towards our benefice but others are welcome to join us.

It will run on Thursday evenings from 18th Feb at 7.30pm at Brockington House, Bredenbury, details from Revd Lynn Money on 01885 482236

**FROME VALLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES**

**LENT COURSE 2010**

**WHAT IS CHRISTIAN HEALING?**

**Thursdays 7.30 - 9.00**  
**Bishops Frome Village Centre**

- 18<sup>th</sup> February** What is Healing? What is Disease?
- 25<sup>th</sup> February** Physical Healing
- 4<sup>th</sup> March** Listening/Counselling as part of Christian Healing
- 11<sup>th</sup> March** Healing the Spirit
- 18<sup>th</sup> March** The place of Complementary Therapies in the Christian Context
- 25<sup>th</sup> March** Forgiveness through Love

## **BISHOP ALISTAIR IN OUR DEANERY**

### **Tuesday 23rd February**

Bishop Alistair is offering a 'prayer school' for the day. There will be three sessions in Bishops Frome Church (it will be warm!). You can attend one session or three, it's up to you. Everyone is welcome to take up this wonderful opportunity.

10.00 - 12.00 Jesus and prayer. A look at the prayers of Jesus from the gospels:

2.00 - 4.00 Patterns for praying:

7.00 - 9.00 Intercession – effective ministry and standing in the breach:

### **Wednesday 24th February**

The Bishop will be making a pilgrimage around some of our schools. At lunchtime there will be an opportunity for people in the deanery to join him for a shared lunch. Details for this have yet to be finalised, please look out for more information as it becomes available.

### **Thursday 25th February**

The Bishop will conduct assembly at Queen Elizabeth Humanities College and then lead a quiet day for the clergy and licensed ministers in the deanery.

## LENT LUNCHES



### Frugal Lenten Lunches Bromyard Churches

Lenten Lunches have been arranged on Wednesdays in the Bromyard churches for six weeks from

**Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

These provide an opportunity for anyone concerned about world poverty and hunger to eat less than they might normally do at lunch time and donate the money saved to Christian relief work.

**Start 12.45pm** for short reading and prayer before soup & rolls served at about 1pm..

**February 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Parish Room**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> at Methodist Church Hall**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph's Presbytery**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Parish Room**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Prebytery**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> at Methodist Church Hall**

## Greater Whitbourne Group

### **Lent Lunches every Wednesday 12.30**

Different venues each week, look out for notices locally.

## Frome Valley Group of Parishes

### **Lent Lunches, Fridays 12 pm**

No charge, donations invited towards the hosts' chosen charity.

- 19th February: Host Susanna Morel, Firlands, Bishops Frome 01885 490239 *Pulmonary Hypertension Association*
- 26th February: Host Audrey Nunn, Wanaki, Burley Gate 01432 820436 *Development Projects in the Wakhan Valley, Afghanistan*
- 5th March: Host Jeannie Faulkner, Paunceford Court, Bishops Frome 01885 490768 *Herefordshire Air Ambulance*
- 12th March: Hosts Castle Frome and Fromes Hill Churches at Bishops Frome Village Centre. Contact Pat Perks 01531 640438 *DEC Haiti Appeal*
- 19th March: Host Jennifer Blackwell, Evesbatch Court 01531 640468 *Charity to be advised*
- 26th March: Hosts Acton Beauchamp and Stanford Bishop Churches at Stanford Bishop Village Hall. Contact Jetta Hawkins 01886 884250 *Acorns Hospice*

## Other Lenten Activities

During Lent there will be a service of Compline  
Sunday evenings 6.00  
St. John the Baptist, Whitbourne

### Lent

*It is a time to be quiet  
in the arms of our God*

*A time to love  
without much words spoken*

*It is a time to work  
with a peaceful bearing*

*A time to make sacrifices  
but within, a joyful acceptance*

*It is a time to feed  
the hungry in body and soul*

*A time to give up  
many desires of the heart*

*It is a time to slow down  
to make time for prayer and meditation*

*A time to seek the suffering Lord*

*That realizing what he did for us  
we may truly appreciate living life to the full*

## *The Meaning of Lent*

The Season of Lent was evolved in the life of the Early Church to prepare candidates for Baptism at Easter. This was done to make clear the vital link between Baptism as the initiation into the lifegiving death of Jesus.

It was also the time to reconcile those who had become separated from the life of the Church by their failure and mistakes to live out the Christian life. During Lent these penitents prepared themselves to renew the baptismal promises they had broken and be restored to the Eucharistic life of the Church.

In this way, the whole People of God were reminded of the need of all to live their lives in the gift of forgiveness that comes from Christ and to constantly to renew their faith. Together, the candidates, the penitents and the faithful were bound together in a common shared pilgrimage to Easter: A journey of renewal, restoration and fresh beginnings.

From this tradition have emerged the themes of Lent:

*Study and pray the scriptures.*

*Renew personal prayer life.*

*Seeking God's forgiveness for past failings and mistakes*

*Renew a commitment to the worship of the Church community.*

In some churches Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday ceremony of marking everyone with the ash on the forehead. From Biblical times the receiving of ashes is the sign of repentance and expresses the human condition as affected by sin. Without the life of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit our life is dust and ashes. "Ashing" outwardly expresses the desire for the mercy and compassion that comes from Christ – the Risen Christ of Easter.