

Petersfield Area Churches Together

Lent Programme 2015

18 February to 2 April



Lent is a time when Christians remember the 40 days and nights Jesus spent alone in the desert without food, being tempted by the Devil. Jesus used this time to prepare for His work by fasting and praying.

The weeks of Lent were once the time when new Christians, who were to be baptized on Easter Eve, were taught about the Christian faith and life. Those who had already been baptized thought again about the promises they had once made and promise to be true to them. Lent was a time for spring-cleaning lives, as well as homes.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the day after Pancake Day, six and a half weeks before Easter Day. The last week of Lent begins with Palm Sunday, which celebrates the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people lay down palms at his feet. Lent ends the day before Easter Sunday, which is known as Holy Saturday. Sundays are not counted in the forty days.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), with the beginning of the mass of the Lord's Supper.

Once again PACT (Petersfield Area Churches Together) is offering a variety of ways in which we can journey through Lent together.

You are welcome to come to as many of these events as you like. Please telephone or email the leader to book a place on your chosen course.

Details of the courses and updates are available on the PACT web site:

www.pact.org.uk/Lent

To be informed of any changes to the Courses subscribe to the Lent Courses email group:

www.pact.org.uk/Subscribe

St Mary Magdalen Sheet: Introducing Ignatian Spirituality

A series of workshops. Each session will bring in: contemplative listening, prayer and creative expression. No previous experience or artistic talents required!

Leader: Barbara Mace

Contact: 07798 76 48 98 - barbaramace13@gmail.com

Materials: Barbara will supply hand outs and other materials and participants could bring their own note/work book.

Maximum Number: 10

Venue: To be announced - depending upon the number of participants

Sessions: all run from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Thursday 26 February

Thursday 26 March

Thursday 5 March

Thursday 2 April

Thursday 12 March

Thursday 9 April

Thursday 19 March

St Peter's: Moments of change, times of growth

A chance to look at how key moments in our life and faith change us - both at the time, and for the rest of our lives. This will mean looking at how we see ourselves, and how we develop as Christians and as human beings.

Contact: Rev'd Will Hughes 01730 260464 - revwillhughes@btinternet.com

Leaders: Rev'd Will Hughes, Rev'd Tom James

Venue: The Meeting Room, St Peter's Church

Dates	Times	Sessions
Friday 20 February	12:00 noon	1. How do sacraments change us- how does life change us- how do we change ourselves?
Tuesday 24 February	7:00 pm	
Friday 27 February	12:00 noon	2. Baptism- beginning and re beginning
Tuesday 3 March	7:00 pm	
Friday 6 March	12:00 noon	3. Confession- sins, steps and statements
Tuesday 10 March	7:00 pm	
Friday 13 March	12:00 noon	4. Communion- being together and being sent out
Tuesday 17 March	7:00 pm	
Friday 20 March	12:00 noon	5. Decisions and callings- listening to God and choosing for ourselves
Tuesday 24 March	7:00 pm	

Life Church Petersfield: Frontline Studies: Life on the Frontline

This creative and practical small group resource is a six-session DVD series for small groups seeking to help one another live fruitfully and faithfully for Christ in the daily places of life and work. Each session has a short film, discussion material, Bible reflections and stories illustrating how the principles have been worked out in real life. Whoever we are, as Christians, we have at least one thing in common: we each have a Frontline.

Contact: John Studd: 01730 264857 - John@Studd-mail.org

Venue: 64 Moggs Mead, Petersfield, GU31 4NX

Day/Time: Thursdays at 8:00 pm

Maximum number: Eight

Materials: a 32-page booklet will be provided, please bring a Bible

- 1. Thursday 26 February:** The Frontline Call – What is my Frontline and why does it matter?
- 2. Thursday 5 March:** The Frontline Commission – The Frontline Community – How do all our various church activities equip us for our lives when we are apart?
- 3. Thursday 12 March:** The Frontline Community – How do all our various church activities equip us for our lives when we are apart?
- 4. Thursday 19 March:** The Frontline Concern – How do you know what to do on your Frontline?
- 5. Thursday 26 March:** The Frontline Cry – How does our Frontline shape our prayers?
- 6. Thursday 2 April:** The Frontline Commitment – How can we sustain our commitment to one another on the Frontline?

St Laurence: "The Long Road to Heaven"

Based on the film *The Way* directed by Emilio Estevez and featuring Martin Sheen. It is the story of Tom, an American doctor, who arrives in France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in the Pyrenees while walking The Camino de Santiago. Tom decides to take up the pilgrimage himself.

Venue: St Laurence Hall, Station Road, Petersfield

Contact: Parish Office 01730 262290 - stlaurence@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Sessions: all run from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Tuesday 24 February

Tuesday 17 March

Tuesday 3 March

Tuesday 24 March

Tuesday 10 March

To get the most of the course it is important to purchase a copy of the book 'The Long Road to Heaven' by Tim Heaton'. You can buy it from Amazon for under £6.00.

Petersfield Methodist Church

Thursdays: The Road to Jerusalem

Sundays: Reflections on the way to the Cross

Petersfield Methodist Church have planned two, six week, Lent Courses, one on Thursday mornings, the other on Sunday afternoons. A light lunch will be available after the Thursday morning course.

Thursday mornings, starting at 11:00 am on 19 February: **The Road to Jerusalem** - An introduction to the Christian faith based on Mark's account of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, suitable especially for those thinking of deeper involvement in the life of the Church.

Sunday afternoons, starting at 4:30 pm on 22 February: **Reflections on the way to the Cross** - A time of quiet, reflective worship following Jesus on his way to the cross.

Leader: David Rice

Contact: 01428 642787 - dnarice@btinternet.com

Day/Time: Thursday mornings at 11:00 am and Sunday afternoon at 4:30 pm

Venue: Petersfield Methodist Church

Dates	Times	Sessions
Thursday 19 February	11:00 am	The Road to Jerusalem: Session 1
Sunday 22 February	4:30 pm	Reflections: Session 1
Thursday 26 February	11:00 am	The Road to Jerusalem: Session 2
Sunday 1 March	4:30 pm	Reflections: Session 2
Thursday 5 March	11:00 am	The Road to Jerusalem: Session 3
Sunday 8 March	4:30 pm	Reflections: Session 3
Thursday 12 March	11:00 am	The Road to Jerusalem: Session 4
Sunday 15 March	4:30 pm	Reflections: Session 4
Thursday 19 March	11:00 am	The Road to Jerusalem: Session 5
Sunday 22 March	4:30 pm	Reflections: Session 5
Thursday 26 March	11:00 am	The Road to Jerusalem: Session 6
Sunday 29 March	4:30 pm	Reflections: Session 6



Steep and Froxfield: The Ten Commandments

A study/discussion course for the Christian journey in the popular Pilgrim series

Leader: Rev'd John Owen

Contact: 01730 264282 - revjohnowen@gmail.com

Materials: There will be an option to buy a copy of the booklet at £5.99 each.

Additional Resources: see the Pilgrim web site-www.pilgrimcourse.org

Maximum Number: Flexible

Venue: Steep Church (2 meetings) and Froxfield Village Hall (2 meetings)

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Wednesday 25 February	Steep Church
Wednesday 4 March	Froxfield Village Hall
Wednesday 11 March	Steep Church
Wednesday 18 March	Froxfield Village Hall



The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Hawkey

A study/discussion course for the Christian journey in the popular Pilgrim series

Leader: Rev'd John Owen

Contact: 01730 264282 - revjohnowen@gmail.com

Materials: There will be an option to buy a copy of the booklet at £5.99 each.

Additional Resources: see the Pilgrim web site-www.pilgrimcourse.org

Maximum Number: Flexible

Venue: Hawkey Village Hall

Sessions: all run from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Monday 23 February

Monday 2 March

Monday 9 March

Monday 16 March

Monday 23 March

St Marys' Buriton: Monday Course - The Passion Narratives

Comparing the passion narratives in the different gospels

Leader: Dr. Tom Cooper

Contact: 01730 233786

Maximum Number: 8 - booking required

Venue: Various - please contact Tom

Sessions: all start at 7:30 pm

Monday 23 February

Monday 2 March

Monday 9 March

Monday 16 March

Monday 23 March

United Reformed Church: The First Couple of Centuries of the Early Church

A six week Lecture taking us on a journey from the Resurrection to the foundations of the early church.

Venue: The United Reformed Church Petersfield, College Street, Petersfield, GU31 4AG

Contact: 01730 266475 - rev.norris@ntlworld.com

Maximum Number: 60+

Leader: Rev'd Peter Norris

Times: 6:45 pm for a prompt start at 7:00 pm

Friday 20 February: 1. Resurrection and Beyond

Friday 27 February: 2. The Last and First Supper

Friday 6 March: 3. Peter and Paul

Friday 13 March: 4. Persecution

Friday 20 March: 5. Proliferation

Friday 27 March: 6. Canon of Scripture - what's in, what's out



St Mary's Buriton: Wednesday Course - The Creeds

Exploring the meaning in the words we use in the creeds each week

Leader: Rev'd Judith Bee

Contact: 01730 269390

Maximum Number: 8 - booking required

Venue: Please contact Judith

Sessions: all start at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 25 February

Wednesday 4 March

Wednesday 11 March

Wednesday 18 March

Wednesday 25 March

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning					The Road to Jerusalem Petersfield Methodist Church	Moments of change times of growth St Peter's
Afternoon	Reflections on the way to the cross Petersfield Methodist Church	The Ten Commandments St Pater & St Paul Hawkey				
Evening		The Passion Narratives St Mary's Buriton	"The Long Road to Heaven" St Laurence	The Ten Commandments Steeple and Froxfield	Introducing Ignatian Spirituality St Mary Magdalen Sheet	The First couple of Centuries of the Early Church United Reformed Church
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