

# Prayer & Worship

## 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Lent 1



**Theme:** Paula Gooder:  
"Women of Holy Week"

**Topic:** Miriam

**Readings:** Psalms 25:1-9; Mark 11:1-11

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Refreshments from Church  
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11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

3.00pm-4.00pm Lent Course (1) - STH

4.00pm Evensong for First Sunday of  
Lent

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Our World:** Please pray for all those affected by the continuing conflict in the Middle East and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

**Church:**  
Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

**Our Parish:** Thank you to the prayer group and those who look after the prayer board.

**Please pray for those who live and work in:**  
Waterford Close, Waterford Lane, Waterloo Road and Wellworthy Road.

**Year's Mind:** Paul Sandcraft (2023)

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
[Click here for direct link to meeting](#)  
Or from a landline phone: 0203 481 5240  
Meeting ID: 895 2990 2640 Passcode: 2020

12 noon Monday Lunch Club - STH  
7.00pm Choir Practice - STC

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
10.00am Toddler Group - STH

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
10.00am Poetry Corner - STC  
11.00am Holy Communion  
3.00pm Messy Church @ Lymington Infants  
School

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
10.00am Vistas Café - STH

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am Prayers for the parish: All are welcome to join the small group for a short time to pray for events and concerns of the parish.

### NEXT SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February

Lent 2

**Theme:** Paula Gooder:  
"Women of Holy Week"

**Topic:** Susannah

**Readings:** Psalms 22:23-31; Mark 14:3-9

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Refreshments from Church  
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11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

3.00pm-4.00pm Lent Course (2) - STH

# News

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**Lent Course starts this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February** and continues on Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> March and 17<sup>th</sup> March. 3pm-4pm in the Church Hall.

**Book for Lent Course:** *Women of Holy Week* by Paula Gooder is the book chosen for this year's Lent. It's a retelling of the events of Holy Week and Easter through the eyes of nine female characters.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 3pm:** Messy Church at Lymington Infants School.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1pm:** Funeral service for the late Peggy Williamson – STC.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 4pm - STC:** Following the much appreciated 'Reflections' event a year ago, there will be a similar programme entitled 'Morning and Evening', presented by Sway Handbell Ringers to support the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship. Members of St Thomas' Choir will also sing appropriate anthems, Tim Cosbie of MAF will make a short presentation, and tea/coffee will be served.

**Maundy Thursday: Actors Wanted!** On Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 7pm we will be staging a re-enactment of The Last Supper from Dorothy L. Sayers 'The Man Born to be King.' If you are interested in taking part or even helping with direction and production, please contact the office or email: [vicar@lymingtonchurch.org](mailto:vicar@lymingtonchurch.org)

**Churchyard memorials project:** Volunteers are busy checking memorials in the churchyard with a view to completing the first part of the late Nigel Mussett's project. It would help if gravestones could be cleared of ivy. This just needs care and patience! If you could help clear some ivy, please contact Rosie Ward (679651).

**A message from Andy and Barbara Clapper:** We would like to thank everyone at St Thomas' for our lovely send-off last Sunday. A great turn-out, lots of kind words and prayers, fizz and nibbles and, of course, some wine and flowers! Above all, and so important to us, there was heartfelt and enthusiastic worship. We feel we left on a high which means a lot to us. Love to you all.

**Help for Ukraine:** Thanks to your generous donations at Christmas, a new generator has been safely delivered, bringing some light and hope to a very dark place.



**Can you help?** A new member of the congregation living at Linden House, is looking for someone to meet him there to walk up to the church for the 9.15 service on Sundays. If you live nearby, usually walk to church and feel that you could help, please contact the office.

**Lay Vocations Morning:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am – 12.30pm All Saints Church Hall, St Leonards & St Ives BH24 2LS. For more information see the poster on the noticeboard.

**Police & Crime Commissioner Election - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024:** The Church Hall will be a Polling Station on that day. Are you interested in earning extra money and help the District Council run their elections? For more information and to sign up, please see their website: <https://newforest.gov.uk/workingelections>

**ECO TIPS** Go for a walk in nature and look out for signs of the coming spring. Use this time to reflect on what is important to us and what we can be thankful for.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 11am:** Promenade Concert: The Barn Quintet. Free entry with a collection for our nominated charities.

**Parish Office 01590 676194**  
**Open 9.30am to 11.30am**  
**Monday to Friday**  
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**Revd Lee Thompson:**  
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