

**Upcoming dates for your diary** *(details below)*

Youth Emmaus group ( <i>@The Rectory</i> )	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 5pm
Ladies Group	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm
Two Ash Wednesday Communion services	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 12 noon & 7pm
Coffee & Cake concert	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Walk Church	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
St Mary's Annual Church Meeting ( <i>after morning service</i> )	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> March

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**Ash Wednesday 18th February**

*Two short Communion Services at 12 noon and then at 7pm, with imposition of ashes for those who wish.*

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**Lent Talks – Wednesdays (from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb) at 12 noon** followed by a **soup lunch at 1pm.**

Our theme this year is **'Holy Ground - finding God where we are'**. We will be thinking about how we encounter God in our village, our homes, our work and our lives, sharing our own experiences (those who wish) and learning new ways of praying.

Please invite friends and neighbours to join us. You are welcome to come just to the talks, to the lunch or to both - food for body, mind and soul. **Evening Lent Group** - if you would like to join an evening Lent Group then please contact Rev Andrew

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**Revision of the Church Electoral Roll**

*We are currently revising our Electoral Roll, if your name is already on the roll then you don't need to do anything. If you would like your name to be added to the roll then please **fill out an application form** and return this to **Mike Potts our Electoral Roll Officer** before 5th March. We encourage everybody who is part of our church to be on the roll - this will also enable you to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.*

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**Annual Church Meeting and election of church officials**

Our Annual Meeting this year is on Sunday 22 March, immediately after the morning service. Please could anyone who runs a group in the church send a report to [secretary@stmaryschartham.org](mailto:secretary@stmaryschartham.org) by the end of February. This will enable the report to be compiled in time for the meeting - thank you.

At the Annual Meeting we will be electing two churchwardens, several PCC members and two Deanery Representatives. If you believe God may be calling you to become a churchwarden or other PCC member, then please have a chat with someone already in the role or with Rev Andrew to find out more.

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**Can you help?** We are looking for church members to help us give a warm welcome to all who come to our Sunday Services by joining the Welcome Team. Please see the notice at the back of church or contact Cathy Arnold or Rev Andrew for more details - Thank you.

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### **Ladies group**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm in the Village Hall. Rev Andrew will be sharing his 'Musical Church Journey - from Cornwall to Chartham via London, Taizé, Bangladesh and Eastern Africa'.

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### **Coffee & Cake concert: 'Just Men Singing'. - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 10.15 for 11am**

*This group, born from a record-breaking community project, is an inclusive joyful choir with over 40 voices sharing eclectic music with audiences from Kent to Cornwall and beyond. There's too much to write here but see a fuller description on our notice board or scan the QR code:*



**Walk Church** resumes on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, meeting at the ancient church of St Cosmas and St Damian, Challock, at 1:45pm for a 2pm start. More details on the Walk Church website via this QR code:



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### **Collects and readings**

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb**

#### **Morning Service**

#### **The last Sunday before Lent**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened  
to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**2 Peter 1:16-end, Matt 17:1-9**

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

#### **10am Holy Communion**

#### **The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in  
the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in  
obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Matt 4:1-11**

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