

Lent Project

2026



East Cheshire
Hospice

Where people come to live

Coffee Morning

Saturday 14 March

10am-12noon

in the Parish Room

St Cross Church, Knutsford

Mobberley Road WA16 8EL

**Presentation by Emma Bate
from the Hospice**

*Entry by donation
Refreshments
Stalls
Raffle*

All proceeds to East Cheshire Hospice



St Cross Newsletter

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The Vicar writes.....

As I write on the threshold of March, I am pulling the loose ends together for the visit of our three bishops to the Knutsford Deanery on March 4th and 5th. They will be visiting churches and associated community activities in Chelford, Wilmslow, Alderley Edge, Nether Alderley, High Legh and Knutsford. Bishop Julie will be visiting our Lent group and Bishop Sam is expected to be at the evangelistic event in the Parish Hall that evening. There will be live music, and I was invited to speak at this event. I will be talking about my faith journey and looking back at my formative years and subsequent call to ordination many years later. If one person decides to follow Jesus because of this outreach, I will be delighted (Luke 15.3-7).

Regarding following Jesus I am also delighted that the Lent group led by Mike has started again this year studying Henri Nouwen's book 'Following Jesus'. There seems to have been a good response to this and I am thrilled to see that. I have several of Nouwen's books and find myself going back to them from time to time. The capacity of Nouwen, and other theologians, to reflect at length on passages from the gospels is a gift that I can only marvel at. As an example, Nouwen wrote two books on the passage of the prodigal son, 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' and 'Home Tonight' based around the painting by Rembrandt of which there is a copy

in the memorial chapel in our Church.

The Lent Coffee Morning, organised by Hil, in aid of East Cheshire Hospice, takes place in our Hall on March 14th, the day before Mothering Sunday. It has been well publicised, but the best publicity is from yourselves. Who can you invite to this?

And then with Easter coming early Holy Week will be upon us at the end of the month. Good Friday will see an ecumenical walk of witness in the morning and the night before we will have a Maundy Thursday supper in the Hall. Attendance at the Maundy Thursday service last year was disappointing for me. I have sought to address that by offering a meal which Allison has kindly agreed to organise. The meal will include readings and music, and also the washing of feet (only for those who wish to receive that ministry), all symbolic of the fact that Jesus did these things in the context of a meal. The Eucharist in Church will be a much shorter service than in previous years.

May you all continue to have a blessed Lent.

Yours, in Christ

Paul

Occasional Offices in February

Baptism

15 February Alexia Kate Stirrup-Hunter

Funeral

25 February Judith Anne Coley

Wedding

26 February Niall Kevin William McGrath and
Natalie Jean Perry



Calendar for March

Mondays

2-4pm Monday Together in the Parish Room

Fellowship, refreshments and activities supporting the work of the church.

Thursdays

2.30pm-4pm Lent Study Group in the Parish Room

Thursday 5 March

6pm to 8pm An Evangelistic Outreach Evening with Hope Central in our Parish Hall.

The speaker is Paul on the theme of 'God who shapes the universe knows us and invites us to know him!' The singer is Kike. Is there anyone you know who is searching for God?

Friday 6 March

1.30pm World Day of Prayer at Brook Street Unitarian Chapel.

Curated by the people of Nigeria. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Tuesday 10 March

7.30pm Lectio Divina (on Teams)

Wednesday 18 March

7pm-9pm PCC Meeting

Additional notices appear weekly on Sundays and on the Parish Room notice board.

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