

Dear Friends,

Just a few things to flag up today, we hope you're managing to keep warm!

Tricky Bible Passages: the final sermon in the 'Very Good Book' series this Sunday is on the bits of the Bible we find difficult. If there are passages/sayings/stories in the Bible which you struggle with, don't understand, don't make sense etc., then please let us know, we'll try to cover as many as we can on Sunday. Sermons in Lent will be based around scriptures which have inspired us, and we're hoping everyone in the preaching team will be able to share either on Sundays or via a midweek Youtube video. We hope these inspire you too!

Lent and Ash Wednesday: next Wednesday is Ash Weds, and we will kick off Lent together with a special service over Zoom at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited, details are on the email we sent on Tuesday. The service will be at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6261684940>.

*Treats for Teachers: *many thanks to all who donated towards a hamper for our local primary school. In the end we had so much that we took big boxes of goodies both to Preston and Kingfisher primaries, and they were delighted that we'd thought of them.

*New Newsletter *: We've produced a new parish newsletter, which is going round to 40-50 homes around the parish for people who can't get online. You can see it here:

<http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/February-Newsletter-Final.pdf>

Lent Prayer Resource: We've also produced a resource for daily prayer through Lent, with a daily bible reading plan, suggestions for ways to keep Lent, the Sunday communion service, and a few other things. That's available via the home page of the church websites, in case you know of other people who'd value it.

If you know anyone who would value getting a *newsletter or prayer booklet delivered*, please let us know, sometimes these things are a precious lifeline which helps people feel a bit less isolated and cut off.

If you think of someone else in the church family today, please send them an encouraging message, drop a gift round, ring them up, or do something to bless them. You will make their day! Sometimes even those of us who don't seem to be struggling are still struggling, and *we all need a bit of encouragement*. That is something we can all do.

"/"If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son purifies us from all sin"/ (1 John 1:7). Provided we take up what God offers, the saving death of Jesus is 100% effective against all variants of sin.

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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