

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# Through the Window Reflection

Connecting with creation through Lent even when you can't get outside.



### WEEK FOUR: SKY

Look out at the sky. You won't need to use the book or the internet for this one, because if you have a window to look out of, the sky will be there. You could try this one more than once at different times of the day.

### Meditation

Sky: summer sky, blue and clear with fluffy white clouds the way that children draw them. Autumn evening sky the blue of indigo ink. Eyes watch as the sparks from the bonfire shoot upwards then disappear into the darkness. Stormy winter sky: grey and heavy with rain, clouds scudding across it as if in a hurry to be somewhere else. Early morning sky: golden pink as the sun rises and floods the world with colour once again. 2am sky: almost black but on a clear night studded with stars and a silver moon: beautiful when sleep evades us. Sky: always there, often unappreciated, always changing, made by an unchanging creator.

### Something to think about

What is your favourite sky mood - or does it vary?

Why do you think people have always wanted to explore the sky and beyond?

What does the sky say to you about its creator?

## Service Info

14<sup>th</sup> March

**Zoom**

10.30am Mothering Sunday All Age Service 'live' on Zoom. *Stay afterwards for a short Holy Communion Service.*

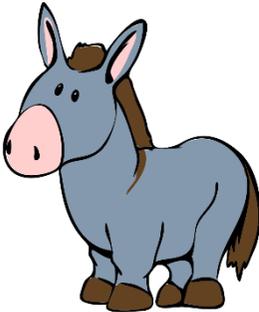
**Pre-recorded video** from Hinton Martell Church on Vimeo

**PARISH COMMUNIONS ARE ON ZOOM** currently (IDs on page 5).

*The Zoom service will be around 30 minutes long and aimed at all the family. Children are invited to come with a picture of their mum doing something they are amazing at.*

## Upcoming Dates

Church services begin again!



Starting with an outside Family Service on Palm Sunday, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in Witchampton Church Yard (with donkeys!!!). Come along for a 40 minute service.

**Good Friday**, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm at Hinton Martell Church, Rev Sharon will be leading a reflective hour for us. (Will also be on Vimeo).

**Easter day**, 4<sup>th</sup> April -

6.30am Dawn communion service at Chalbury Church (outside),  
AND

10.30am Family service (40 minutes) starting in Horton Church yard (parking in the village hall).

**Lent Together** - 11am every Wednesday during lent we meet with our Methodist friends to reflect on the latest sermon from one of our Bishops (on the Villages usual Zoom ID **939 272 5457**). Come along for some time of fellowship, focused chat and reflection.

**Mothering Sunday** - has arrived! There will be a special Mothering Sunday service this week on Zoom followed by a short Holy Communion Service and also prerecorded on Vimeo. The Zoom service will be around 30 minutes long and aimed at all the family. Children to come with a picture of their mum doing something they are amazing at.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR APCM** date has changed - it will now be held after the service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Details to follow.

Witchampton School will be using our Easter garden in the church yard there and visiting us to **Experience Easter**. A team of volunteers from our congregations are giving up a morning to help. If there is anyone who would like to contribute towards the cost of a little egg for each child please get in touch with Janet Curtis, our treasurer.

**Live Lent** - 'LiveLent' is available as an App on your mobile or online at the Church of England website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story> (take a look)

## Other News & Information

**'Start' Courses** - the Bishop of Sherborne, writes:- "I shall be leading an online enquirers 'Start' Course for 6 Wednesday evenings after Easter beginning on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm. This is a possible lead into Confirmation or for those interested in finding out more.

*God, Jesus and the journey of life* in 6 sessions.

If you are looking for answers then maybe it's time to Start. Each session involves video clips, group discussion and time for reflection, all via zoom and lasting around an hour. It costs absolutely nothing and the Course is free.

- What's life all about and where are we going
- Does God exist and what is God like?
- Why is the world in such a mess?
- Who was Jesus and is he relevant?
- What does Jesus' death on the cross mean today?
- How far can I go forward with God in my life?

Booking is via [bishop.sherborne@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:bishop.sherborne@salisbury.anglican.org) up to the day before and the zoom link will be circulated to signees.”

**Easter Gardens** - All the gardens are now finished. Come and enjoy life-sized Easter Gardens at Witchampton, Hinton Martell, Horton and Chalbury, with an Easter story and opportunities to remember loved ones who have died, until the week after Easter. Particularly worth a visit on days we're blessed with sun. And do encourage others to go and see!

**The Big Sleepout** - the Boyle Family (Christijan, Sharon, Ruth and John) have completed their Big Sleepout and raised over £1700 for Alabare. It's not too late to donate to the Alabare charity which cares for the homeless and is based in Salisbury. *“We recognise this was a tiny glimpse of how the homeless live on a daily basis. The stark differences were that we had each other for company and support and knew this (as cold as it was) was going to be short lived, with our home and next meal guaranteed. This is very unlike the experience of people who have nowhere to call home but thanks to charities like Alabare there is hope. We would like to say a huge thank you to our Church family and friends, who supported us in prayer and kind donations. Between the Boyle family and other members from Wimborne Minster Benefice, who also took part, we have raised over £1700 for Alabare, allowing their amazing work to continue.”*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/boylefamily4>

**Hilfield Friary** have a number of Zoom and video events including a nature meditation on Friday afternoons in Lent. For details of their 2021 programme please see the website [www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk](http://www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk)

**Food Bank** - This week we are low on long life milk, sugar, red berry jam, tinned hot dogs, tinned meatballs, tinned sweetcorn, tinned rice pudding, bottles of squash, tomato puree, shampoo, toilet rolls, women's deodorant, cleaning products, packs of mini eggs, 200g bars of chocolate (ready for Easter). Please leave contributions in the donation boxes at Witchampton Community Shop (8.30-11 daily) or Furzehill Stores to name but a few... or donate by BACS:

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We pray:

- ✚ That we have seen the end of lockdowns and all daily life will be quickly returning to previous levels.
- ✚ For Witchampton School as it comes to 'Experience Easter' using the Easter garden there at Witchampton.
- ✚ Thanks that furloughs have been extended to keep our businesses alive for people to have job when they can return safely.
- ✚ That our economy will pick up and that businesses, especially those that are small and local, will survive.
- ✚ For all who are testing pupils and staff in or schools to help them get back to opening as usual in the coming week.
- ✚ For those who are ill, especially our dear Rev Bill.
- ✚ For Kingston Lacy and Shapwick church communities as they experience a time of great change and look to becoming one parish.

**Morning Prayer at 8.30am:** Morning Prayer is now on Zoom Monday-Saturday with our Minster family for the time being.

*All are very welcome.*

**Zoom ID: 883 2976 1518.** Telephone access - phone **0203 481 5240**

**Church of England Weekly Services:**

[www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services](http://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services)

**News Bulletins** - weekly during Lent (next one 21<sup>st</sup> March).

*Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.*

*Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.*

*Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.*

*Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.*

*In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us*

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**Zoom Video Conferencing:**

**Villages ID: 939 272 5457**

Telephone access - phone **0203 481 5240**

For Bible study (7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays); Parish meetings, etc

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**Morning Prayer:** 8.30 am Monday to Saturday

**Evening Prayer:** 5pm Monday to Saturday

**Holy Communion:** 9.30am Sundays & Wednesdays

**Informal Services:** 11.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

*For more information on using Zoom contact Jackie Leevers.*

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