

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# Through the Window Reflection

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



### WEEK TWO: FLOWERS

If you have flowers outside your window where you can see them, stand or sit and simply look. Maybe you have a bunch of flowers indoors but if there are not any where you can see them, feel free to use the picture at the top of this sheet, or find a picture of a flower that you like in a book or on the internet, or close your eyes and imagine your favourite flowers.

### Meditation

Flowers are wonderful things. Tiny seeds grow into so many shapes, sizes and colours, and for most of us, they are something that makes us smile. Someone once said "every flower blooms in its own time," and there are flowers that bloom in every season, even the depths of winter. They are beautiful to look at, many are sweetly scented, and some are even good to eat. Some are so tiny that we hardly notice them, but they are all valued by God simply because he made them and he loves them - just like us.

### Something to think about

What things are blooming in your life right now?

What would you like to see blooming in your life when the season is right?

What season are you in at the moment?

## Service Info

28<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Zoom** 10.30am Parish Communion 'live' on Zoom  
**Pre-recorded video** from Chalbury Church on Vimeo

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

## Upcoming Dates

**Lent together** - at 11am every Wednesday during lent we meet with our Methodist friends to reflect together 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.

Bishops' sermons are available on YouTube.com, searching *Salisbury Diocese* and then in *Videos!* Do have a watch even if you don't come for the Lent session.

**Live Lent** - If you have been unable to attend Lent Studies then '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>

**Through the Window** - is a series of Lent reflections by Hilary Bond (on front page). These short reflections will be sent weekly during Lent so if you are not confident on Zoom you can still engage with your church fellowship in observing Lent together.

**Bible study on Zoom** will recommence on **THURSDAYS** in April every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of the month at 7pm. So our first study will be Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (*and no that's not a joke!*).

## Other News & Information

**Easter Gardens** - Horton have now finished theirs and so join Hinton Martell and Witchampton churchyards in sporting life-sized Easter Gardens until the week after Easter. Do come and visit as part of your local daily permitted exercise. (Thanks to all those dedicated volunteers for getting these organized).

**The Big Sleepout** - the Boyle Family (Christijan, Sharon, Ruth and John) are doing the Big Sleepout on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March (THIS WEEK!) to raise money for Alabare, the homeless charity based in Salisbury. Sharon: *We'll be replacing our beds for cardboard boxes and sleeping bags in the garden for a night. If you would like to sponsor us in doing this, our just giving page is:*

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

**APCM** - Our APCM this year will be after the service on 25<sup>th</sup> April. If you lead a group/ministry or are responsible for a particular area of church life you will be asked to produce a short summary of what has gone on since our last meeting in October!

**From 1<sup>st</sup> May** we will be welcoming St Stephen's (Kingston Lacy) and St Bartholomew's (Shapwick) into our church community as they look to becoming one parish joining our Benefice under Rev Suzie's care. Please note at present they will not be joining The Wimborne Villages parish. The legalities will follow later in the year.

**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 they need long life milk, small packets of dry rice, coffee, small packets of sugar, jam, Primula squeeze cheese, jelly pots, shampoo and children's' toothpaste. To support the Foodbank's Reverse Lent Appeal please see the Foodbank Facebook page or contact the Parish Office for a leaflet.

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:

A/C: Faithworks Wessex; Sort: 40-52-40; No: 00015300; Ref: Wimborne.

We pray:

- ✚ Thanks that regulations are easing and that we will be able to hold weddings and christenings soon. Do pray for the couples who have had much disappointment these last 12 months and families wishing to mark 'new arrivals' with relatives unable to join them in celebrating.
- ✚ That people will be sensible when as regulations are eased and that infection rates will continue to lessen and that we have seen the end of lockdowns.
- ✚ For all who are working hard to get the population vaccinated.
- ✚ For all the family and friends of Rita and Edna who have died recently.
- ✚ For all staff and pupils as all pupils prepare to return to school soon.
- ✚ For our Lay Pastoral Assistants - giving thanks for their care to all.
- ✚ 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 new parish.

*Lord God, heavenly Father, you know that we are set in the midst of so many dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection, to support us in all danger, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Source: Martin Luther, the German Litany

**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)

**Radio 4:** Worship includes the 8.10am Sunday service, various podcasts and a recording of the Hallelujah Chorus.

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds)

**News Bulletins** - weekly during Lent (next one 7<sup>th</sup> Mar).

## 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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Telephone access - phone **0203 481 5240**

**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.*

**Vimeo:** <https://vimeo.com/user113065373>

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