



The Windmill United Benefice

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Lent 1 – Sunday 9 March 2025

Collect Prayer

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.

Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

Psalm 91:1,2,9-end - response



You O Lord are my ref-uge: the God in whom I put my trust.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Café Church

Café Church meets today, starting at 3pm in Smallfield Church Hall. There will be activities to enjoy, with refreshments, followed by a short reading, a talk and songs. Everyone is welcome to share in this relaxed time together.

Lent Study Groups

Our Lent study groups **start this week** are focusing on the words of the Creed, marking the 1700th anniversary of the creation of the Nicene Creed. What are we actually professing and why, and what are the roots of this testament of our faith?

The course will use “The Nicene Creed and the Bible” by Richard Steel. Copies will be available for purchase at the sessions, at a cost of £5.

Come along at either **7:30pm on Monday** or **2:30pm on Wednesday**, both sessions in Smallfield Church Hall. Please use the sign-up sheets in the churches, or email windmillchurches3@gmail.com so that we know you are coming.

Lenten Midweek Services

Starting **this week**, there are services of said Holy Communion on **Tuesdays at 10:30am** in Smallfield Church Hall.

Organ Recital

Peter Nye will be giving an organ recital in St Mary the Virgin, Horne on **Sunday 23 March**. Refreshments will be available from 2:45pm and the recital is at 3-4:15pm.

Crucifixion – John Stainer

The Benefice Choir will be giving a performance of Stainer’s *Crucifixion* in St Mary the Virgin, Horne on **Sunday 13 April**, at 6pm.

Online Giving

Now that many of us do not use cash much, please do not forget to support your church through online payments:
www.windmillchurches.co.uk/online-giving

Please send **items for the next notice sheet** to Peter Nye (ppn@blueyonder.co.uk) by 6pm on **Wednesday 12 March**