

St Paul's Church, Coven remains OPEN for worship throughout the 3rd Lockdown

St Paul's Church, Coven

*Part of the Diocese of Lichfield under the Extended Pastoral and
Sacramental Care of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet*

'A place of sanctuary within the community'

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***For those who are sick and lonely; that they may
know the love, peace and strength of Christ:***

Katie & Gary Banks. Anne, Linda, Rita, Maddie, Jim
Watson, Monica, Adam Jones, Eddie, Dennis, Beryl,
Kath Edwards, Rosemary, Sheila Beamish, Pauline
Bevan, Joshua, Baby Freddie, Bob, Jane Chester,
Margaret Rose, Mike Hampson and Fr Roger Gilbert,

For those who have recently died in the faith of

***Christ Stanley Morbey and for all whose
anniversaries fall at this time*** Tracey Pinner, William
Butler, June Lucas, Ethel Moorcroft and Margaret
Plant. Rest eternal grant to them O Lord ***and let light
perpetual shine upon them.*** May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

A prayer for this time

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

This Sunday 14th February

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist

The service will be livestreamed on the Church
Facebook page and also recorded, with the link sent
out by email and posted on our web and FaceBook
pages.

Wednesday 17th February

10.30 a.m. Ash Wednesday

Next Sunday

Sunday 21st February

10.00 a.m. 1st Sunday in Lent

Please remember to book seats by emailing or
telephoning Pauline or Karen.

Our Weekly Offering to God

Please keep up your offering

either by Bank Transfer or by popping your
envelopes through Pauline's (3 Holmcroft) or
Jan's (2 The Paddock) doors.

St Pauls Parochial Church Council Coven

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**If you have IT access do join in our Zoom Coffee
session at 12 Noon on Sunday 14th**

February

Pancake Party!!

Join me for a bit of fun and a get together by Zoom
on **Shrove Tuesday 16.02.21 at 5.00 p.m.** with your
pancakes cooked (or anything else you fancy), for a
pancake party at home with a silly quiz thrown in.
Zoom access details on email.

Resources for Ash Wednesday and Lent

Wednesday 17th February is Ash Wednesday and
marks the start of the 40 days of Lent. It is an annual
reminder of our mortality and of our need to seek out
the mercy of God when the priest marks a cross on
people's foreheads (imposition). This year it won't be
possible to do this because of CoVid restrictions.

Pauline & I are making up some poly bags of Ashes
with the following card, which will be distributed in
Church during the service and will be available for
you to collect, during your daily exercise on Tuesday
or Wednesday next week between 10.00 a.m. and
4.00 p.m. from a box outside the Church doors.

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This can be used on its own or combined with an online service.



This envelope contains a tiny amount of ash made from palm crosses used on Palm Sunday in previous years.

Mix the ash with a few drops of olive or vegetable oil.

Don't use water as this can lead to burns or skin irritation



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Lent is the 6 week period leading up to Easter.

On Ash Wednesday we traditionally remember things we would like to say sorry for. We also remember that our life on Earth is only temporary.

We ask God for forgiveness and the hope of eternal life.



For times when we have not loved others,
Lord have mercy.

For times when we have not loved ourselves, **Christ have mercy.**

For times when we have not loved God,
Lord have mercy.

Use your ash and oil mix to make the sign of the cross on your forehead. Say the prayer below:

We remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Help us turn from sin and be faithful to Christ. Amen

We shall be live streaming and recording the Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10.30 a.m. on Wed 17th for you to follow at home if you are unable to come to church in person.

Also attached with this week's emailing are directions for making your own ash at home if you prefer (it can get very messy, best to pick up one of our bags!) and an invitation from Bishop Michael to join with the Cathedral worship at either 12,30pm or 7.30 p.m.

Bake through Lent

A lovely resource that can be used with children (or adults) to Bake through Lent, marking the significant days with a recipe and a prayer.

Do have a look and I hope it will be useful.

A Journey through Lent 2021

Also attached to this weeks emailing (I've been busy!) is a Lent course of Bible readings and reflections for each week of Lent. Entitled 'A Covenant with God' it is highly recommended.

Pray for one another and for us.

*Our love & prayers to you all.
Pauline & Karen x*