

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

**MARCH 2019**

Lent begins on **Wednesday March 6th - Ash Wednesday**. This is an important date in the Christian Year. Please make every effort to attend one of the services on that day, either at 11am in the Lady Chapel or for the Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm.

Lent is a season of penitence and preparation. We try to live a more disciplined and prayerful life, to take up new good habits or give something up - chocolate and alcohol are well-established favourites! And we are invited to study and learn more about our faith, to enrich and uphold it, through reading or discussion.

Our Lent course this year is in conjunction with our friends from St Chad, Ladybarn. The course will run for five Wednesdays, **the 13th, 20th & 27th March, and 3rd & 10th April, at 7.30pm**, with all sessions at St Chad's, in the church. The target finish time is 9pm, at least for the formal part of the evening.

The theme will be the Sermon on the Mount, but organised around the Beatitudes. It will be based on a book by Richard Rohr on this subject: **Jesus' Plan for a New World: The Sermon on the Mount**. The challenge, however, will be to make it accessible both to those who are

following the book and also those, possibly for whom English is not their first language, who have simply read the gospel chapters.

The suggested preparation reading for the subject matter for each session is:

Session 1 - Introduction, context of Jesus' teaching

Session 2 - Matthew 5 v 3

Session 3 - verses 4, 5, & 6

Session 4 - verses 7, 8 & 9

Session 5 - verses 10 & 11

## **SUNDAYS, FESTIVALS AND EVENTS IN MARCH**

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**Wednesday March 6th, Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent**

**11am: Eucharist, with Imposition of Ashes**

**7.30pm: Sung Eucharist, with Imposition of Ashes**

**President:** The Revd Jane Walker

**Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; John 8:1-11

**Hymns:** *The Lent Prose, Lord in this thy mercy's day; Almighty God, we come to make confession; Just as I am*

**Other music:** *Hide not thou thy face*

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### **Saturday 9th March QUIET DAY**

This day of prayer begins with a Eucharist at 10am in the upper chapel, and moves on to times of silent prayer and reflection until 3pm. Materials to support prayer and reflection are available. Refreshments available, but bring a packed lunch if you are intending to stay all day.

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### **Sunday March 10th - 1st Sunday of Lent**

**President & Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-end; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

**Hymns:** *Forty days and forty nights; Gospel Acclamation; Sweet sacrament divine; Christian dost thou see them?*

**Other music:** *O for a closer walk with God (Stanford)*

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### **Sunday March 17th - 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

**Readings:** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-end

**Hymns:** *Lord Jesus think on me; Gospel Acclamation; Jesu Lord of life and glory; Be thou my guardian and my guide*

**Other music:** *O God, you search me and you know me (Farrell)*

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**Sunday March 24th - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**President & Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**Hymns:** *Take up thy cross, the Saviour said; Gospel Acclamation; Jesu, these eyes have never seen; My God I love thee*

**Other music:** *Like as the hart (Howells)*

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**Sunday March 31st - 4th Sunday of Lent, Refreshment ‘Mothering’  
Sunday**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Exodus 2:1-10; Psalm 34:11-20; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35

**Hymns:** *Lord of all hopefulness; Gospel Acclamation; For the beauty of the earth; Now thank we all our God*

**Other music:** *We belong to God (Somos del Señor)*

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**Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return;**

**Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.**