



*Serving the Parishes of Fordingbridge (with Sandleheath and Godshill), Hyde, Breamore, & Hale with Woodgreen.*

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# Your Guide to Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2020

This leaflet invites you to a journey through Lent, Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter. There are opportunities for worship, exploration of your faith through study, and renewal of your understanding of what it means to belong to the Christian Community. This year we are especially celebrating '**A Year of Pilgrimage**', and that theme will run through our Lenten Journey.

THE  
FORTY  
DAYS  
of LENT



RETURN  
to the  
LORD  
YOUR  
GOD

## The Lent Groups

are meeting as follows. You are welcome to join any of the groups.

**‘Broken’:** The Groups will run on:

- Tuesday evenings at 7.00, mainly at Alex & Brian’s, 19, Bartons Road, Fordingbridge SP6 1JD (see boxes below for changes) (Begins Feb 25<sup>th</sup>).
- Wednesday mornings at 10.00 at the Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1BB (Begins Mar 4<sup>th</sup>).
- Wednesday evenings at 7.00 at St Boniface, Woodgreen, SP6 2AJ (Begins Mar 5<sup>th</sup>).

*‘Broken’ is based on the powerful, moving and thought-provoking BBC TV Series with Sean Bean as a struggling Priest on a difficult Liverpool estate. The sessions will link to themes which arise from the episode.*

**‘The Terminal’:** The Group will run on:

- Thursday evenings at 7.30 in Frogham Chapel at Hyde, SP6 2HZ (Coffee from 7.10) (**NB, 7.00** on March 5<sup>th</sup>, to see the whole film). *‘The Terminal’ is a 2004 Tom Hanks film about a man who ends up trapped living in an Airport for years, based on a true story. The sessions will look at different parts of Jesus’ life and ministry, focussing on the events we now know as the Passion and Easter. There will be a clip of the film, and discussion, in the context of the whole film and of the Biblical theme it touches upon.*
- Details in the weekly boxes below and in Partners, the weekly newsletter of the Avon Valley Partnership.

## Lent Sermons

During Lent we shall have a series of sermons on each of the Sundays (apart from Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday), around our **‘Year of Pilgrimage’**, with the title, **‘Seek ye First the Kingdom of God’**.



**Tuesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

Pancake Party  
Fun for everyone, of every  
age. All welcome, just turn  
up!

Lent Group (Broken)

**Shrove Tuesday**

5.00-6.30pm St Mary's Church Hall,  
Fordingbridge

7.00pm 19, Bartons Road, FB

**Wednesday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Communion and Ashing  
Lent Lunch,

Sung Eucharist and Ashing

**Ash Wednesday**

11.30am St Mary's, Fordingbridge

12.15-  
1.30pm St Mary's Church Hall,  
Fordingbridge

7.30pm St Mary's, Fordingbridge

**Sunday Mar 1<sup>st</sup>****Seek ye First... - Fairtrade Sunday**

Holy Communion

**Benefice Fairtrade  
Service**

*(No Services at Breamore, Hale  
Uniting Anniversary Service  
Sanctus (The One with the  
Desert Place)*

8.00am

10.30am

10.45am

6.00pm

**First Sunday in Lent**

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

*this morning)*

Sandleheath Church

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

**Tuesday Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lent Group (Broken)

**Wednesday Mar 4<sup>th</sup>**

Lent Group (Broken)

Holy Communion

Lent Lunch

Lent Group (Broken)

7.00pm

10.00-  
11.15am

11.30am

12.15-  
1.30pm

7.00pm

19, Bartons Road, FB

The Rectory, 71, Church  
Street, Fordingbridge

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

St Mary's Church Hall,  
Fordingbridge

St Boniface, Woodgreen

## Thursday Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (The Terminal)      7.00pm      Frogham Chapel, Hyde

## Sunday Mar 8<sup>th</sup>

## Second Sunday in Lent

### Seek ye First...

Holy Communion	8.00am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	8.30am	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Sung Eucharist	9.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Fairtrade Café Church	10.00am	St Boniface, Woodgreen
Morning Service	10.45am	Sandleheath Church
Morning Service	11.00am	St Mary's, Breamore
4.00 O'Clock Slot	4.00pm	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Evensong	6.30pm	St Mary's, Fordingbridge

## Tuesday Mar 10<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (Broken)      7.00pm      ***The Vicarage, Frogham Hill SP6 2HH***

## Wednesday Mar 11<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (Broken)	10.00-11.15am	The Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	11.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Lent Lunch, including Traidcraft Stall	12.15-1.30pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge
Lent Group (Broken)	7.00pm	St Boniface, Woodgreen

## Thursday Mar 12<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (The Terminal)      7.30pm      Frogham Chapel, Hyde

## Sunday Mar 15<sup>th</sup>

## Third Sunday in Lent

### Seek ye First...

Holy Communion	8.00am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Sung Eucharist	9.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	9.30am	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Morning Service	10.00am	St Mary's, Hale
Morning Service	10.45am	Sandleheath Church
Holy Communion	11.00am	St Mary's, Breamore
Sanctus ( <i>The One with the Sign Language</i> )	6.00pm	St Mary's, Fordingbridge

## Tuesday Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (Broken)	7.00pm	19, Bartons Road, FB
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## Wednesday Mar 18<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (Broken)	10.00- 11.15am	The Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	11.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Lent Lunch	12.15- 1.30pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge
Lent Group (Broken)	7.00pm	St Boniface, Woodgreen

## Thursday Mar 19<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (The Terminal)	7.30pm	Frogham Chapel, Hyde
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## Sunday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion	8.00am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Mothering Sunday Service	9.30am (Note time)	St Giles, Godshill
Mothering Sunday Service	9.30am	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Mothering Sunday Café Service	10.00am	St Boniface, Woodgreen
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Mothering Sunday Service	10.45am	Sandleheath Church
Mothering Sunday Service	11.00am	St Mary's, Breamore
Evensong	6.30pm	St Mary's, Fordingbridge

## Tuesday Mar 24<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (Broken)	7.00pm	19, Bartons Road, FB
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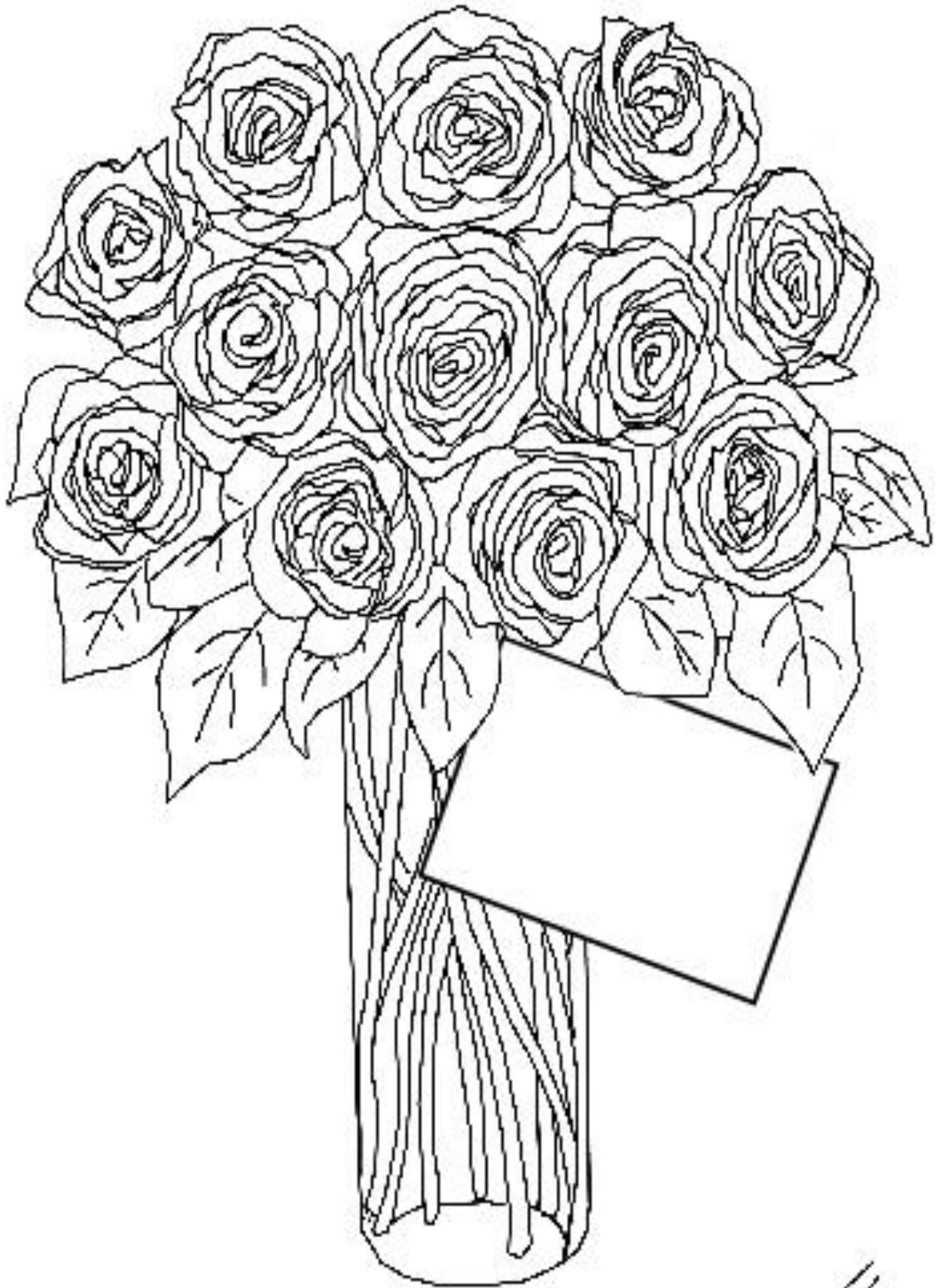
## Wednesday Mar 25<sup>th</sup> (Feast of the Annunciation)

Informal Communion	10.00am	Frogham Chapel
Lent Group (Broken)	10.00- 11.15am	The Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	11.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Lent Lunch, including Traidcraft Stall	12.15- 1.30pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge
Lent Group (Broken)	7.00pm	St Boniface, Woodgreen

## Thursday Mar 26<sup>th</sup>

Lent Group (The Terminal)	7.30pm	Frogham Chapel, Hyde
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*(You might like to colour in the page overleaf, and give it to someone who would appreciate it. You can write your message in the box.)*



*HAPPY MOTHERING  
SUNDAY*

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## Sunday Mar 29<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Sung Eucharist  
Holy Communion  
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## Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

### Seek ye First...

8.00am St Mary's, Fordingbridge  
8.30am St Mary's, Breamore  
9.30am Holy Ascension, Hyde  
9.30am St Mary's, Fordingbridge  
10.00am St Boniface, Woodgreen  
10.45am Sandleheath

## Tuesday Mar 31<sup>st</sup>

Lent Group (Broken) 7.00pm 19, Bartons Road, FB

## Wednesday Apr 1<sup>st</sup>

Lent Group (Broken) 10.00-11.15am The Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge  
Holy Communion 11.30am St Mary's, Fordingbridge  
*(Marking the final session of the Lent Group – members of **all** of the Lent Groups might like to attend if they are free)*  
Lent Lunch, including Traidcraft Stall 12.15-1.30pm St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge  
Lent Group (Broken) 7.00pm St Boniface, Woodgreen

## Thursday Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lent Group (The Terminal) 7.30pm Frogham Chapel, Hyde

## **CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK**

In the Late 300s, a Spanish pilgrim to the Holy Land called Egeria kept a diary of her travels, which has survived in a rather fragmentary form. The most fascinating parts are her descriptions of the Services and events which took place in Holy Week in Jerusalem – and this was just a few decades after Christianity had become the official religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine the Great. Hers is the earliest account we have of what happened in Jerusalem in Holy Week and at Easter.

By that stage, and probably much earlier, the pattern of processing into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, with palms and donkeys, and the meal on Maundy Thursday, and the Procession following the Way of the Cross (the Via Dolorosa) on Good Friday, and the Vigil at the Empty Tomb on the Saturday evening, and the early Easter Day Service on Sunday Morning, were all well established. The Jerusalem Christians were following as closely as they could what Jesus himself did in Holy Week.

As Egeria's writing spread across Europe, and as others came back with their own stories of Jerusalem at Easter, so people who couldn't go to Jerusalem itself began to follow a similar pattern – as we shall do in Holy Week this year again across the Partnership.

The Palm Sunday Morning Services, continuing our 'Year of Pilgrimage' theme, have processions to the Churches, and the Sanctus Evening Service has the theme, 'The One with Freedom and Food', reflecting the Jewish Roots of the Passover.

The Holy Week Evening Services rotate around the Parishes, giving opportunities for Pilgrimage and Worship.

Maundy Thursday will see the Maundy Eucharist Communion, with Foot-Washing, at Fordingbridge, at 7.30p.m. Good Friday will have a Churches Together Event in the morning, (details still to come), and opportunities for worship at Breamore and Hyde in the afternoon, and Fordingbridge in the evening.

Easter Eve, there is a celebratory and simple start to the Easter Celebrations with the Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Promises in St Mary's Fordingbridge at 8.00p.m., and Easter Morning begins with the Dawn Service, this year at 6.30a.m. at Godshill Common – a wonderful way of celebrating the Risen Christ on Easter Day – followed by breakfast there. And then we have Easter Services in our Churches, as we would expect.

By taking part in some or all of these things, we are walking the Pilgrim Way of Jesus, and joining in the celebration of Holy Week with the worldwide Church; we have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the story, and reflect anew on its meaning for us; and we can refresh our own faith, and pray for God's blessing on our journey with him, as well as witnessing to the world around.

### **Sunday Apr 5<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Communion

8.00am

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Holy Communion

8.30am

St Mary's, Breamore

Palm Sunday Procession and Family Communion for All Ages

9.30am

Hyde School, then processing to Holy Ascension, Hyde

Palm Sunday Procession

9.30am

Procession from St Boniface

And Holy Communion

10.00am

St Mary's, Hale (Jointly with Breamore)

Palm Sunday Procession, and Allsorts Service for All Ages

10.15am

Meet in the Market Square (by Price's) and then to St Mary's, Fordingbridge

10.30am

Sanctus (*The One with Freedom & Food*)

6.00pm

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

### **Monday Apr 6<sup>th</sup>**

Taize Prayers around the Cross

7.30pm

St Boniface, Woodgreen

### **Tuesday Apr 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sung Compline & Address

7.30pm

St Mary's, Breamore

### **Wednesday Apr 8<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Communion

11.30am

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Lent Lunch

12.15-  
1.30pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge

Evening Worship and Reflection for Holy Week

7.30pm

Holy Ascension, Hyde

**Thursday Apr 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sung Eucharist and Renewal  
of Ordination Vows

Maundy Thursday  
Footwashing, Communion &  
Watch

**Maundy Thursday**

11.00am Winchester Cathedral

7.30pm St Mary's, Fordingbridge

**Friday Apr 10<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday Service

Churches Together Event  
*(details to follow)*

Good Friday Service

Good Friday Service

Good Friday Service  
*(With the Choir)*

*(The Last Words of Love)*

**Good Friday**

9.00am Sandleheath Church

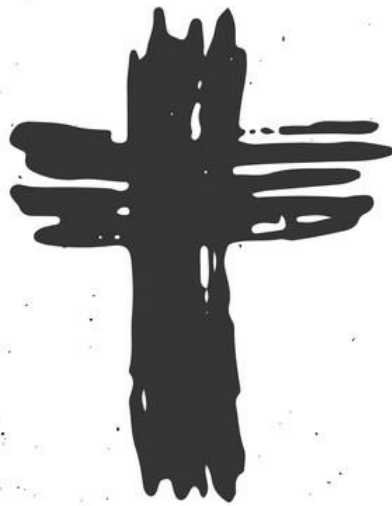
am Fordingbridge

2.00pm St Mary's, Breamore

2.00pm Holy Ascension, Hyde

6.00pm St Mary's, Fordingbridge

## Easter Eve and Easter Day



Jesus  
IS RISEN

'Yippee' (Alleluia!) we shout and sing on Easter morning, as we greet once more the presence of the risen Christ among us. We break bread as the dawn breaks on Godshill Common and in the Liturgies of the Churches of the Benefice. We celebrate that love is stronger than is death and that the divine love shown in the life of the man Jesus is ours forever.

**Saturday Apr 11<sup>th</sup>****Easter Eve**

Easter Vigil &  
Renewal of Baptismal  
Promises

8.00pm

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

**Sunday Apr 12<sup>th</sup>****Easter Sunday**

Sonrise Service, followed  
by breakfast

6.30am

Godshill Common

Holy Communion

8.00am

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Easter Communion

9.30am

Holy Ascension, Hyde

Easter Communion

9.30am

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Easter Communion

10.00am

St Boniface, Woodgreen

Easter Communion

10.45am

Sandleheath Church

Easter Communion

11.00am

St Mary's, Breamore

Easter Evening Service

6.30pm

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

***We wish everyone a very Happy Easter.***

***We'll continue to celebrate Easter for fifty days  
until Pentecost on May 31<sup>st</sup>.***

***ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.  
HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!***

***This Season also includes our  
ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATIONS,  
when we look back over the past year and look  
ahead to the coming one.***

***All meetings include Elections of Churchwardens and PCC  
Members (please think about standing for election, and  
encouraging others to do so), and also refreshments.***

***All are welcome:***

***Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.00p.m., Breamore School.***

***Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.30p.m., Fordingbridge Church Hall.***

***Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10.00a.m., Woodgreen Church.***

***Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.00p.m., Hyde Church.***

*He is Risen!*

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**ASTER  
BLESSINGS**