

# PEWS NEWS

15 February 2026  
Sunday next before Lent  
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## SERVICES

Sunday 15 February	9.30am	Morning Mediation	Loders
Sunday 15 February	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 15 February	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Broadoak
<b>Wednesday 18 February</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Service of Ashing</b>	<b>Symondsbury</b>
Sunday 22 February	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 22 February	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsbury
Sunday 22 February	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 22 February	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
Sunday 1 March	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Powerstock
Sunday 1 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Sunday 8 March	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 8 March	10.30am	Morning Worship	Dottery
Sunday 8 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 8 March	4.00pm	Contemplative Church	Symondsbury
Sunday 15 March	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Loders
Sunday 15 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 15 March	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Broadoak

Click on this [link](#) if you would like to see who is taking each service.

Exodus 24:12 - end

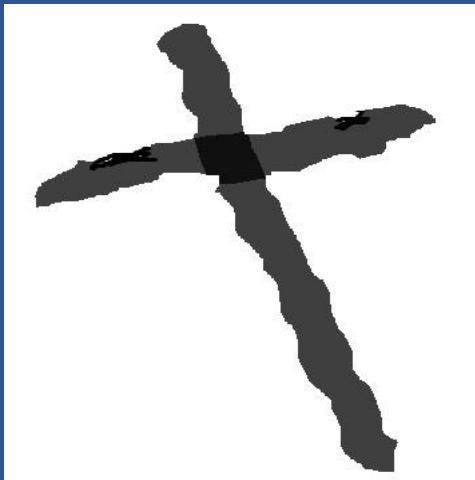
2 Peter 1:16 - end

Matthew 17:1 - 9



## *The Collect*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



Our Ash Wednesday service will take place at St John the Baptist, on Wednesday 18 February at 7pm.

Please bring your palm crosses to church on Sunday so we can produce the ashes for the service. Thank you.

*This year the Church of England's Lent theme "is a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter"*

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

# DRAW NEAR

LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

Draw closer to God this Lent with our new daily devotional – plus a special version for children to share the journey.

Find out more via [cofe.io/DrawNear](http://cofe.io/DrawNear)

Three versions of the Draw Near Lenten devotional books: a standard edition, a children's edition, and a family edition.

For more information on Lent from the Church of England, click on the following [link](#).

Joel 2:1 – 2,12-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

John 8:1 - 11



## *The Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
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.



## Ten Versus Two | Rev Chat Podcast 286

The Transfiguration and The Ten Commandments vs Jesus' Two Commandments.

Click on the link to view.

## CHANGES TO OUR CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICES

Moving forward, we are changing our 9.30am Celtic Worship services over to a Morning Meditation service.

The new service format will have more quiet time for reflection, but the services will not be significantly different.

The logo for Morning Meditation features a stylized yellow sun with rays and a black cross in the center. Below the sun, the words "MORNING MEDITATION" are written in a purple, sans-serif font. To the left of the logo, there is a list of hymns and a call for peace. To the right, there are three stanzas of a poem, each preceded by a "Pause" in red text.

+ In the name of the Father,  
And of the Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

On your path, O my God  
And not my own,  
Be all my journeying.  
Rule this heart of mine  
That it be only yours.

Hymn may be sung

Call for Peace

Deep within the still centre of my being,  
may I find peace.

Pause

Silently within the quiet of the grove,  
may I share peace.

Pause

Gently within the greater circle of all creation,  
may I radiate peace.

Pause

## A Quiet Day for Lent

Lent invites us to slow down, make space and listen for God.

Why not give one day back to Him this year?

You may be surprised how much difference it makes.

*From previous participants:*

*"It ministered to the soul."*

*"I found the day fed me."*

*"Just what I needed amid all  
the busyness at home!"*

**Choose from one of  
three Saturdays:**

**21 February**

**14 March**

**28 March**

These gentle and informal Quiet Days are open to all. They provide you with room to reflect on Bible passages in fresh ways, drawing once again on excerpts from Rageh Omaar's acclaimed BBC documentary series.

After exploring the crucifixion and resurrection last year, we now turn to the Gospel miracles.

In a small, intimate group, we have a chance to look at these familiar stories through the eyes of the first-century world; through Jesus himself, His disciples, His critics and those who encountered Him.

And reflect together: "What do these miracles mean for me today?"

Each Quiet Day includes worship, film excerpts, group reflection, quiet personal time, and a shared lunch. Weather permitting, there will also be time to walk the local lanes and enjoy sea views.

The day takes place at Revd Carole's home in Fishpond Bottom.

Numbers are limited, so to book your place or just to find out more  
email:[carolepeters@aol.com](mailto:carolepeters@aol.com)

## BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Mary Brill at the age of 101.

Her funeral will take place at St Mary Magdalene, Loders at 2pm on 20 February.



Each Wednesday morning, Rev Chris holds a Morning Prayer Service over zoom starting at 8.00a.m.

If you are interested in joining this service, please contact Rev Chris by email ([revcgrasske@gmail.com](mailto:revcgrasske@gmail.com)) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

## CAKE – WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

**CAKE**



Our next café is on Wednesday 4 March

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

**Theme: The Lord's Prayer**

[lizguard@ymail.com](mailto:lizguard@ymail.com)

Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay Pastoral Assistant, 01308 485463

*Everyone welcome!*

If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

To be added to his prayer list, send him an email or text message with “Say one for me” in the subject heading.

07977 136750 or  
[revcgrasske@gmail.com](mailto:revcgrasske@gmail.com)



### PRAYER TREES



We also have twisted willow ‘Prayer Trees’ in our four larger churches, where you can hang a prayer on the tree.

These are collected regularly and included in the prayers at ‘Cake’ before being passed on to Rev Chris.

# CHURCH DONATIONS



We now have facilities at Loders to take contactless donations and at Askerswell, Powerstock and Symondsbury donations can be made through QR codes.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations that help support our churches.

## LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

[Our Facebook](#)

[Our Website](#)

If you have any relevant newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of The Pews News, please send them to our email address below. Ensure they arrive by Thursday 12 noon so we can get them published the same week. Thank you.

## CONTACTS & INFORMATION

To receive your weekly **Pews News** and other updates from the Benefice, please email the administrator using the link here:

[Benefice Administrator Email](#)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** If you live in the Benefice and would like any help, advice or a chat, please contact the administrator who can arrange for someone from one of the local teams to get in touch.

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