

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

Week 1 Determination

The 40 days before Easter (Lent) is traditionally a time for Christians to deepen their walk with God. These weekly Prayer Prompts – journeying with Jesus in St Luke’s Gospel - are an invitation for us to find some time with God for ourselves and pray for our Beyond the Lychgate project.

“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.” - Luke 9:51

Reflect on this last journey of Jesus to the city of Jerusalem. He knows what will happen, but this is no casual drift towards the inevitable, so He begins this journey with determination to see it through. Being fully human there may have been a number of questions in His mind. How will I handle the opposition? How will I cope with the flogging and crucifixion? How will my friends react to what happens? But He goes forward with love in His heart to fulfil the task the Father has given to Him.

As you go through today or the coming week, some things may be easy, others hard, but try offering to God each event as it comes. Remember that the Lord is with you. Draw on the wisdom and strength He provides, and ask God to bless your relationships at home, work and leisure.

You, Lord are in this place: your presence fills it, your presence is peace. **You**, Lord are in this place: your presence fills it. **You**, Lord are in this place. **You**, Lord, are. **You**, Lord.

Beyond the Lychgate Project: reaching, resourcing & supporting the Cogges community:

Pray that we as a church can clearly discern God’s vision for new church centre building. Let’s pray into some of the areas that have been identified by the PCC e.g. to use this to facilitate greater outreach in particular to more vulnerable children and families, extending our links with The Blake School and possibly a future Schools link worker; potentially providing breakfast clubs, or after school homework clubs.

Church Open for Prayer:

- Mon 23 Feb: 6.30–8.30pm
- Thu 26 Feb: 1.30–3.30pm

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