

BECCLES PARISH

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Weekly
Bulletin

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday February 22nd
Lent 1

*'I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the
guilt of my sin.'* Psalm 32v6

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY- Lent 1

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's
9.30am FEAST St Luke's
10.30am Holy Communion St Michael's
3.30pm Choral Evensong All Saints
5.30pm Ignite

BIBLE READINGS

Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY – Lent 2

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's
9.30am Holy Communion St Luke's
10.30am GATHER St Michael's
10.30am Morning Worship St Botolph's

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to
your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World- Heavenly Father please protect peace. When the future feels fragile help us as Christians to stand together and give us the strength to protect peace in our world. Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of war, to be subject to God's just and gentle rule. **Amen**

Community – Lord, give the leaders of our community in Beccles, our mayor, Barry Darch our council, and emergency services—wisdom and discernment as they serve. Help them make decisions that protect the vulnerable and promote justice. Bless our local schools, teachers, and students. Grant teachers creative strategies and give children the capacity to learn and grow in a safe, supportive environment. **Amen**

Mission Focus – The Children's Society

Please pray for the specialist workers at the Children's Society who work with young people struggling with depression, anxiety and other mental health problems. At a time when nationally there is a huge backlog of young people needing specialist mental health counselling it is especially important for us to support the work of the Children's Society in this area.

Background story. Anthony discovered as a young teenager that he was gay. This was discovered by other young people that he knew who then began a systematic campaign of bullying and harassment. This became so bad that only the support of a worker from the Children's Society helped Anthony to come to terms and deal positively with the situation.

Lent Courses - We are excited that this year, we're not just offering one Lent course, but two Both starting February 25th. The lunchtime meetings will include soup and a roll. Do join us for either or both!


In the **Christianity Explored** course, on Wednesdays from 12.30-2pm, we will be working through Mark's Gospel as we explore Jesus' identity, mission and call, and what this means for us.

On Wednesday evenings from 7-8.30pm, we will be running **Life Explored**, which offers the opportunity to consider questions that help us understand our search for fulfilment and Jesus's offer of life in all its fullness.

Soup and Pancake lunch at St Michael's on Shrove Tuesday. This was a great success. The Social and Fundraising Committee would like to thank the soup makers, those who cooked pancakes, served and washed up on the day or helped in other ways - and all who attended and donated generously. A total of £527.51 was raised for parish funds.

Monday Fellowship group meets on the 4th Monday of each month (1.30pm St Luke's). This month is a Beetle Drive All are welcome! More details from Fran.

Could it be you? - After many years of serving as churchwarden at St Luke's, Fran will be standing down at the APCM in April. We are immensely thankful that Fran will continue to support the many outreach activities at St Luke's, but it does mean there will be a vacancy for a churchwarden. If you feel that God may be calling you to serve the church community in this capacity or would like to find out more about the role, please speak to Revd Dimitri. In the meantime, please pray that the right candidate will come forward.

| Connect through one of our regular coffee mornings | | If you need food and support |
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| Every Friday Friends of St Michael's Coffee Morning 10am -12noon at St Michael's  | Every Saturday Coffee & Chat 9.30am -11am at St Luke's a chance to catch up over coffee, toast, or a bacon roll. | Foodbank at St Luke's Mondays 2-3pm Fridays 2-3.30pm Parish Pantry Pop up Shop Saturdays 9.30am-11am at St Luke's Christians Against Poverty 0800 328 0006 |

DIARY DATE

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| Monday 23 rd February | 1.30pm | Monday Fellowship | St Luke's |
| Wednesday 25 th February | 12.30-2.00pm | Christianity Explored | St Luke's |
| Wednesday 25 th February | 7.00-8.30pm | Life Explored | St Michael's |

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK - all are welcome to any or all of our services.

MORNING PRAYER – Monday & Tuesday 8.30am on Zoom, Wednesday 8.30am at St Luke's.

Join on **Zoom ID 985 0957 8510 passcode 405454** **EVENING PRAYER Tuesday** 3.30pm at St Botolph, North Cove

MIDWEEK COMMUNION Tuesday 10am at All Saints Worlingham, **Thursday** 10am at St Michael's



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