

PRIMLEY CHURCH - FEBRUARY 2023

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling.

Feb 27th- March 12th - FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

March 3rd - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 5th - COMMUNITY LUNCH

ROTAS					
February	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	March 5 th
Elder	Maggie	Roger	Barbara	Maggie	Barbara
Door Stewards	Alison	Barbara	Caroline	Jill	Alison
COMMUNION - Jill and Barbara					
FEBRUARY			PREACHERS		
5 TH			John Bellamy (Axminster)		
12 TH			Rev Peter Brain (Glenorchy)		
19 TH			Deacon Becky Lovatt		
26 TH			Geoff Powell		
			1st Sunday in Lent/Communion		
MARCH 5 TH			Rev Michael Diffey		



Well after the Christmas and New Year festivities, January is in some ways a welcome time of quiet. But we only seem to have a few weeks and then everything starts gearing up again towards Easter.

February is the time of love, hearts, flowers and pancakes. This year February is also the month when Lent begins too. No sooner do we get the Christmas decorations put away, than we seem to be getting the Lent symbols out on our window sills in the church!

Symbols are intriguing. Valentine's Day celebrates love, often symbolised with roses and chocolate. Shrove Tuesday is when pancakes are eaten (Feb 21st) and it precedes Ash Wednesday (Feb 22nd) - the start of Lent. The word "shrove" derives from the word "shriven" which means "being forgiven." The ingredients for pancakes symbolise Easter and Springtime. Eggs represent creation, flour is the staff of life and milk represents purity. The Chinese New Year is on Jan 22nd and this year it is the Year of the Rabbit. Those born in the Year of the Rabbit are said to be compassionate and generous.

Looking at all the above it strikes me that we can find all of these wonderful qualities in Jesus. He is pure and full of love. He is our staff of life; our Bread of Life. He is compassionate, and generous in his forgiveness.

Let's celebrate these coming days before Easter in a new light, As we eat our pancakes, chocolate and bread, we can dwell on the fact that Lent can be the season to reflect on those wonderful examples we find in Jesus, and we could try our very best to emulate them for ourselves. That way, others may hopefully see Him reflected in us.

It is an opportune time to think about what it really means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

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