

## PRIMLEY CHURCH - MARCH 2022

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

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**WDP- MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> (HONITON Methodist 11am or WEST HILL)**

**FRIENDSHIP LUNCH - MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**KESWICK IN DEVON - MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup>**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY - MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>**

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MARCH	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	APRIL 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Elder	Barbara	Roger	Richard	Maggie	Barbara
Door Stewards	Alison	Barbara	Eleanor	Alison	Roger & Marilyn
<b>Communion - Mary and Jill</b>					
MARCH			PREACHERS		
6 <sup>th</sup>			Paul Skinner (1st Sunday in Lent)		
13 <sup>th</sup>			Rev Iain McDonald		
20 <sup>th</sup>			Geoff Powell		
27 <sup>th</sup>			Rev Sabrina Groeschel (Communion)		
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>			Rev Ruth Whitehead (SW URC Moderator)		

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## Practicing Love in Lent

If you or I were to send God a Valentine card it might go like this:

" I love you. Thank you for loving me. Forgive me when I am not very good at loving you . Help me to do better. Amen"

Love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person. God has committed unconditionally to love us, however imperfect we are, through the death of Jesus on the cross.

To love somebody isn't just a strong feeling. It's a decision, a judgement and a promise. It is said when we love, we come closer to God. Living a Christian faith requires us to put in lots of practice at being loving and forgiving, which always belong together.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and there are all kinds of spiritual and practical things we can do to make a good Lent preparation for the celebration of Easter. Helping others is a tradition of the Lent season, inspired by the command of Jesus to "Love your neighbour as yourself." We should give to others in love all through the year, but maybe an extra emphasis should be added during the time of Lent.

Time with God is critical. Quiet and solitude enable us to listen to the Spirit and discern answers to prayer. We can create opportunities for peaceful contemplation and intimacy with God. No matter how prayers are answered at the end of 40 days, time with the Lord is a cause for joy, praise, and thankfulness.

If God sent us a Valentine card he might write:

"My dear child, I'm opening an emotional bank account for you, so deposit your love for me in it, and you'll get a high interest return."

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