

LENT

Lent is a special time on our journey of faith.

Christians are encouraged to devote time to reflect, pray and prepare our minds and our hearts for Easter.

Here are some ways that we will be observing Lent this year at St Giles' and St George's.....

.....through special services

Ash Wednesday

1st March

12pm at St George's Church

7.30pm at St Giles' Church

On the first day of Lent, Christians mark their forehead with ash as a symbol of sorrow for their sins and as a sign of their identity in Christ. We'll be observing this tradition in our Ash Wednesday services.



.....through community

Lent Lunches

6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March

and 3rd & 10th April

12-2pm in the main hall

at the Dell Centre

Come and share a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese. £5 donation for the ministry of HMP Send.

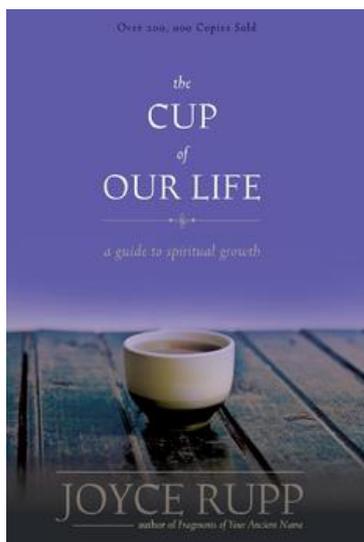
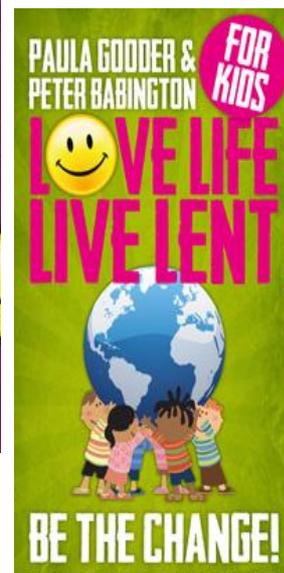
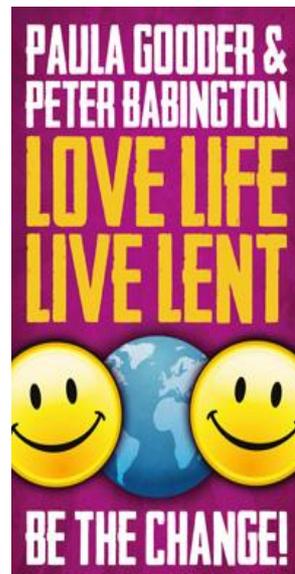
.....through choices and actions

'Love Life Live Lent: Be the Change!'

is a simple and practical booklet for adults and children which suggests simple choices and actions for the 40 days of Lent to help make the world a better place.

We're inviting every member of our church to pick up one of these (**free!**) booklets from either St George's Reception or St Giles' foyer and take part in this Lent challenge together.

Additionally, you may like to look at www.40acts.org.uk for an online daily Lent activity.



.....through devotional reading together

Spiritual Book Group

*1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March
and 5th April*

*2.30-3.45pm in the Prayer Room
at the Dell Centre*

We'll be reading and discussing
'The Cup of Our Life' by Joyce Rupp.

Through her writing, Joyce Rupp shares how the ordinary cups that we use each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and draw us closer to God. The book explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its fullness and emptiness, its brokenness and flaws and all of its blessings.

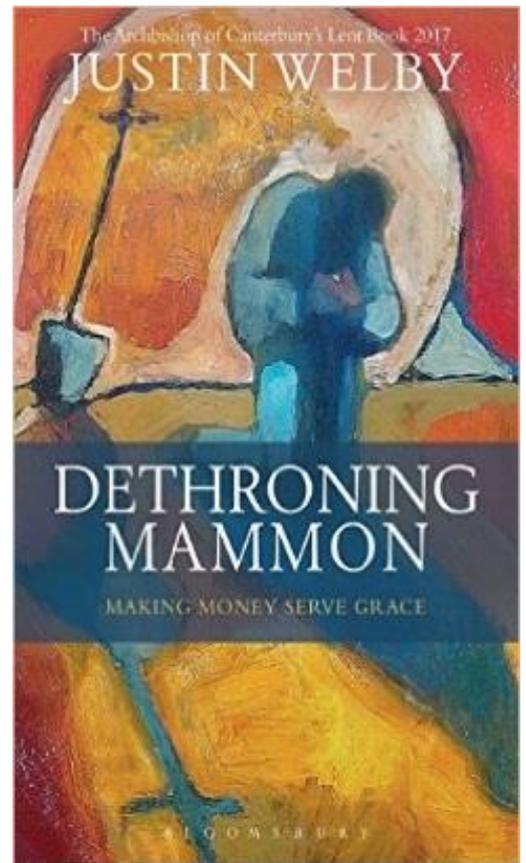
This group will be led by Sharon Seal (Pastoral Leader). Please contact Sharon on 01372 813200 or sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org to book your place.

.....through individual reading

‘Dethroning Mammon: making money
serve grace’

is Archbishop Justin Welby’s Lent book for
2017.

In his book, he asks the question ‘On what
cross will we be crucified?’ The Cross of
Christ – the cross of wood – or the cross
of Mammon – the cross of gold?’
Following the gospels towards Easter, this
book asks the reader what it means to
put away the cross of gold, to dethrone
Mammon and to come to a new place of
trust in the abundance and grace of God.



.....through our
preaching programme

This year, we'll journey with Christ to Holy Week through Luke's gospel:

<i>March 5th</i>	Jesus releases his disciples in ministry
<i>March 12th</i>	Jesus feeds the multitude
<i>March 19th</i>	Surrender to inherit
<i>March 26th</i>	Setting out for Jerusalem
<i>April 2nd</i>	Weeping over Jerusalem
<i>April 9th</i>	Acclaimed arrival
<i>April 16th</i>	Resurrection and victory



Holy Week is a time for us to remember the last week of Jesus' life and the events of those days.

Here's what's happening at our church during Holy Week.....

Palm Sunday 9th April

We celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem through our usual pattern of Sunday services

'Jesus turns the tables': a led meditation

Monday 10th April

8-8:45pm at St Giles' Church

'Jesus – worshipped and betrayed!': a led meditation

Tuesday 11th April

8-8:45pm at St Giles' Church

'The Deposition of Christ': a reflection by Bishop Christopher Herbert on a painting by Van der Weyden

Wednesday 12th April

8-9pm at St Giles' Church



Maundy Thursday 13th April

11am service at St Giles' Church

7.30pm a simple meal followed by Tenebrae service at St George's Church. Tickets (£7.50) are required for the meal available from SGCC Reception

(The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events that are happening to Jesus. It ends in total darkness)

Good Friday 14th April

10.30am a Churches Together service at the pond (Barnett Wood Lane) followed by hot cross buns at St George's Church

12-1pm St Giles' Church open for personal prayer
"Stations of the Cross" at St Giles' Dell Centre. Come and view a series of drawings by Hilary Perona-Wright as part of our Good Friday observance

1-3pm a reflective service of readings, hymns and meditations at St Giles' Church

Easter Sunday 16th April

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through our usual pattern of Sunday services