



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 Church.....

.....through special services

**Ash Wednesday**

**14 February**

*12 noon at St Giles' Church*

*8pm 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**

*19 and 26 February,*

*5, 12, 19 and 26 March*

*12-2pm in the main hall*

*at The Dell Centre*

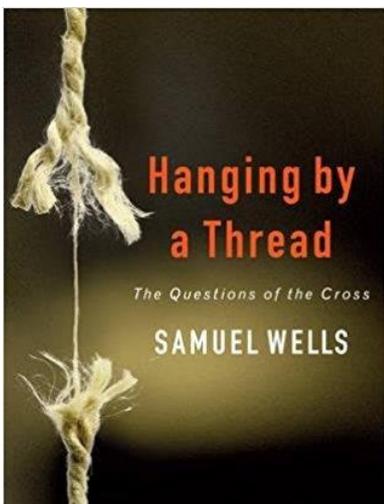


Come and share a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese. £5 donation will go to B@titude, a local charity.

.....through choices and actions

**'40 Acts: a daily generosity challenge'**

Sign up at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk) to receive a free daily email throughout Lent with a generosity challenge and a short Bible-based blog. Each act is designed to sharpen your awareness and give you practical ways to stretch your faith, as well as your generosity, with three challenge levels so you can pick one suitable for you and your family.



.....through devotional reading together

**Spiritual Book Group**

*7, 14 and 21 March*

*10.30am-12 noon or 8-9.30pm*

*The Prayer Room at The Dell Centre*

We'll be reading and discussing  
***Hanging by a Thread*** by Revd. Sam Wells.

In this book, Sam Wells considers the risk, cost and suffering of the cross in the light of six key contemporary concerns: the reliability of history, the fragility of trust, the fact of morality, the nurture of power and the character of love.

This group will be led by Sharon Seal.

Please contact Sharon on 01372 813200 or [sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org](mailto:sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org) to book your place.

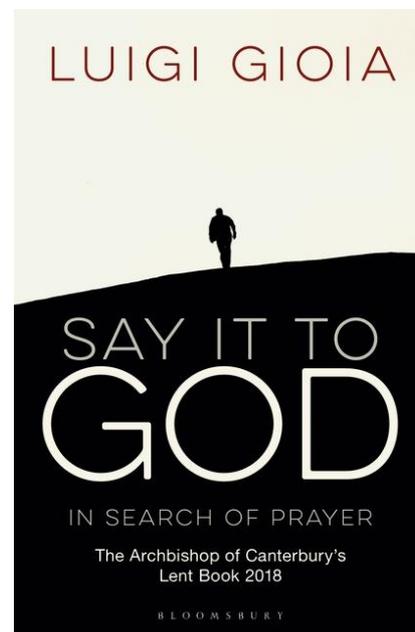
.....through individual reading

### *Say it to God*

The Archbishop's 2018 Lent Book

Luigi Gioia provides a welcome encouragement to all those who feel the need to freshen their practice of prayer.

For prayer is not about methods or techniques, but trusting that God is truly interested in everything that happens to us and wants to hear about it. The book leads the reader into the theological aspects of prayer and how it relates to Christ, to the Holy Spirit and to the Church.



.....through our preaching programme

### **Walking With Jesus.....**

As we journey to Easter together, we consider key moments in Jesus' ministry and their application as His disciples today.

25 February	Empowered by the Spirit and with others
4 March	With faith
11 March	Through self-denial & with confidence
18 March	Through humility and service
25 March	Through recognition
1 April	Who brings victory
8 April	Who brings peace





# holy week

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 25 March**

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

### **'Jesus enters Jerusalem': a led meditation**

*Monday 26 March*

*11-11.30am at The Dell Centre, St Giles' Church*

### **'Jesus clears the temple': a led meditation**

*Monday 26 March*

*8-8.30pm at The Dell Centre, St Giles' Church*

### **'Jesus says "Woe to you"': a led meditation**

*Tuesday 27 March*

*11-11.30am at The Dell Centre, St Giles' Church*

### **'The Disciples request': a led meditation**

*Tuesday 27 March*

*8-8.30pm at The Dell Centre, St Giles' Church*

### **'Jesus' sorrow': a led meditation**

*Wednesday 28 March*

*11-11.30am at The Dell Centre, St Giles' Church*

### **'Jesus' agony': a led meditation**

*Wednesday 28 March*

*8-8.30pm at The Dell Centre, St Giles' Church*

## **Maunder Thursday 29 March**

*11am* service at St Giles' Church

*7.30pm* a meal at SGCC followed by a Eucharist service with foot washing

Tickets (£7.50) are required for the meal available from SGCC

## **Good Friday 30 March**

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

*12 noon -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 1 April**

*5.45am* Sunrise Service (meeting point SGCC), followed by our usual pattern of Sunday services

