

The
Season
of
Lent



The Red Post Benefice

**RED POST
JUNCTION**

21st and 28th February – 1st & 2nd Sundays in Lent

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

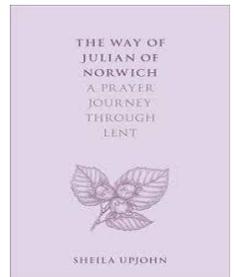
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21 st Feb	10.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
28 th Feb	10.00am Morning Service 6.00pm Holy Communion
7 th March	10.00am Morning Service 6.00pm Holy Communion
14 th March	10.00am All Age Worship 6.00pm Holy Communion

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Our church buildings continue to be closed and all services operate over 'Zoom'. Midweek **Morning Prayer** Services continue on Zoom at 10.00am and following **Thursday morning Holy Communion** there will be a Lent group at 10.15. There will also be a Lent group on a Thursday Evening at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend please let Justin know.

For today's readings and 'Caroline's thought for the week' – please look at 'Daily Prayer at Home'.



Church of England Lent Action for the week

This week, take time to reflect on how your own story of faith began. How did God become real to you? You might like to get a journal or notebook and write this down.

Prayer

We pray that we will all use this period of Lent to discern God's path for us, that we may learn to grow in faith, in love for God and for one another.

We pray for any in our Red Post community who have been directly affected by coronavirus; we pray for those who are sick, those who have died, those who are grieving and those in fear of catching the infection. May God bring healing, comfort and peace to all.

We give thanks for the development of all vaccines, may they be safely and swiftly administered to protect all. We pray for a fair sharing of the vaccine in all countries.

We pray for the forgotten sufferers in our world; for the persecuted Rohingya community and the Uighur community in China. We pray for those suffering extreme poverty in Yemen, and Sudan. We pray for peace where there is conflict. We pray for all who have lost jobs, whose businesses look vulnerable and for college students and school pupils whose education has been disrupted.. May they be protected from poverty and mental illness.

We give thanks for the community spirit in our Benefice and for all who are willing to help those in need.

We pray for healing for the sick, comfort for the bereaved and your blessed presence with the lonely in our benefice.

Mark 1: 9-15 – Gospel reading for 1st Sunday in Lent.

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mike Stone is issuing a daily email with prayers for the day – if you would like to be included in his list please email him at michaelpstone@tiscali.co.uk

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