

What's Lent?



What's happening?

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (22 February), and ends on Easter Day. Finding time during Lent to walk more closely with Jesus has been and remains the best preparation for celebrating Jesus' Resurrection at Easter.

Lent Groups run for 5 weeks, starting in the week of Sunday 26 February. All are welcome at any of the groups – see below for times and venues – contact the church office to be put in touch with the group leader (01454 613223, office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk).



Anglicans and Methodists in Severnside are offering a **choice of material**. One is a set of Bible studies based on "**Lent for Everyone – Mark**" by Tom Wright. The other is the York Course: "**Handing on the Torch: sacred words for a secular world**".



Thought provoking **FILMS** will be shown **on Tuesdays** at 7.30pm in St Mary's Olveston.

Contact Roly Bain for details: 01454 616593.

Bible Reading can also be done individually.

Tom Wright's "**Lent for Everyone – Mark**" has daily readings, comment and a prayer. It costs £6.99 and is available in some churches and Thornbury Book Shop. See www.bigbible.org.uk.bigread/bigread12

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and there will be Holy Communion with Ashing in St Mary's Olveston at 9am and in Olveston Methodist Church at 7.30pm.



As a conclusion to the group meetings there is **Holy Communion** for Severnside at St Helen's Alveston at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 April, when the Venerable Christine Froude, formerly Vicar of Shirehampton and now Archdeacon of Bristol, will speak.

Venues and Times:

Monday	2.00 p.m. in Bradley Stoke: “Handing on the torch” 7.30 p.m. in Rudgeway: “Lent for everyone – Mark” 7.30 p.m. in Old Down: “Lent for everyone – Mark”
Tuesday	10.30 a.m. in Olveston: “Lent for everyone – Mark” 11.15 a.m. in St Helen’s Alveston: “Exploring Christian Life” with DVD by Rico Tice 7.30 p.m. in Alveston: “Lent for everyone – Mark” 7.30 p.m. FILMS at St Mary’s Olveston: Contact Roly Bain 616593
Wednesday	7.30 p.m. in Almondsbury: “Lent for everyone – Mark” 7.30 p.m. in Alveston: “Handing on the torch” 7.30 p.m. in Easter Compton: “Lent for everyone – Mark”
Thursday	1.30–3.00 p.m. in Almondsbury 7.30–9.00 p.m. in Alveston: “Lent for everyone – Mark” 7.30–9.00 p.m. in Olveston: “Handing on the torch”
Friday	2.00 p.m. in Alveston

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