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Hallo Everyone!

Ash Wednesday and Lent

I hope you are finding the weekly mailings helpful in your spiritual reflections and activities. Last week's package included a sheet with a suggested service/activity for Ash Wednesday, which is next week, and marks the beginning of Lent and our preparations for Easter. I have considered doing a streamed service for Ash Wednesday, but in the end decided that I don't have the capacity. The Mission Area leaflet attached gives details of online Ash Wednesday services in the Mission Area; or you might like to watch the service from St Asaph Cathedral at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, on the Cathedral Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StAsaphCathedral/live/>, or the Cathedral website: <https://stasaphcathedral.wales/>.

Next week I will be sending out two resources which you might like to use through the weeks of Lent. The first is called *A Journey Through Mark's Gospel*, and provides a number of readings and reflections for each week of Lent. The second is called *Baking Through Lent*, and focusses on the Sunday gospel reading for each week; it provides a recipe which is linked to the reading, which you might like to bake. If you do that, and you have the opportunity before your food is scoffed (!), it would be fantastic to share some photos of what you've baked! You can either post them on our Facebook page/group, or send them to me by email, and I'll post them for you.

Every year, the Diocese of St Asaph publishes a Lent prayer. This year's prayer has been written by the Archdeacon of Wrexham, John Lomas. From Ash Wednesday, Bishop Gregory hopes that you will join with him in praying this prayer on behalf of the whole diocesan family at 6.00 pm every evening, or the nearest convenient time:

Sovereign Lord, all our beginnings and endings are encompassed by you.
Help us follow in the footsteps of Christ and seek your Kingdom with all our hearts.
In Jesus, may we find firm footing for our feet and clear direction to our travels.
With his life and love breathed into our witness, may we stand with him,
who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross. Amen.

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The Church in Wales Digital Giving Platform

Thank you to everyone for your continued, faithful financial support for both our churches. You might like to know that there is now the possibility of doing your giving online. The Church in Wales Digital Giving Platform was launched last week, and enables anyone to give online to our churches (or any other Church in Wales churches which are registered for Gift Direct). Anyone using the platform will be able choose where their donation goes, how much they want to donate, how regularly they want to give, and to change/amend existing donations. You can find the platform here, or follow the link on either St James' or St John's Facebook page.

Worship in Church

I cannot say when we will be able to gather to worship in Church again. The current position is that we will not be opening our Churches before the beginning of March. I'm sure you understand that this is under constant review, and I will let you know once there is any news.

Wishing you every blessing in the weeks ahead.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.