This Wednesday is the start of Lent, 40 days of reflection and preparation before Easter. Here at St Thomas’ we are studying Paul’s letter to the Colossians both in our morning services and in our small groups – to learn more about how to follow Jesus more closely and love Him more deeply. Lent is a time both of prayer and fasting and here is an important announcement from Denise (Moorby):

***24 hour Prayer event 31st March 7pm until 8pm 1st April 2023*** *in person St Thomas Church Blackpool or from home.*

*See Denise for more information.*

Many thanks to Thomas for producing this week’s **Prayer Letter**. As many will know, Thomas is on placement with us whilst on the Blackpool Ministry Experience and he has preached at the morning and midweek services as well as being part of the Worship Team, helping with the children and youth work and contributing to Night Prayer, which is available on the church’s website/YouTube channel and on Facebook. Please chat to Thomas about his experience so far.

**Other events coming up:**

**APRIL** – 7th April GOOD FRIDAY 9th April EASTER DAY

29th April Street visits, BBQ and Fun Day

Sunday 30th April George and Joan Fisher at 10.30am and 6pm services

**Psalms for each day of the *week 20th – 25th February:***

*Mon: Psalm 72 Tues: Psalm 74 Wed: Psalm 51: 1 - 18*

*Thurs: Psalm 77 Fri: Psalm 69 Sat: Psalm 73*

*The services for the coming weeks are given below.*

*Key: DOB: Revd Dave O’Brien;SH: Revd Steve Haskett; DW: Revd David Wilkinson; YB: Yvonne Blazey; CB: Chris Blazey; VB: Vicky Bentley;*

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*Holy Communion Service of the Word*

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| ***SUNDAY*** | ***10.30am*** | ***6pm*** |
| ***19th Feb***  ***Sunday before Lent*** | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free DownloadTheme*  *Colossians 1:*  *24 –end; 2: 1 – 5*  *Matthew 17: 1 – 9*  *Lead: YB*  *Preach: DOB* | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artTheme:*  *Luke 11: 1 – 13*  *The Promise of*  *Answered Prayer*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: DW* |
| ***26th Feb***  ***Lent 1*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artTheme: Colossians main teaching for church and small groups*  *Colossians 2: 6 – 23*  *Matthew 4: 1 - 11*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: VB* | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free Download****Service of the Word with Prayers for Healing***  *Theme:*  *Matthew 14: 22 – 36*  *Jesus God of miracles and healing*  *Lead: SH*  *Preach: YB* |
| ***5th March***  ***Lent 2*** | *Theme: Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free Download*  *Colossians 3: 1 – 17*  *John 3: 1 – 17*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: CB* | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artTheme:*  *Matthew 9: 35 – 38*  *Jesus: God of Compassion*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: VB* |

**Midweek Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service at 11am:**

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| Ash Wednesday 2023 - Church of the Redeemer22nd February  **ASH WEDNESDAY**  John 8: 1 – 11  Lead/Preach: DOB |
| 1st March  Mark 4: 26 – 32  Lead: DW Preach: VB |
| **SPECIAL SERVICE Ash Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm** |
| Ash Wednesday 2023 - Church of the Redeemer***Evening Service of Holy Communion and Ashing***  *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  art*  *Theme: Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17;*  *Matthew 6 : 1 – 18*  *Lead/Preach: DOB* |