

PARISH OF CENTRAL  
WOLVERHAMPTON



Lent 2012

# What is Lent?

Lent is a season of soul searching and repentance. It is a season for prayer, reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for Baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

To help us in our preparations to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live and hope for as Christians, we will be running some short courses across the Parish and there will be extra opportunities for prayer and reflection. We do hope that you will find time to come along to some of these and that you will find them helpful. Whichever church you attend, or even if you don't regularly attend any church, you will be welcome at any of these services or activities!

## Church of St Chad and St Mark

Ash Wednesday 22nd February 7.30pm  
Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

“A Way Through The Wilderness” course will be held on **Thursday evenings** at **St. Chad's and St. Mark's Vicarage** on Manlove Street (7.30 - 9.00 pm) on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Course details are on the final page. Everyone is welcome.

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# St Peter's Collegiate Church

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

5.15pm Choral Evensong

7.30pm Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Tuesdays in Lent from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.00 pm in St Peter's House "**Soul Spark**". Course details on reverse.

Wednesdays in Lent from 29<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March, "**Images of Jesus**" **Ecumenical Lunchtime Talks** 12.30-1.00pm. Soup and rolls available from 12.00pm. The themes are:

29<sup>th</sup> February - Son of God/Son of Man, Revd David Lavender

7<sup>th</sup> March - Jesus the Teacher, Revd David Wright

14<sup>th</sup> March - Jesus the Healer, Revd Christine Silvester

21<sup>st</sup> March - Jesus and the Workers, Revd Bill Mash

28<sup>th</sup> March – Crucified and Risen, Fr Patrick Daly

On Thursdays from 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 12.30pm - **A Service of Prayer**. Each week will have a distinct theme for prayer.

On Sunday Evenings, from 26<sup>th</sup> February until 25<sup>th</sup> March, following Choral Evensong there will be **Thirty Minutes of Silent Prayer**. Each Sunday will have a different focus with a short introduction to each. There will be prayer with incense, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, prayer before a candle, prayer before the cross and prayer before an icon.

For further details of any of the above please contact The Rector, The Revd David Wright on 01902 422642.

## All Saints Church

Ash Wednesday Service, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 1.30pm

Lent Course: A way through the Wilderness on Wednesdays, at 1.30pm, beginning 29<sup>th</sup> February. Soup available from 12.00pm.

For further information contact Revd. Sarah Schofield 01902 452584

# Course Details

## **“A WAY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS: Experiencing God’s Help in Times of Crisis.”**

When faced with times of crisis or challenge, many people turn to self-help for support. But what about Christians - how can we find strength not merely in self-help but in God’s help as well?

“*A Way Through The Wilderness*” is a course written by the theologian Paula Gooder which is based upon passages from the prophet Isaiah; and it explores God’s promise to comfort his people as they struggle through life’s wildernesses.

The course will be held both at All Saints Church and at St Chad’s and St Mark’s, details overleaf.

## **“SOUL SPARK”**

A short course exploring Spirituality and spiritual growth through prayer, reflection and sharing.

The themes for the sessions are:

Approaching Spirituality

Journeying with God

Who am I

God of Grace

Called to become

Journeying on

These evenings are suitable for anyone wishing to explore Christian Spirituality, they will take place at St Peter’s House, as detailed overleaf.