



Pew News

Sunday 21st February 2021 The First Sunday of Lent

Please note that because of the current 'lockdown' all services will be streamed via our website

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Diary

21st February The First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion **10.30am**

28th February The Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion **10.30am**

Thanksgiving for Jabs!



As the government's vaccination programme rolls out across the country and protects a growing number of people from the COVID coronavirus that has made life so difficult for the last year, why not take the opportunity to offer thanks to God for your 'jab' in a practical way as well as in prayer?

Christian Aid works with some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, where there may be little hope of a vaccine rollout. These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare. Some are homeless. Some are living with underlying health issues such as HIV.

Christian Aid is already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks can do more.

You can make a donation, and in leaving your message feel free to mention that you're from the Diocese of York.

It's something positive you can do when life is quite austere anyway!

DailyHope phone line DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.

DailyHope can also be used to listen to #LiveLent – God's Story, Our Story.



Sunday Reflection with the Vicar of St Mary's Beverley

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for churches to use in their Sunday worship, either online or in church as we return to our buildings.

Find the video here, or at vimeo.com/dioceseforyork

Living Christ's Story

The refreshed Diocesan Vision, adopted in 2021, commits us to:

- **Becoming more like Christ**
- **Reaching people we currently don't**
- **Growing churches of missionary disciples**
- **Transforming our finances and structures**

Read more about the vision, set out by the Archbishop of York: [Diocese of York / Living Christ's Story](#)

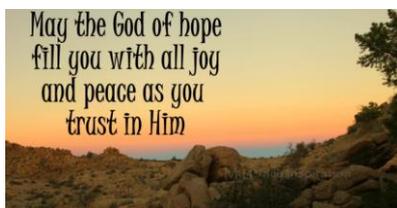
Collects for The First Sunday of Lent

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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.

Christian Aid prayer of thanksgiving

God of Hope, Sustainer of all life,
We give You thanks for the coronavirus vaccines, for the skill and wisdom of scientists, NHS staff and key workers.
By the power of Your Spirit, may we overflow with hope and joy as we see our friends, families and neighbours protected.
God of Justice, Protector of the vulnerable, may we be your well-washed hands and willing feet.
Move us to give and act, to challenge the injustices that anger You.
May we seek to protect all Your children, particularly those for whom the vaccine is out of reach.
With hope and trust we pray,
Amen.



Genesis 9: 8 – 17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹² God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷ God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'



St Mark 1: 9 -15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

You may like to look at the other readings set for today:

New Testament 1 Peter 3.18-22

Psalm Psalm 25.1-9

Readings taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible