**Thanks to everyone who helped at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party.**

**Lent study groups** start this week 7.30pm Mondays or 10am on Thursdays in the choir vestry. We are looking at *The Sacraments* by Jane Williams The books are available for £6 each.

**Monday 10th March**

7.30pm Lent Study Group

**Tuesday 11th March**

7.30pm Mothers Union ‘The Way of the Cross’ exploring the Passion in words, music and crafts.

**Wednesday 12th March Ember Day**

10am Holy Communion

2pm First Steps service. If you are a family with pre-school children, come and join in the fun.

5pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 13th March**

10am Lent Study Group

5.30pm Installation of new honorary canons at Rochester Cathedral – all welcome

**Friday 14th March** from 1.15pm Tots Group in church hall

**Saturday 15th March** from 9.30am Church working party – come and help – plenty to do around the church and in the grounds.

The new weekly offering envelopes have arrived and will be distributed soon. If you currently use weekly envelopes and no longer wish to have them or you would like to start to use weekly envelopes from April, please speak to Anne Thrush as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Mothers’ Union is holding a Simnel Cake raffle. Tickets £1.50. To be drawn on Mothering Sunday.

Remember in addition to the collection

plate you can give to the Church using

 the card reader or online you will find

our giving page using this QR code.

If you are interested in school admissions please speak to the welcomers, who will register your attendance.

We cannot sign forms unless we have a record of your attendance.

A weekly **children’s sheet** is also available at the door. Please take one if you have someone you would like to pass it on to.

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**9th March 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

**THIS MORNING’S HYMNS**

190 Forty days and forty nights

69 Be thou my guardian

165 Father of heaven

720 We pray thee heavenly father

483 O for a closer walk

191 Forty days and forty nights in Judah’s desert

161Father hear the prayer we offer

**Next Sunday 16th March**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with God’s Gang followed by refreshments

12pm Holy Baptism

**MORNING PRAYER Join us in church or on zoom at 8.30am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556)

**Please pray for**

The people of Palestine, Israel and Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine and Russia, DR Congo – for the United Nations

Our government and those responsible for foreign affairs

Vocations to ministry and those in training.

Those forced to flee their homes because of persecution, hardship or war

Our Muslim neighbours during Ramadan

Our preschool and all local schools

Those still feeling the impact of COVID

Pope Francis

Please remember those who have died recently especially Christine Elander, Jean Grigg and those who mourn.