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PEW NOTES

Sunday 7th February
The Second Sunday before Lent

10.30am	United Communion Service Holy Ascension Oddington	Rev Helkias Mapimhidze Speaker: Rev Dr Stephen Blake

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 14th February
The Sunday next before Lent

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP) Icomb	Rev Peter Goodwin-Hudson
11am	Morning Service (CW) Westcote	Mrs Anita Ferrero
6pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) Bledington	Rev Helkias Mapimhidze

Wednesday 17th February
Ash Wednesday

6.30pm	Holy Communion (CW) Westcote	Rev Dr Stephen Blake

Sunday 21st February
The First Sunday of Lent

9am	Holy Communion (BCP) Bledington	Rev Peter Goodwin Hudson
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Icomb	Rev Helkias Mapimhidze
10.30am	***Online*** Morning Praise, recorded at Holy Ascension Oddington	Rev Helkias Mapimhidze Speaker: Mr Mark Smallwood
11am	Morning Service (CW) Westcote	Rev Dr Stephen Blake Speaker: Mr Mark Smallwood

Sunday 28th February
The Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP) Icomb	Mrs Dilys Neill
10.30am	Morning Prayer (CW) Bledington	Canon David Cook
11am	Holy Communion (BCP) Evenlode	Rev Dr Stephen Blake
6pm	Holy Communion (CW) Westcote	Rev Dr Stephen Blake

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 15th February – 7.30pm *Section 11 Vacancy Meeting Online* (PCC members)

Tuesday 23rd February – **7.30pm to 8.30pm** *Lent Course Online (weekly until 23rd March) Passion by Mike McKinley*. If you wish to join in please contact the church office and we will send you a link. See more details below.

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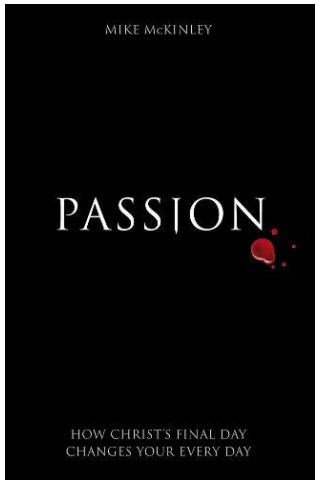

'The cross of Jesus is the centre of human history, and the centre of the Christian faith. And so it should dominate our view of ourselves, our future... and our present'

This Lent we'll be looking at Luke's gospel account of the final day of Jesus' life on earth - the hope and anguish; the joy and pain; and his heart breaking, life-bringing death.

Over five Tuesday evening 'Zoom' sessions we'll be using Mike McKinley's book to discover how Christ's Passion changes our heart, and challenges our life, every day.

Join us, to consider how Christ's final day changes your every day!

Online meetings: Every Tuesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm from Feb 23rd to March 23rd inclusive. Zoom link and book copies available price £5 from the church office. You'll need to read two short chapters each week before the online discussion meeting.

Thought for the week

Written by Rev Helkias Mapimhidze

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart

After completing a day of prayer as we did in the week just gone as part of the North Cotswolds Gospel Partnership, it's tempting to congratulate ourselves for such virtue. Even in our private devotions, it's easy to fall into praying with one eye open, looking at the clock to make sure that we've dutifully prayed for 20 minutes and not a second less. Now prayer is a good thing and we always ought to pray. Using the parable that follows the verse above and in many other places, our Lord Jesus commanded his disciples (which includes believers today) to pray. But more than a duty, prayer is a stunning privilege, because we get to appeal not to an Earthly judge, MP or queen, but to our sovereign, heavenly Father who owns all things; knows what is best for us; and does not withhold it from us.

Once we know how great that privilege, we always ought to pray. If prayer is only a duty, there will be distractions that would draw us away from it. Indeed, only in eternity will we know how much TV, Instagram and Twitter were such distractions. However, if it also is a privilege, which it is, how much should we be people of prayer?

Pray always.