

St James the Less NewsLink

Lent and Easter

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40



LOVE ON THE STREET

Friday nights 7pm to 8.30pm Clarence Rd Car Park Southend will find Judith and Irene helping serve food to homeless people as part of the Love on the Street Organisation. It aims to provide hot food and drinks as well as a night pack containing essentials such as soap, toothpaste and feminine hygiene items. Clothing is also available for those in need.

As well as serving, Judith and Irene are doing some of the cooking.

Judith says “It’s a really rewarding experience” and feels that volunteering in this way demonstrates Christian love and compassion.

Donations of items for the night pack are always welcome & how about a few mini Easter eggs? Contact Judith on 01702551634.

FASTING FROM PLASTIC



Revd Ruth writes

Stuart and I have been trying to use less single-use or non-recyclable plastic.

We have found that Castle Point Council recycles more than we thought, so that’s good. But it has been tricky and has necessitated quite a lot of research into alternative supplies of all the goods we use that are wrapped in plastic.

We all need to express penitence for the state of our planet and heed the words of the schoolchildren who are demonstrating – there is no Planet B.

For Christians Lent is a season of reflection and penitence, when we marvel at how much we have been forgiven and meditate on the price that Jesus paid on the cross. Lent has become a time when we don’t necessarily fast as may have been the case in the past but fasting from plastic this Lent is a positive step of concern and repentance for the state of our oceans.

And when Easter comes are we going to splurge out and use as much plastic as we can? Well, no, I think we’re going to redouble our efforts and encourage other people to use less of this fantastically useful substance which yet causes so much damage.

So enjoy the peace and contemplation of Lent and brace yourself for the celebration of Easter!

COME JOIN US AT EASTER

Getting ready:

Maundy Thursday 18th - 7.30pm Holy Communion at St Barnabas

Good Friday 19th - 2pm Meditation at the cross at St James the Less

Saturday 20th "Easter at Messy Church "

10.30 to 12.00 St Barnabas



Make an Easter Garden, join an Easter Egg hunt. Craft table and refreshments too !

Fun for all the family why not go along.

Let's celebrate!

Easter Day:

Rise and shine—Sunrise service at Hadleigh Castle 6am

Holy Communion at St James at 8am or 10.30am

Christ
is
Risen!

THANK YOU to the Friends of Hadleigh Church for the new water heater in the vestry . Much appreciated by our wonderful coffee and tea makers.

BEAT AND BEANS Cafe 13th April 10.30– 12.30

Come along for tea/coffee/toast and listen to "Monday Folk". An opportunity to hear local talent and meet other people. Admission free

LEND A HAND? (contact Claire 01268 757557)

8th April from 10am church spring cleaning followed by soup and a roll. An idea of numbers coming would be good

13th April from 10.30 tidying in the graveyard

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 29th June 6pm at St Aiden's - Our curate, Jackie, and Shirley Pearce will be ordained priest. Jackie will celebrate her first communion at a joint service at St Barnabas 10.30 on Sunday 30th. *Watch this space!*

News to share? Contact Christine - crob75@aol.com or 01702 557000

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