

ST. MARY'S MARCH 2020

Sun	1	10 -1	Sunday Service - LENT begins
Mon	2	1pm	Care Team Meeting – Library
Tues	3	9:30	Interment of Lucy Hawkins here at St. Mary's
Wed	4	10:00	Meditation in Library
		10:30	HUB Bible Study & Hymn Sing
		11:45	HUB Community Lunch
		12:30	Transforming Futures Meeting in Library
Thurs	5	1-3pm	Pins & Needles in Library
Fri - Sun	6 - 8		Cursillo Weekend, Camp Imadene, Lk. Cowichan
Sun	8		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – turn your clock FORWARD
	8	10:00	Sunday Service – Lent 2
Wed	11	10:00	Meditation in Library
		10:30	HUB Bible Study and Hymn Sing
		11:45	HUB Community Lunch
		12:30	Wardens' Meeting
Thurs	12	9-2pm	NCS day
Sun	15	10:00	Sunday Service – Lent 3
			3 rd Sunday – Nanoose Community Services
Mon	16	4-6	Community Dinner – Chicken & taters
Wed	18	10:00	Meditation in Library
		10:30	HUB Bible Study & Hymn Sing
		11:45	HUB Community Lunch
		1-4	Tumaini Crafters in the Hall
Thurs	19	1-3	Pins & Needles in Library
Sat	21	TBA	Mid Lent Retreat with Rev. Bill Tarter
Sun	22	10:00	Sunday Service – Lent 4
Wed	25	10:00	Meditation in Library
		10:30	HUB Bible Study and Hymn Sing
		11:45	HUB Community Lunch
		12:30	Parish Council Meeting – Library
Sun	29	10:00	Sunday Service – Lent 5

READINGS MARCH 2020

First Sunday in Lent March 1, 2020	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Second Sunday in Lent March 8, 2020	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Matthew 17:1-9
Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 2020	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2020	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 29, 2020	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

LENT 2020: A time to be quiet and listen

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46:10

Is God calling you into a deeper relationship? How? Are there barriers in your way of having a more intimate, trusting relationship with your Creator and Sustainer? Take time this Lent to slow down and listen to how God is calling you.

The theme of silence and listening this Lent will be supported in the following ways:

On Sundays, we will have silence in the church before the service begins. Margaret will play quiet contemplative music. A bell will call people into the church who prefer to be in the hall and connect with others before the service begins.

On Wednesday mornings, at 10:00am before Hymn Sing and Bible Study, there will be meditation in the library led by Selinde or Trefor.

On Saturday March 21, Rev. Bill Tarter, retired priest, Franciscan monk and Spiritual Director for Victoria, will come and lead a mid-Lenten Retreat here at St. Mary's.

On Wednesday April 1 (no joke!), Gillian Guy will lead a Sung Meditation in the church.

And all through Lent, if you have a burden on your heart that gets in the way of hearing God and accepting the love offered you, please come and see me! As your priest I can help. We are all called to release our sins and burdens to God and to enjoy and grow in the freedom of God's forgiveness and grace.

I hope this Lenten program will support everyone in their journey towards Easter!

Blessings, *Selinde*