

Following the theme of Lent, it may be worth drawing attention to a new book by Justin Welby called *Dethroning Mammon: making money serve grace. The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2017* (London: Bloomsbury, 2017) in which he discusses how we can deal with the power of money in a society dominated by its influences and associated tensions. He challenges our values, our reliance on money, the influences of economics and the world of finance and pressures to conform to the values and expectations of a world dominated by money. To quote from the foreword by Jean Vanier:

'Perhaps the greatest divide today is between the poor and the rich. It is a great and terrible divide, so wide that those on either side cannot even imagine its breadth. Those of us who have cars, who easily afford a plane ticket, who frequently purchase new clothes and have our food shipped from many different continents to our plate, cannot imagine the lives of those who have none of that available to them. And yet, our decisions, our consumption, have resounding effects upon everyone on this planet. And some of these effects are amounting to crises. Ecological destruction, religious extremism, violent political regimes – these all have some roots in greed and the impetus to have more and more and more.' ...

'Lent is a time of compassion, but it is especially a time of preparation and liberation. Some people give up sweets or coffee, a symbol of giving up what appears essential in our lives so that Jesus can once again become central. This book is also about liberation. It is about freeing ourselves from the principles and spirit that amount to Mammon, freeing ourselves to be true disciples of Jesus. Let us prepare together for that ultimate liberation which is Easter, Jesus resurrected and alive today.' (<http://bloomsbury.com/uk/dethroningmammon-making-money-serve-grace-9781472929778/>)

Thus we can move forward thoughtfully towards Easter over the coming days.

Vestry meets again on **Tuesday 20 March at 5.00 pm**

Does anyone have any **old photographs** of Christ Church we can use on the church website?



Special Prayers

Prayers for those in the Congregation who are feeling sad themselves or for members of their families ; Bob Noble who was in hospital for nearly a week; also continue to Pray for Bob King who hopes to have his operation in March. Prayers are also needed for members who are recovering from coughs, colds and falls.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Regular Events

Contemplative Prayer

Mondays at 4.30 pm

Venues to be announced

Lenten Study Group

Wednesdays 10.00 am

Venue: 11 Murray Street

Meeting Point

2.30 pm in the Church Room on

28 February , Janet Starkey. 'Edinburgh Direct Aid & other charities: issues about giving and mission' & on 28 March, Helen Page, 'Walking along the Berwickshire Coast.'



An apology for the standard of this newsletter as it is not up to the usual quality.

Hopefully normal service will resume in April!



Advance notice! An intriguing day conference will be held on Saturday 21 April in the Volunteer Hall Duns TD11 3AF called '**Food for Thought**'. This will raise and address a range of issues concerned with food and drink including matters of our senses, taste and pleasure, and questions of philosophy, values and ethics.

So far the confirmed speakers are:

- Professor Barry Smith: (as heard on BBC Radio 4; Director of the Institute of Philosophy, University of London) Food, drink and the senses.
 - Chris Walton: (award-winning Peelham Farm) Food, farming values and questions concerning impacts on the environment and economics.
 - Janet Starkey (anthropologist): Coffee, coffee-houses and Ottoman Aleppo: with questions of medicine & Taste
 - Derek Janes (historian): Tea smuggling – tales of our essential brew with questions of morality & illegality
- The event will run from 10.00 – 4.30 and the £10 Conference fee will include lunch, tea and coffee.

This is the first event to be organised by Thinking Without Borders (TWB), the group formed from the coming together of the David Hume group at Chirnside and the Duns Scotus 2016 group in Duns.

Further information please contact Derek Janes <thinkingwb2018@gmail.com>



Vestry Update

The beautiful glass door in memory of Peter Dale is now in place but the staining of the wood is not yet complete. Philippa has yet to decide on the wording for a plaque.

Thank you to those who attended the Ukulele Concert. We all had a great time as Jim played a range of music with humour. Those that couldn't come missed a treat.

The Vestry have been working hard to take us forward in searching for our new Rector, please see note below. *Christina Fairclough*

Services up to Easter

Friday, 2 March *World Day of Prayer* 7.00 pm
St Margaret's Church, Duns

4 March *Third Sunday in Lent* 10.30 am Holy Communion. B. Noble presiding. Readings: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22

4 March 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

11 March *Fourth Sunday in Lent* 10.30 am All Age Worship. Prebendary B. King presiding. Readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21

18 March *Fifth Sunday in Lent* 10.30 am Healing Eucharist. Revd S. Cameron presiding. Readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 119:9–16; Hebrews 5:5–10; John 12:20–33

25 March *Palm Sunday*. 10.30 am Revd J. Evans presiding. Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1 right through to Mark 15:47.

Easter Services

29 March. *Maundy Thursday* 7 pm St Andrews, Kelso

30 March *Good Friday*. 2.00 pm Duns. Revd U. Shone presiding. Readings: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16–25; John 18:1–19:42

1 April *Easter Sunday*. 10.30 am Duns. Revd G. Redpath presiding. Readings: John 20:1–18; Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

A Prayer

Lord, I'm not always eager to do your will. I'd often much rather do my own will. Please be with me on this Lenten journey and help me to remember that your own spirit can guide me in the right direction. I want to "fix" my weaknesses but the task seems overwhelming. But I know that with your help, anything can be done. With a grateful heart, I acknowledge your love and know that without you, I can do nothing. Amen

Searching for our new Rector

Representatives of the Christ Church, Coldstream and Eyemouth vestries had a very productive meeting together on 5 February, and are due to meet again on 16 March for further discussions. In the meantime, a draft congregational profile has been sent to Coldstream and Eyemouth for their comments, and for them to 'fill in some gaps'. Progress will be discussed again by Christ Church vestry on 20 March.

Watch this space for news of further developments!

Material for inclusion in the April Newsletter should be submitted as early as possible and by Monday, 19 April at the very latest to ratzelbaumuk@yahoo.co.uk

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