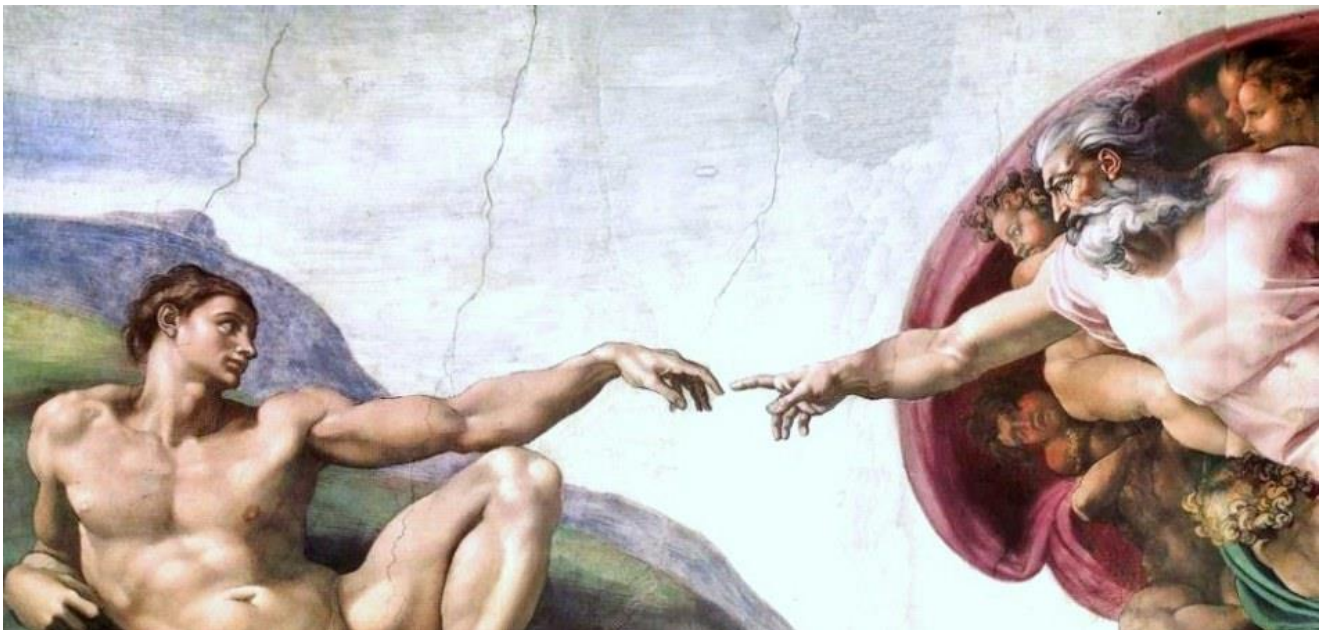


BROCKENHURST PARISH

PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2021



PICTURES OF GOD

*A Lenten Exploration of the Nature of God
Through Art and Scripture*

*'Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image,
according to our likeness."' (Genesis 1:26)*

LENT SERVICES AND TALKS IN BROCKENHURST PARISH

The theme for our 2021 Lenten pilgrimage is 'Pictures of God'. Our understanding of the nature of God is foundational to how we live a life of faith. So many of us hold on to unhealthy pictures of what God is like. We can see Him as a demanding parent, or teacher, or authority figure who is impossible to please. We may see Him as an unreasonable, demanding and jealous lover, a kill-joy, a legalist, a pedant, a 'him'. When people say to me, 'I can't believe in God', I respond, 'Tell me about the God you can't believe in and I probably won't believe in that God as well'. Through this Lent we will be exploring pictures of God in scripture and art that we hope will give you a picture of the God you can believe in, trust in, and give your life to.

SUNDAYS IN LENT

9am and 10:30am at St Saviour's and/or online dependent on Covid-19 restrictions

Sunday 21 st February	The Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-end)
Sunday 28 th February	The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:1-11)
Sunday 7 th March	The Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)
Sunday 14 th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Mother and Son (Luke 1: 39-56)
Sunday 21 st March	God in Man (Philippians 2:1-11)
Sunday 28 th March	Palm Sunday

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Ash Weds 17th February 7pm Service of Ashing at St Saviour's and/or online

Night Prayer (Compline) at St Saviour's at 7pm 'The Bible and Me'

Members of the congregation share something of how the Bible has helped and encouraged them

Wednesday 24 th February	Revd Mary Nicholson
Wednesday 3 rd March	Sue Moss
Wednesday 10 th March	Peter Pattison
Wednesday 17 th March	Nathan Parnaby
Wednesday 24 th March	Joyce Kolaczowski

LENT STUDY HOUSEGROUPS

Let Your Light Shine – a Lent online Housegroup open to all!

The Gospel is God's rescue mission to bring us from darkness to light. This is the work of Jesus, the Light of the World. But it's not a solo mission: Jesus turns to his followers and says, "You are the light of the world... so let your light shine." In this 5 session Lent study group to be held on Monday evenings we are encouraged to explore the biblical themes of 'Change', 'Bread', 'Light', 'Life', and 'Leaving' as we seek to be lights to the world.

For more information about taking part please contact the Revd Diane Webster webster.dianem@googlemail.com or John Pearson johnmpearson@gmx.co.uk

HOLY WEEK IN BROCKENHURST

In the services of Compline during Holy Week we will be using paintings of the events of this week to continue to explore 'a picture of God'.

Mon 29 th March	7pm	Compline	The Agony in the Garden (Montegna)
Tues 30 th March	7pm	Compline	Christ before the High Priest (Honthorst)
Weds 31 st March	7pm	Compline	Christ Mocked (Bosch)
Maundy Thursday			
1st April	7pm	Holy Communion at St Saviour's	
Good Friday	10am	Outside Family Service at St Saviour's	
2 nd April		<i>(Followed pilgrimage to St Nicholas', Boldre and South Baddesley – if permitted under Covid-19 restrictions)</i>	
Easter Day	6am	Sunrise Service	
4 th April	9am	Holy Communion at St Saviour's and/or online	
	10:30am	Family Service in the grounds of St Saviour's	<i>(followed by family Easter Egg Hunt)</i>

LENT BOOKS

Living His Story: Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021 by *Hannah Steele*

This book uncovers the liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. With warmth and encouragement, the author shows us how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts. *Living His Story* is a Lent devotional that will change the way you think about evangelism, show how ideally suited it is for the world we live in and fill you with confidence in sharing God's love with the people around you. Set out in six sessions to take you through Lent, each chapter of the 2021 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book can be used as a single study for individuals or small groups to prepare for Easter. It will help you find space to see evangelism from a new practical perspective.

Thy Will Be Done by *Stephen Cherry*

At a time of change, uncertainty and widespread anxiety, we need to discover again the freshness of our most familiar spiritual resources. Stephen Cherry's Lent Book does exactly this by inviting the reader to immerse themselves in the most central, important and iconic of Christian prayers - the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father. Mining the tradition for wisdom and insight, and finding inspiration in the theologians of the past such as St Paul, Gregory of Nyssa, John Calvin, but also more contemporary voices such as Evelyn Underhill, Simone Weil, and Michelle Obama, *Thy Will Be Done* presents the comforts and challenges of the prayer in 36 short chapters.

Opening Our Lives: Devotional Readings for Lent - The Bible Reading Fellowship Lent book for 2021 by *Trystan Owain Hughes*

Lent is not about giving up or taking up, but a radical opening up: the opening up of our lives to God's transformative kingdom. That is the challenge Trystan Owain Hughes sets in *Opening Our Lives*. Through practical daily devotions he calls on us to open our eyes to God's presence, our ears to his call, our hearts to his love, our ways to his will, our actions to his compassion and our pain to his peace.

The Art of Lent: A painting a day from Ash Wednesday to Easter by *Sister Wendy Beckett*

Join Sister Wendy on a journey through Lent, and discover the timeless wisdom to be found in some of the world's greatest paintings. Illustrated in full colour with over forty famous and lesser-known masterpieces of Western art, this beautiful book will lead you into a deeply prayerful response to all that these paintings convey to the discerning eye. 'For those who want to appreciate the spirituality behind some of the world's greatest works of art, this book will be hugely inspiring – not only during Lent but at any time of the year.' (Dr Janina Ramirez, art historian and broadcaster).