

# St John's News from the Pews – 9 February 2021

Dear friends,

## Ash Wednesday - 17 February

Lent starts next Wednesday. Lent is a period of fasting and praying that mirrors Jesus' time in the wilderness. Lent is also a time of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter and the good news of the new life Christ brings.

As we cannot have a service of the imposition of ashes in church this year, to enable us to mark the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday the clergy are going to be dropping off an envelope to as many church regulars as we can. The envelope will contain a card of prayers and a stone that has been marked with palm ash in the shape of a cross. The cross of ashes symbolises both a person's grief and mourning for their sins and that they now belong to Jesus Christ. We hope this will enable all of us to spend a few minutes with the Lord on Ash Wednesday in individual reflection, repentance, confession and devotion.

## Last Sunday

In case you missed the all age service on Sunday, you can access it by clicking [here](#):



## Quiz Night – 27 February 7:00pm



Our next Zoom Quiz Night is on 27 February at 7pm. This is for all the family. Teams can be up to 6 and across households (we will use breakout rooms so teams can confer together). But small teams are just fine as well. It promises to be an enjoyable evening and all are welcome. The cost is £7.00 donation. Please note you need to **register with John Evans by 24 February** – contact him on 01449 781251 or email [Johnlevans2020@outlook.com](mailto:Johnlevans2020@outlook.com)

Please let people far and wide know about this. The good thing about Zoom is that people from anywhere in the world can join. As we've reported before, church funds have taken a very nasty knock, so we could do with a good take-up.

### Coming up this week:

Tue 9 Feb 8:00pm	Celtic Prayer online (Facebook only)
Wed 10 Feb	Various Home Groups
Thu 11 Feb 8:00pm	Celtic Prayer online (Facebook only)
Sat 13 Feb 9:00am	Church prayer meeting (using Zoom)
Sat 13 Feb 10:30am	Coffee and Chat (using Zoom)
Sun 14 Feb 9:30am	Sunday School over Zoom (Please contact Lisa for details)
Sun 14 Feb 10:30am	Sunday Worship online on Facebook & YouTube followed by "Coffee and Chat" on Zoom.

### How to connect with us online:

#### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnselmswell/live>

#### St John's

<http://www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk/>

#### YouTube

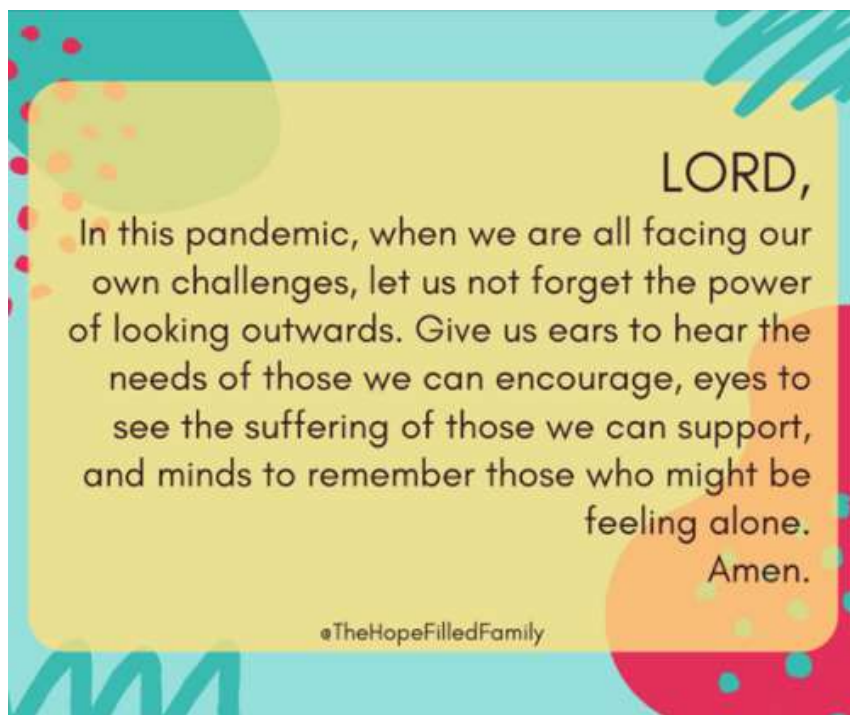
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#### Zoom

Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6852951296> or, load Zoom and use Meeting ID: 685 295 1296 and Password: 816262

### And finally,

We close with a prayer from the Hope-filled family.



With every blessing in Him,  
Peter