

Community Help Initiative:

If you need help during this difficult time contact:

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From the Registers

Burial: The funeral of Dr. Richard King was held at St Mary's Church, Keysoe on 7th January 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew Dr. King.

Notices

Peat's Educational Foundation – Peats awards grants for educational purposes to applicants under 25 years, living in Wilden parish, and in need of financial assistance.

Wilden Poor Estate – funds for this charity are very small, applicants must live in Wilden Parish and be in receipt of state benefits other than State Pension.

Applications for both charities are invited for 2021. Please email annemarkham@hotmail.com for further details. Applications to be received no later than Wednesday 31st March 2021.

Junior Choir on Zoom Wednesdays 5:45-6:15 For Zoom links contact us via the Website www.wcrchurches.org

Don't forget to go on line and participate in our "Words of Hope" service each Sunday. www.wcrchurches.org

During this six week period of **Lent** we have a 'Zoom gathering' every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Leave a message on the website or email Tim for the Zoom link or join by phone. All welcome to join us.

Circumstances change very quickly during this trying time so do check on the website which is kept up-to-date.

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Wilden with Colmworth & Ravensden St Mary Keysoe with St Dunstan Bolnhurst

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NEWSLETTER

March 2021

We are now in Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Traditionally this season has been viewed as a rather sombre time, a time of fasting and penance, when we are encouraged to overcome our own desires for food or drink by "giving up something", wine or chocolate being popular examples. However, just as Christmas is not primarily about giving presents but about God coming amongst us through the birth of Jesus Christ, Lent is not primarily about self control or self improvement but about nurturing our relationship with Jesus Christ. During the past year many of us have been forced to give up so many things that we enjoy, like eating out, going shopping or travelling to distant places. This has not been by choice but by necessity due to the pandemic. We have been through a time of enforced fasting from those things that we enjoy. However, many of us have realised that all these things are of little consequence compared to the most precious thing that we have had to give up - the company of those we love, being in their presence and listening to their voice. We have been through a steep learning curve as we have "taken up" new skills, adapting to innovative ways of communicating with our families, friends and colleagues by Zoom, Facetime and WhatsApp. These means of communication have been invaluable at this time, although sometimes a little frustrating!

If the pandemic has forced us to review and renew the way in which we nurture our relationships with our family and friends, Lent is an opportunity for us to review and renew the way we nurture the most important relationship that we have, namely with Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Might I suggest several ways in which we can do that? Why not revisit a book that you have read that has helped you in your Christian life. Maybe set aside a time of day to sit quietly and listen to some music that has helped you focus in on God. For some the uplifting music of Handel's Messiah does just that, for others it might be contemporary worship songs, music has incredible power to help us focus on God. Perhaps you might consider joining us for our Lenten Wednesday evening meetings via Zoom. My prayer is that this Lenten period might be for us all a time not just to "give up something" but rather to "take up something", starting a new habit or routine that will help us to nurture our relationship with Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to grow in our faith. with love, David

Rev David Miller