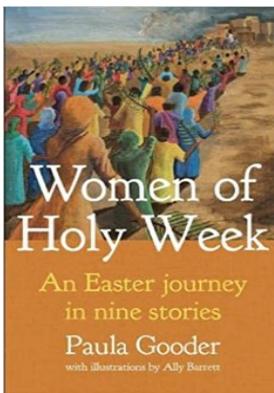




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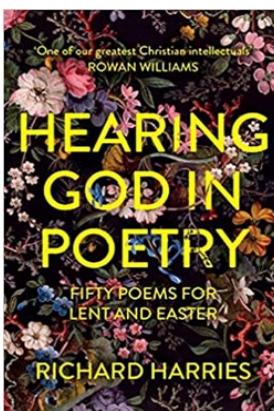
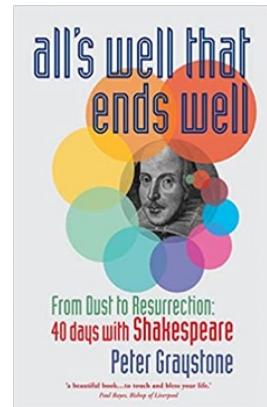
Once again there is a wide range of choice of suggested resources as companions along the way during Lent, and hopefully you may find one or more of the following of help, support and inspiration.



For those who enjoy learning more about characters from the Bible, Paula Goode brings us ***Women of Holy Week***, nine monologues in the voices of those often on the margin of the story of Holy Week, Easter, and the Ascension. The reader is invited to enter imaginatively into the story of Holy Week and Easter through the eyes of those whose crucial presence is easily overlooked. We are encouraged to see the biblical text with fresh eyes, and each story is beautifully written and illustrated.

All's well that ends well: From Dust to Resurrection gives us a passage from one of Shakespeare's plays or sonnets, using these as a springboard for reflecting on our lives as Christians. This is not a devotional reading, but it

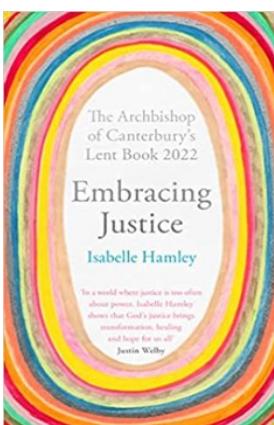
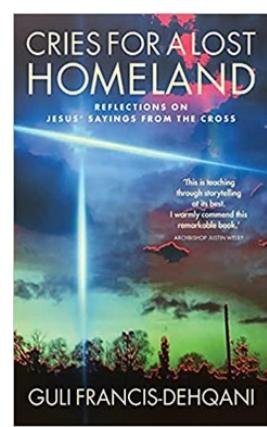
opens up areas of human experience for Christian consideration by the author Peter Graystone, who certainly knows his Shakespeare! Canterbury Press £12.99, Church Times Bookshop £10.99



For poetry lovers, Richard Harries has put together an imaginative anthology of a poem a day for Lent and Easter. These include well known and lesser-known poems, with a wide range of poets represented including Black poets and Welsh poets. Harries briefly clarifies and draws out the theme of each poem but allows the poems to speak for themselves. ***Hearing God in Poetry*** is an excellent resource for reading well-chosen poetry in Lent. SPCK £9.99, Church Times Bookshop £7.99

Cries For A Lost Homeland: Reflections on Jesus's Sayings From The Cross. Guli Francis-Dehqani explores Good Friday in dialogue with the painful story of her own

family – her upbringing in Iran, her father as the first indigenous Anglican bishop, the attacks on the church, assassination attempts on her father, the murder of her brother and her escape to England. Her unique story becomes a way into universal biblical themes of exile and homecoming. Canterbury Press £10.99, ChurchTimes Bookshop £8.99



Isabelle Hamley's ***Embracing Justice*** is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book and offers a serious-minded exploration of the different stories of justice in the Bible. It is most suitable for those wanting to stretch their minds around new ways of seeing familiar material. She has also written the Live Lent leaflets this year. SPCK £10.99, Church Times Bookshop £8.99.

Details on plans for Lent and Holy Week will appear in future editions of NewsLink and on our website.

Many blessings
Ann, Rector

Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

Please continue to wear a face mask in church

Sunday, 6th February

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall

Sunday, 13th February

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with South Wraxall

10.00am Refresh at Winsley Church Hall

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 20th February

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh

10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 27th February

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with Monkton Farleigh

10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley

10.30am Refresh, including Baptism at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday, 2nd March - Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at St Nicholas, Winsley

3.00pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes for the residents of Avon Park

Sunday, 6th March - First Sunday of Lent

10.00am Benefice Service with Celtic Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley

Baptisms

Sunday, February 13th at 12.30pm - Noah Lynn-Rodgers at Christ Church. Keith taking
Sunday, February 27th during Refresh at Christ Church - Reuben Book. Ann taking

Half Term Holiday Club

Join us for a Space adventure on Thursday, February 24th 9.30am-12pm for Reception to Year 6 children. Booking essential. Booking form and all details are on our website under Children and Families or email Zoe.

The next edition of NewsLink will be on the **20th February**. Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline at nboabenefice@gmail.com by Tuesday, 15th February latest. You can read the full version on our website www.nboachurches.co.uk

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Christingle at Christ Church

We were delighted to welcome Year 4 from Christ Church School into Christ Church on Monday morning for a very special Christingle Service. The children loved adding the sticks and sweets to their christingles and thanks to the Co-op for the oranges! It was just beautiful with everyone singing *Light a Candle Flame* by candlelight at this time of Candlemas. Thank you to all involved in making it happen for the children.

Ann and Zoe



BREAKFAST IN THE VILLAGE HALL on SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY



Along with the snowdrops and primroses, it's time to welcome the first Breakfast of 2022. You know that old saying "Spring has sprung, the grass has riz - I wonder where



the Breakfast is?" You don't? Well, Something's coming, Something good – and it's the South Wraxall Village Breakfast! We will be serving all the usual fare: a Full English Breakfast, fruit juice, tea and coffee, toast and home-made marmalade. Do come to South Wraxall Village Hall and enjoy fantastic food and good company in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, from 9:00am onwards. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St James's Church, so you are asked to be as generous as possible. We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time.

Jean Atkin



Lego Church

It was wonderful to welcome so many children and families at Lego Church. There were many new families and familiar faces which was great. Our focus was encouraging and building each other up as in I Thessalonians 5:11, while we were building with Lego and that we did. We said Lego prayers and sang 'The Wise Man Built his House Up On the Rock' at the end. Thank you to all who came and to those who lent us Lego to use. More photos to view on our website.

Tessa and Zoe

