

Daily Readings for next week...

Monday Scolastica, abess, c.543	Genesis 24: 1-28 1 Timothy 6:1-10
Tuesday	Genesis 24: 29-end 1 Timothy 6: 11-end
Wednesday	Genesis 25:7-11, 19-end 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Thursday	Genesis 26: 34-27:40 2 Timothy 1: 15-2:13
Friday Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885	Genesis 24: 41-end of 28 2 Timothy 2: 14-end
Saturday Sigfrid, bishop, 1045. Thomas Bray, priest, founder SPCK and SPG 1730	Genesis 29: 1-30 2 Timothy 3
Next Sunday 2nd before Lent (Ordinary time)	Genesis 1: 1-2:3
	Romans 8: 18-25
	Matthew 6:25-end

Service Times for next week:

Tuesday	10.30 Holy Communion at Meadow Court
Saturday	11.00 Holy Communion at Perry Manor
Sunday	10.00 Parish Communion
	6.00 Evening Service at Chelmsford Court

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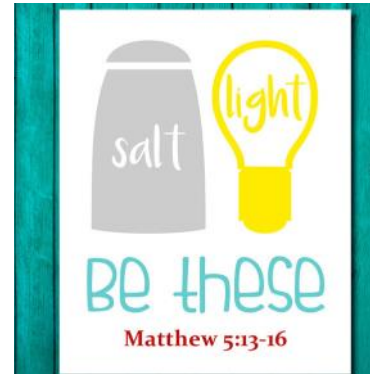
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Items for inclusion to the Vicar by Tuesday of each week please.

Holy Trinity & St Matthew's Church, Ronkswood

3rd before Lent



Lent is approaching...

Ash Wednesday
26th February



There will be a service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of the Ashes on Wednesday 26th February 7.00 p.m. at Lincoln Green Lounge.

We would like to use your Palm Crosses from last year to use for the ash for this service. Please return them to church by Sunday 23rd February.

The Collect for today

Almighty God, who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for ...

In our Parish: Ribble Close, Tyne Close & Tweed Close.



Those who are sick or in special need:

Sally Bozward, Katie-Louise Sweetlove, Pam Pincott, Sue Gilchrist, Bryn Roberts, Evelyn Clarke, Shane Williams, Pat Williams, Heather Elsdon, Dorothy Goodwin, Brian Tansell, Chris and Becky.

Those who have died: Joyce Oakley

Lent Course 2020 *Finding a Voice*

Finding a voice is a Lent Course by Hilary Brand taking the film *The King's Speech*, as a starting point. The course explores the ways in which fear holds us back and examines how we, like Bertie, can face and overcome our fears and begin to find our authentic voice

The course is based around five weekly group sessions entitled:

- ◆ The stuff of nightmares and the power of friendship.
- ◆ Chasing the dream or fulfilling the calling.
- ◆ Pressing forward and breaking through.
- ◆ Poisonous words and profane responses.
- ◆ Faith in our voice.

More details coming soon...

Just a thought...

A well known humourist Erma Bombeck took a university writing course as a young student, one of her assignments was returned with the simple but powerful note, "You can write!" That comment launched Bombeck's successful writing career. How often our latent talents are unleashed because of the encouragement of someone else who sees in us what we do not yet recognise ourselves!

We are to do what we are called by baptism to do—season the earth with the taste of God and shine forth from each other the gifts God has given us for the sake of the kingdom. If we are not faithful to our mission as disciples, we become worthless.

Calling forth the potential in others is often something we just naturally do. For example, parents encourage their children; teachers mentor students; friends bring to light the potential good that can come from a difficult situation. This gospel calls us to see such ordinary, everyday actions as ways God acts through us to bring the world to its fullest potential in Christ.

Make a note of it...

"Three Baltic States by Bicycle": Thursday 13th February 7.00 p.m. in Lincoln Green Lounge. Illustrated travel talk by Penny. Tickets £5 (including light refreshments) from Penny 01905-351468

Skittles & Ploughman's Supper: Friday 21st February 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start. At The Punch Bowl Tickets £5.00 from Penny

Film Night "Grease": Friday 13th March 7.00 p.m. In Lincoln Green Lounge. Appropriate dressing up is encouraged (but optional) Refreshments and a Raffle. More details soon!

Afternoon Tea: Saturday 21st March. In Lincoln Green Lounge to celebrate Mothering Sunday. More details soon!