

## This Week

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	Going Deeper – St Francis, Littlemoor
	18:30	Evensong – St Andrews, Preston
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Candlelit Traditional Evensong [BCP] with Healing prayer – St Andrews, Preston
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Traditional Holy Communion [BCP] with Ashing – St Andrews, Preston
	19:00	Holy Communion with Ashing – St Laurence, Upwey
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Holy Communion- St Nicholas, Broadway
	19:30	Prayer group – St Francis, Littlemoor
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:30	Said Holy Communion – St Francis, Littlemoor
	19:30	Candlelit Evening Worship – St Andrews, Preston
<b><u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
Bincombe	09:15	Holy Communion – Philip Elliott
Broadwey	10:30	Holy Communion – Ada Whittock
Upwey	10:30	Holy Communion – Philip Elliott
Buckland	18:00	Holy Communion – Philip Elliott

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## ***Bincombe with Broadway, Upwey and Buckland Ripers Part of the Weymouth Ridgeway Benefice***

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
***The Sunday next before Lent***

### **The Prayer for Today**

*Sunday next before Lent – 7<sup>th</sup> February*

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Ash Wednesday – 10<sup>th</sup> February*

Holy God,  
our lives are laid open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin  
and through the death of your Son  
bring us healing and make us whole  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Readings**

	<i>Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February</i>
Old Testament	Exodus 34 : 29 – 35	Joel 2 : 1 – 2, 12 – 17
		<i>or</i> Isaiah 58 : 1 – 12
Psalm	Psalm 99	Psalm 51 : 1 – 18
Epistle	2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2	2 Corinthians 5 : 20b – 6:10
Gospel	Luke 9 : 28 – 36 [37 – 43a]	Matthew 6 : 1 – 6, 16 – 21
		<i>or</i> John 8 : 1 – 11

Please send events and prayer updates to davidrparson@hotmail.com

## In Our Prayers

- We pray for Philip Elliott as he is installed and embraces his new ministry as our new Team Vicar.
- Our Church School, and Headteacher Mrs Helen Williams.
- Our Street Pastors & Prayer Pastors
- Food Banks & Christians against Poverty
- Healing on the Streets
- The Lantern Centre

## Remembering those who have passed into God's presence...

*and all those from our community, and their families in their grief.*

## Remembering the sick...

*and all others in our community who suffer sickness.*

**On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February we will be collecting food or (even better!) cash to provide support to the Lantern Centre. Please come prepared to give as you are able.**

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Fill-up Friday is relaunching  
on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm  
@ St Nick's, Broadway

As ever it'll be a chance to meet, chat, drink coffee and eat doughnuts.

This first evening we'll be watching the thought provoking and inspiring film  
*God's Not Dead.*

Everyone welcome!

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Lent has been considered a time when followers of Jesus also practice a measure of interior withdrawal and reflection, in which to look with some honesty at the wilderness places in our hearts and lives, to remember and name our own temptations and frailties and to hear again the call to conversion.

This is a time to reflect on what it means for us to live within limits. This is a time to reflect on what it means for us to let God be God. This is a time to reflect on what it means for us to refuse to let the end justify the means.

Isaiah 58:1-12, which is always read on Ash Wednesday, cuts directly to the heart of the Lent intention. It is a 'no messing about' wake-up call, and its meaning is crystal clear. In it, Isaiah is saying to the people of Israel:

- Your ostentatious self-flagellation is just self-indulgence. It has nothing to do with the true fast the Lord desires.
- Sin is not merely a matter of individual culpability, but of profound systemic and structural injustice, in which you are complicit and by which you profit.
- Your own salvation, healing and fullness of life are intimately and ultimately connected with the salvation, healing and fullness of life of people who are poor and dispossessed.

Across the distance of nearly three thousand years, this passage speaks to us as powerfully and clearly today as when it was first written. It is a challenge not just to individuals but to nations, to examine the extent to which our actions either embody or deny or fatally undermine our intentions and words.