

Poetry Group
Wednesdays at 7.30pm

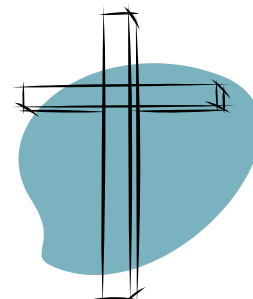
The group is led by Sheila Paterson and Rob Knee. The poet Robert Frost said, *“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.”* We will be considering thoughts and words through a variety of themes, poems and poets. Do join us for evenings of reflection, fellowship and laughter. The dates for this year are on Wednesday 21st, 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March; meeting at 31 Yarmouth Road (the home of Helen and David Gosling).

“Praying with the Scriptures”
Tuesdays at 2.30pm

Valerie will be leading two sessions during Lent. She will help us to pray imaginatively, using space and silence, with the Gospels as a foundation. The dates are 20th and 27th February; taking place in the St Nicholas Room.

“Church and Kingdom”
Wednesdays at 2.30pm

What does it mean to live as a child of the Kingdom of God and follow in the way of Christ each day as a member of the Church? How does it affect our life at work as well as at home? How does it affect what we do with the gifts we have been given, especially gifts of time and talents, passions, resources and money? How does it affect our relationships with others? And how does it affect our relationship with the world? How is the Christian faith changing us and shaping us so that we may be more like Jesus? Find out more every Wednesday at 2.30 pm at the Vicarage. Numbers limited to 12. Our Vicar, Paul, will lead these sessions. This is a six part course from the “Pilgrim” series. The group meets on 21st, 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March.



St Nicholas Church
North Walsham

Lent 2018

Once again we offer various activities to help you on your Lenten journey. Everyone is welcome, including those who belong to other churches, or no church at all. Feel free to take part in as many as you wish and be prepared to try something different.

For some of the groups it would be helpful if you return the enclosed form to Elizabeth Hargest via the Vicar’s Post-box in church.

Church Services

There are so many opportunities to draw closer to God by being part of our services during Lent; especially by experiencing a style of worship or liturgy that might be less familiar to you. Our Church Magazine has information about what is happening in North Walsham, Edingthorpe, Worstead and Westwick.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on this day. There will be four services at three of our churches; 8.00 am at St Nicholas. 10.00 am at Worstead, 1.00pm at Edingthorpe and 7.00pm at St Nicholas. Do begin your Lenten Journey at one of these services.

Market Day Communion Service

Thursdays at 10.30am

Throughout the year we hold a simple and informal Communion Service in the Memorial Chapel each Thursday (Market Day) at 10.30am. This includes a short 'thought for the day' linked to the season. Do join us.

Lent Lunches

Thursdays at 12.30pm

The lunch is a simple one of soup, bread and fruit. The cost is £4.00 which raises money for Christian Aid. There is a short address, by various church leaders in North Walsham. The lunch takes place in the St Nicholas Room on 15th, 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March.

Compline

Fridays at 8.30pm

The traditional plainsong candlelit service of Compline will be sung by members of our singing groups each Friday evening. This is a very evocative service which greatly helps us to be still, quiet and attentive to God in the lovely surroundings of the Chancel. Do come and let this very special service nourish you; 16th, 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March: in the Choir Stalls. During Holy Week there will also be compline on Easter Monday (8.30pm) and on Good Friday (8.00pm at Edingthorpe; 8.30pm at St Nicholas).

Lent Walks

Saturdays

The planned dates/times for the 2018 Lent Walks are 17th February (Southrepps Village Hall), 3rd March (Worstead); both starting at 2.00pm. Our third walk is on 17th March (Foundry Arms, Northrepps); this will start at 10.30am with an opportunity for lunch in the Foundry Arms around 12.30pm. Further details later on the website, Church magazine, parish newsletters and separate notices in church, or see Chris Sherman.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be placed around the church during our Eucharist on Passion Sunday. They serve as symbols of Christ's own journey of sacrifice. A printed devotional guide for each station will be available for you to make your own private journey around them and we will follow a corporate pilgrimage on two occasions: Palm Sunday 25th March at 6.30pm; Choral Reflections and Hymns; Tuesday 27th March (Holy Week) at 7.00pm; Reflections and Prayers.

Lent Reading Group

This year we're going to read "***A Walk to Remember***" by Nicholas Sparks. This is a simple 'teen-romance' novel but asks questions about purpose, identity and commitment in our lives. It was made into a major film. Copies are online (about £4.50), or see Nigel. We will meet on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm to share our discoveries and comments.

For further information contact the Church Office on 01692 408971 or Rev'd Nigel Paterson on 01263 515607 or look on the Parish web www.saint-nicholas.org.uk