GRAPEVINE MARCH 2023 EAST FARLEIGH



Friday 3rd March 10.00am World Day of Prayer at Coxheath (please note the time change for this year)

Our Benefice Churches join together with the Linton Road Free Church for this annual service. The service this year will be held at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. The service is entitled 'I have heard about your faith' and has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan. All are very welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

URGENT APPEAL FOR A NEW GRAPEVINE EDITOR

We are looking for a new editor or editors to take over the Grapevine each month and hopefully aim to create a much better and exciting publication for all its readers!

The physical making of the Grapevine is extremely easy if you have basic IT skills and it doesn't take up much time at all. We are looking to source more news, articles and pictures to bring it up to a decent standard for printing each month.

If you are interested and would be kind enough to help, please contact me and I can provide more details about what it entails.

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THE FARLEIGHS W.I FEBRUARY 2023

We have at our March Meeting on 8th March the Pilot Eddie Asquith giving a talk on – Up in full Flight.

April's Meeting is a taste testing experience – who knows which supermarket will have the best tasting products?

Tickets for our open meeting on 29th March with Tony Harris have SOLD OUT

Stalls for the Table top sale in the hall are available (£10) on Saturday 22nd April - for more details contact Thefarleighs@wkfwi.org.uk

If you are interested in meeting others, like craft or art, darts, walking or just talking- come along and join the other 200,000 women who are the W.I If would like more information on the W.I or any of our events please e-mail Thefarleighs@wkfwi.org.uk

Diane Scott- President.

The Farleighs W.I Hall – Forge Lane East Farleigh.

East Farleigh Church Services March 2022		+	
Date	Time	Service	
5 th	9:30am	Morning Worship Lorna Faulkner	
19 th	9:30am	Communion David Jones	

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As I write to you this month, we find ourselves in the season of Lent. This ancient Christian season is often characterised by the question 'What are you giving up for Lent?'

When I was about 12, I gave up sweets. I can still recall the joyful breaking of the fast with a packet of licorice wheels.

I eschewed daytime TV for Lent when my eldest was a baby. What I recall from that time was how much more time I found I had to do both useful and meaningful things, and how much I appreciated the quiet in the house when he was napping – as opposed to filling the quiet space with the noise of the outside world!

As a 12 year-old exploring faith, I didn't really think too deeply about my reasons for my fast – it was more a feat of self-control than an exercise in spiritual growth.

As a young 26 year-old mum, I used the time to pray more, and found it enriching and soul-feeding. But I went back to daytime TV noise after Lent. It didn't produce a lasting shift in my way of life.

I wonder if, rather than asking 'What are you giving up for Lent?' a better question might be 'WHY are you giving up for Lent?'

Often, Lent is used to kick-start some self-improvement that needs to be done, or to break a habit that has a hold on us. While these are valid reasons in many ways – and helpful and positive too - at its heart, the Lenten fast is not about improving 'us' at all. In the Church, we believe it is about focussing our lives on the life of Jesus as we mirror – albeit in a tiny way - the 40 days of fasting that Jesus undertook as he prepared to begin his world-changing ministry on Earth; a ministry that would lead him through the suffering of the cross to the magnificent glory of the resurrection.

It is part of the on-going journey that brings us to the joy of Easter – a reminder and a recognition that our pilgrimage as people here on earth will not always be easy, joyful and abundant; there are hard times to walk through, times where we experience want and frustration. But it's a reminder and an encouragement too – that trying times won't last forever – change is possible... And that hope is at the heart of the message of Jesus.

Psalm 30:5 says 'Sorrow lasts for a night, but joy comes in the morning...'

I pray for us all that we will know true hope in our hearts and lives as we journey through Lent towards the celebration of Easter.

Lorna Faulkner

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