

L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

Lenten Giving

This Lent, our focus is on Generosity - God's and ours. In particular, are encouraged to review our giving to Church. Forms are available in church to consider regular forms of giving. Please take a form and consider prayerfully how you might respond.

Lent Groups

In our Lent groups this year, we are looking at 'What is the Bible and how do we use it?' Please find a group convenient for you and sign up!

Bolton Mondays 2.30 - 4.00pm at 2, Edenfold, Bolton.

Cliburn Tuesdays 7.30-9.00pm at Cliburn Village Hall.

Crosby Ravensworth Thursdays 6.30 -7.30pm in Dent Chapel, in the Church.

Great Strickland Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.00pm Strickland Well, G. S.

Morland Wednesdays 11.00 - 12.30pm at the Mill Yard Cafe.

Morland Wednesday 7.30-9.00 pm at Upper Orchard, Morland

Songs of Farewell

The renowned Wordsworth Singers will be performing Parry's Songs of Farewell in Morland Church, today at 3.00pm.



About Today...

Lent is a season of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, almsgiving and preparation for Easter (Easter being also the principal occasion for baptism). Lent is a time for Christians to train themselves in spiritual disciplines. The traditional Lenten disciplines are fasting, almsgiving, prayer and Scripture study. During Lent, liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. The Gloria in excelsis hymn is not used, nor is the word "alleluia" uttered in praise.

Traditionally, as candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith during Lent, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan. Today we maintain the tradition by following courses of scripture reading, teaching and devotional exercises during Lent in order to grow closer to God and find healing for our souls.

The discipline of fasting is nowadays confined largely to the tradition of "giving up" something for Lent. Despite its austere image, it must be remembered that Lent falls at the time when traditionally food was scarcest so the discipline would not be overbearing. Accordingly, the discipline is not for self-punishment. Rather, it is intended to be liberating – freeing us from bondage to the things of this world and opening our hearts more fully to God. Our fasting should be a constant and challenging reminder that "man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord."



