

My Dear People

I apologise for having to delay the APCM. Apart from being ill, we had probably set too ambitious a date for everything to be ready.

The good thing is that this does give you a little more time to think and pray about who to nominate, and whether to stand yourself. There are still vacancies. And it would be wonderful to go a step further and have more nominations than vacancies!

Lent is upon us. This season of the Church was named in the Northern Hemisphere and 'Lent' is a shortened form of the Old English word 'lencten', meaning "spring season". In the Church as well as in the world it is a season for growth.

Abstinence aids growth. Which is why we give up something Monday to Saturday during Lent, and a little extra on Wednesdays and Fridays. And give the money saved to some charity.

If one is already down to the bone, or as an extra, spend a little more time helping others.

Taking more time over prayer and Bible reading is essential. This is time gained, not spent.

And some extra devotions. Coming to a weekday Mass if you don't already. And Stations of the Cross. We do it simply, there is no need for any background, and it is very moving. The meditations are from a different perspective each week. [9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at St Alban's and/or 5:00 p.m. on Fridays at All Saints.]

The Church is not a club for those who think they are holy, but a community that nurtures those who wish to be. And Lent and Holy Week is when the most loving nurturing takes place. So make full use of it and enjoy it!

Yours in Christ,

Fr John



The Society of St Wilfred & St Hilda providing Episcopal oversight and support to traditionalist people and parishes

Local Cell of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

3rd Wednesday
20th February at 5:00 p.m.



Regular Services:

All Saints, Godshill:

Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. every Sunday

Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. every Thursday

St Alban's, Ventnor:

Sung Eucharist

9:30 a.m. every Sunday

Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

St Margaret's Hall, Ventnor: Holy

Communion 11:00 a.m.

12th & 26th March

Be still in nature, with all of creation.

**Keep your body still and just use
your eyes.**

**Look - really look - at
a flower
a leaf
the bark of a tree
a fruit.**

**Wonder at the complexity of
Creation.**

**"God saw all that he had made, and
it was very good"**

**Contributions to this leaflet are welcome
especially if they come electronically, or typed so
they can be scanned in.**

WEBSITE: www.godshillparish.org.uk

**You have the same God
in your heart**

that Mary carried in her womb .

While Jesus was in her womb, Mary immaculate never forgot the precious load that she was carrying. She prayed and talked with the Child Jesus inside her, constantly. She listened to his voice, obeyed his commands, learned about his plans, and sympathised with his suffering in advance. She made reparations for all the acts of disrespect ungrateful people would inflict on him, and she offered him to the Father. She did this until the day she gave birth to her Son.

You have the same God that Mary carried in her womb in your heart . You can carry him, He who is the Redeemer of all mankind, just like Mary did. So you too should do as she did, until the Saviour hidden in you is born on the cross, i.e. until he visibly appears in you at your death.

Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths

none in February

Special Services & Events:

Ash Wednesday:

Wednesday 6th March at 10:00 a.m. at
St Alban's

Mothering Sunday

31st March Normal Sunday Times.

Palm Sunday

Palm Procession and Eucharist

9:15 % Zig Zag Road & St Alban's
Road, 9:30 a.m. St Alban's Church.

Palm Procession and Eucharist 11:00
a.m. at All Saints

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass & Ceremonies
at St Alban's

Good Friday

Liturgy 10:30 a.m. St Alban's
Readings and Meditations at
Noon at All Saints

Easter Vigil

7:00 p.m. at St Alban's

Easter Day

Normal Sunday Times

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Parish of Godshill

All Saints Church

Godshill

'The Church on the Hill'

St Alban-the Martyr

Ventnor

'The Church on the

Steps'

Lent

2019

