

# MARCH 2022

<b>Sun</b>	<b>13-Mar</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Sarah is at St Barnabas leading their parish communion service</b> <b>Together for Lent --- as part of our communion, Chris Boden will be speaking about the second of the temptations that Jesus faced</b> <b>TODAY WILL BE A GIFT DAY FOR UKRAINE</b>
Mon	14-Mar	10am 7pm	Post-a-Prayer Club --- our informal gathering to start the week in prayer Cluster Developments Conversation with Stephen Edwards and representatives from all three churches in our cluster
Wed	16-Mar	9.30am 12pm	Open Door --- the small hall is open all morning for craft & chatter & coffee Wilderness Lunch --- soup & bread, reflection & friendship for Lent
Thu	17-Mar	9.15am	Mainly Music --- songs and games for bumps, babies and toddlers
<b>Sat</b>	<b>19-Mar</b>	<b>Our 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>2pm</b>	<b>TEABAG community garden activity morning 9am til 1pm</b> Sarah, Rosie and Diane are leading a Wedding Fayre for all the couples marrying in our three churches in 2022 (event based at St Barnabas)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20-Mar</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Together for Lent --- a special welcome for Ethan Scott who will be leading the opening part of today's service. And as part of our communion, Sarah reflect on the last of Jesus' wilderness temptations</b>
Mon	21-Mar	10am 12.30pm	Post-a-Prayer Club --- our informal gathering to start the week in prayer Cluster Ministers Lunch at St Wulstans
Tue	22-Mar	7pm	Full PCC meets, in preparation for the Annual Meeting on Sunday 3-April
Wed	23-Mar	9.30am 12pm	Open Door --- the small hall is open all morning for craft & chatter & coffee Wilderness Lunch --- soup & bread, reflection & friendship for Lent
Thu	24-Mar	9.15am 7pm	Mainly Music --- songs and games for bumps, babies and toddlers <i>Diocese of Worcester evening hire of the premises</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27-Mar</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Together for Mothering Sunday</b> <b>a special café-style morning of gratitude and generosity for Mothers' Day</b>
Mon	28-Mar	10am 7pm	Post-a-Prayer Club --- our informal gathering to start the week in prayer Cluster Developments Conversation with Stephen Edwards and representatives from all three churches in our cluster
Wed	30-Mar	9.30am 12pm	Open Door --- the small hall is open all morning for craft & chatter & coffee Wilderness Lunch --- soup & bread, reflection & friendship for Lent
Thu	31-Mar	9.15am 6.30 – 8.30pm	Mainly Music --- songs and games for bumps, babies and toddlers Open Conversations 3 --- a chance to join in Diocese-wide decision-making about the future shape and direction of ministry. This event is at hosted at All Saints Church in Worcester city centre for our local deanery

**Sunday**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**at 10am**

## Celebrating the Year

We will gather at the earlier time of 10am for the Annual Meeting. We will reflect on the year that has been and pray for the year ahead, receive the annual reports, and vote on PCC membership and for churchwardens. At 10:45 we will pause for coffee and pastries, and then we will hear a reflection from Alison Webster on the Gospel reading for day, and end the morning with a simple time of communion.



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

# The Weekly Link

**Welcome to St Wulstans today!**  
**Please take this Link sheet home with**  
**you and share it with others**

*This Week's Special Prayer*

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty, shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.'

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday. Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you.

Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold, there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name. They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour. With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.



### *Today's Gospel reading from Luke 13*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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## **BEING PART OF A GROWING CHURCH**

As part of this church family, you are invited to be part of the church electoral roll. Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. Your name on the electoral roll means the life of St Wulstans can be seen in our local area and across the Diocese. You see, our building isn't St Wulstans -- we are!

The Annual Meeting on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April is the opportunity for us to choose PPC members and churchwardens. There will be two PCC vacancies, as usual this time, with the normal three-year term of office. Each year, churchwardens are (re-)elected and can serve a maximum of six years followed by a two-year break.

**Are you the person to fill any of these important voluntary roles in our life together?**

### **THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION**

Last week, Chris Walker's reflections on the first temptation of Jesus, the stones into bread began our Lent series. Chris Boden is speaking today, and will be following on with thoughts about the next temptation: *Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you" and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'* Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

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## **Crisis in Ukraine**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
is a gift day at St Wulstans**

And we continue to pray for peace and justice  
for the ordinary people of Ukraine  
Lord of all the earth, be present with  
the people of Ukraine at this time of  
danger, fear, and conflict. Grant that  
wise and peaceable counsels may yet  
prevail, and give to all suffering  
nations the freedom they desire and  
deserve. We ask this through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.