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Thought

SHROVE TUESDAY

HEATHER



ARE YOU HAVING A REAL STRUGGLE?
COME TO ME - I'LL GIVE YOU A REST.

MATTHEW 11:28
(NT FOR EVERYONE)

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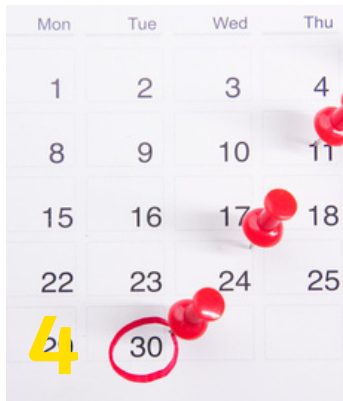


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SHROVE TUESDAY

Heather reflects on Shrove Tuesday and looks at how we can respond.



NOTICES

Find out what events are planned for the year.

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUN 10AM - MORNING SERVICE

1st Sunday - Open Service
Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

SUN 8PM - PRAYER MEETING (ZOOM)

Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/645605703>

SUN 4PM - MESSY CHURCH

Last Sunday of the month - Messy fun for all ages with food!

TUE 8PM - BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

A chance to informally study together online.
Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/374335724>

MON 10AM-12 - COFFEE POT

A chance to have a chat and a cuppa at the church.

WED 2PM - CAMEO (TERM TIME)

Come and Meet Everyone - a time of fellowship and fun. No two weeks are the same!

THU 8PM - XPLORE (TERM TIME)

Our Youth Group for those in Year 5 and upwards.

SAT 3PM - DCF (2ND SATURDAY)

Disabled Christians Fellowship. An opportunity for all to meet together.

Trustee's Thoughts

Shrove Tuesday

Heather

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) takes place in the UK on 21 February. Eggs, fat and milk were made into pancakes to use up food that couldn't be eaten during Lent. It's interesting that we think of pancakes as plain food, but many years ago these were considered as indulgences.

The expression Shrove Tuesday comes from the word shrive, meaning absolve. It is kept by many Christians, who make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what changes in life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with.

There are three things we need to consider in Lent – fasting, prayer and charity. We are called to do more than just abstain from a particular food or activity. It's about what we're willing to give up but also what we're willing to take on.

Here are some ideas to get you started!

Fasting Ideas:

Give up a favourite toy or game;

Fast from social media for a day;

Allow others to pass in front of you in the lunch line;

Give up coffee (or only brew it at home);

Give up electronics after a certain time in the day (e.g., no screens after 8pm).

Prayer ideas:

Pray on the way to school;

Pick a relative each day and pray for that person;

Go to bed five minutes early and spend extra time talking with God;

Each morning, scroll through the contacts on your phone. Randomly stop and say a prayer for whichever person you land on.

Charity ideas:

Choose a toy to donate to Changing Pathways;

Create a jar to collect change to donate;

Donate food to the Laindon Foodbank or Changing Pathways;

Donate a service (e.g., washing up or washing cars);

Give a smile to someone you pass who looks like they need one.

As we approach Shrove Tuesday and Lent, may this be our prayer:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12 (NRSV)

What's on this month?

Sunday Mornings

Date	Speaker
5th	Dave (Open + Comm)
12th	Colin (Parade)
19th	John (Comm)
26th	Steve

Bible Study

Date	Speaker
7th	Colin
14th	Tim
21st	Steve
28th	Ronke

Prayer Meeting

Date	Speaker
5th	Ronke
12th	Steve
19th	Colin
26th	John

Notices

The Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the Building Fund. It now stands at £127,344.

February Giving Service

On the February Parade Service, we will be having our giving service for Changing Pathways (you may know of it as Basildon Women's Aid). They would like us to contribute long life food if possible.

Events later in the year

At the Trustees meeting we discussed plans for events on the coronation weekend and also a Christmas Tree fundraiser. Keep your eyes on the notices for further details nearer the time.

Update

Building Project

We have been mentioning the Building Fund each month and it has been great to see it steadily increasing each month.

We are currently in a pause in terms of moving forward with the plans, due to the struggles that Swan Housing have been having with the wider regeneration project as we are waiting on them to confirm the long term lease of land to facilitate our rebuild.

However, we feel that this is a pause given by God to help us. Not that we know exactly how - but various things could be the possible answer:

- To give us time to increase our funds & help with future funding bids.
- To show us an even better way to use the plot.
- To provide a completely different plan.

Please keep praying to help discern God's will.