

LENT AT ST ROBERT'S

The Great Adventure – A Quick Journey Through the Bible continues on Thursday at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

St Matthew's Gospel begins on Tuesday 15th March at 10.00am in the parish hall.

The Big Read is an ecumenical initiative involving all the Churches in Morpeth. These are small bible sharing groups for Lent. This year they are looking at the Gospel of St Matthew. You will need the book "**Lent for Everyone**" by Bishop Tom Wright. The usual price for the book is £6.99 but you can get it at the Lifestyle Christian Bookshop for just £4.00. The idea is that each group should have people from different Churches. Take a look at the times and venues of the different groups on the back of this sheet.

"This is My Body, given for you" is a series of reflections and discussions on Icons of the Incarnation. It will be led by the new Anglican curate of Morpeth, Rev Tony Curtis. **It begins this Tuesday and continues on every Tuesday during Lent at St James' Church, Copper Chare from 7.30-8.30pm.** For many centuries, Eastern Christians have used the beauty of icons to celebrate and reflect on the mystery of the Word made flesh. Over the course of six Tuesday evenings during Lent, we'll be reflecting on the importance of the Incarnation of Christ using images of Orthodox Icons which depict the life and ministry of Jesus. Each week we will focus on a key event in Christ's life, and starting with an explanation of and reflection upon an icon, we'll explore its significance in revealing to us the mystery of salvation. Everyone is welcome, and there'll be time for questions and to discuss the issues we cover each week. Although the intention is to explore the mystery of the incarnation as we progress through Christ's earthly life over the six weeks, please feel free to come to as few or as many sessions as you are able. Programme: 15th March Introduction, The Nativity of Christ; 22nd March The Presentation in the Temple; 29th March The Baptism of Christ; 5th April The Samaritan Woman at the Well; 12th April The Transfiguration; 19th April The Harrowing of Hell, Conclusion.

Stations of the Cross every Monday evening at 6.30pm in church. Also, immediately after Mass on Friday mornings. We will need volunteers to help out with these. You can of course come along and make your own Stations of the Cross during the day. The church is usually open every day from 8.15am to 5.00pm. You will find a pile of different versions of the Stations at the back of church. Please feel free to use them.

Lenten Lunch every Friday – soup and a bun – from 12 noon to 1.00pm. The idea is that the money you save by coming to lunch is donated to CAFOD. It's a wonderful way of combining fasting and almsgiving. We will begin with the Angelus at 12 noon and a CAFOD prayer. We will need volunteers to cook the soup.

The CAFOD Lent Fast Day is on Friday 18th March. You can pick up an envelope at the back of church. Please put it on the plate next weekend.

Lenten Alms for St Cuthbert's Care. Please use one of the envelopes at the back of church. This is the official diocesan charity which works with vulnerable children and adults, communities, families needing support and older people who need care across the diocese. See www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk

Mass: Monday to Friday at 9.15am and Saturday 10.00am.

Why not make the effort to come to Mass during the week?

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9.00am. Just pick up one of the prayers books at the back of church.

Rosary: Saturday 9.40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon. Why not take a few minutes out of your shopping schedule to come and spend a few moments in silent prayer before the Lord.

Confessions on Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.00pm and Saturday 11.00am to 12 noon.