



February 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

## St Magnus' and St Colman's Lent 2021

Lent begins on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February and a number of us have been wondering how we can mark Lent together in an imaginative and fruitful way.

On **Ash Wednesday** the 17<sup>th</sup> February we are going to invite those who wish to join in a short Zoom devotional time at 7.30pm. The invitation to this time is included here:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83189685085?pwd=cDlyVTBkSmVXUUtCZmF1VjNteWNCUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 8968 5085

Passcode: 725700

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Following discussions within our vestries it has been decided to re open our churches for public worship on the first Sunday in Lent (the 21<sup>st</sup> February). We shall of course be back to where we were in the time before Christmas, with limited numbers allowed and no singing etc. Hand cleaning and face coverings are to be followed as before. This being said it is a welcome return and an opportunity to share the Eucharist together during Lent and hopefully through Easter too. (We do need to keep within 23 attending so please let us know if you are intending to be there, as before Christmas.) We will be continuing "Zoom Kirk" on Sundays at least for the time being, so we can all feel connected and together.

### Thursday evenings in Lent

Alongside these times we are also going to have a Thursday evening "study" session. This will precede the time for Night Prayers at 9.00pm. It is very much intended that you can just join the study session without staying on for Night Prayers or join just for Night prayers at 8.50pm by which time the study session will have ended. The zoom gathering will be open from 7.30pm with "study" beginning at 7.45 and ending at 8.45. The invitation is included here:

Topic: Thursday evenings in Lent is a recurring meeting invitation. Same invitation link for each week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84150628109?pwd=enk4aXlFd21yWW5KbXJVRGg4aFNDUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 5062 8109

Passcode: 594897

You can download the study guide for the Thursday sessions here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/Living%20His%20Story%20Homegroups%20AWH.pdf>

Copies of this material can also be printed for you too if you cannot download it do please let us know if you want printed copies.

### **Lent bags**

We have also put together a "Lent Bag" with activities for families to use together, a different activity each week and these will be delivered shortly. Furthermore we are going to have a go at making our own Palm Crosses this year and a zoom session is planned for this along with printed instructions and a Palm Leaf will be delivered by Palm Sunday for you to use. (More information on Palm crosses to follow.) There is access to the text included in these lent Bag's being posted on our website for those who might want to join in too.

### **Easter**

As things stand at present we hope to be able to have a Eucharist along with devotions for Maundy Thursday, and discussion is underway as to how Shetland Churches are going to witness on Good Friday. If demand is high, as it was at Christmas, we expect to be able to offer more than one service in St Magnus' on Easter Sunday.

If you need any other information, PLEASE let me know. I am available through e mail and phone, and Messages can be passed on. My e mail address is [revnab@btinternet.com](mailto:revnab@btinternet.com) my phone number is 07713259262 or 01950 460357.

Prayers and Blessings on you all.

Your Rector and Priest

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Brice". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Neil Brice