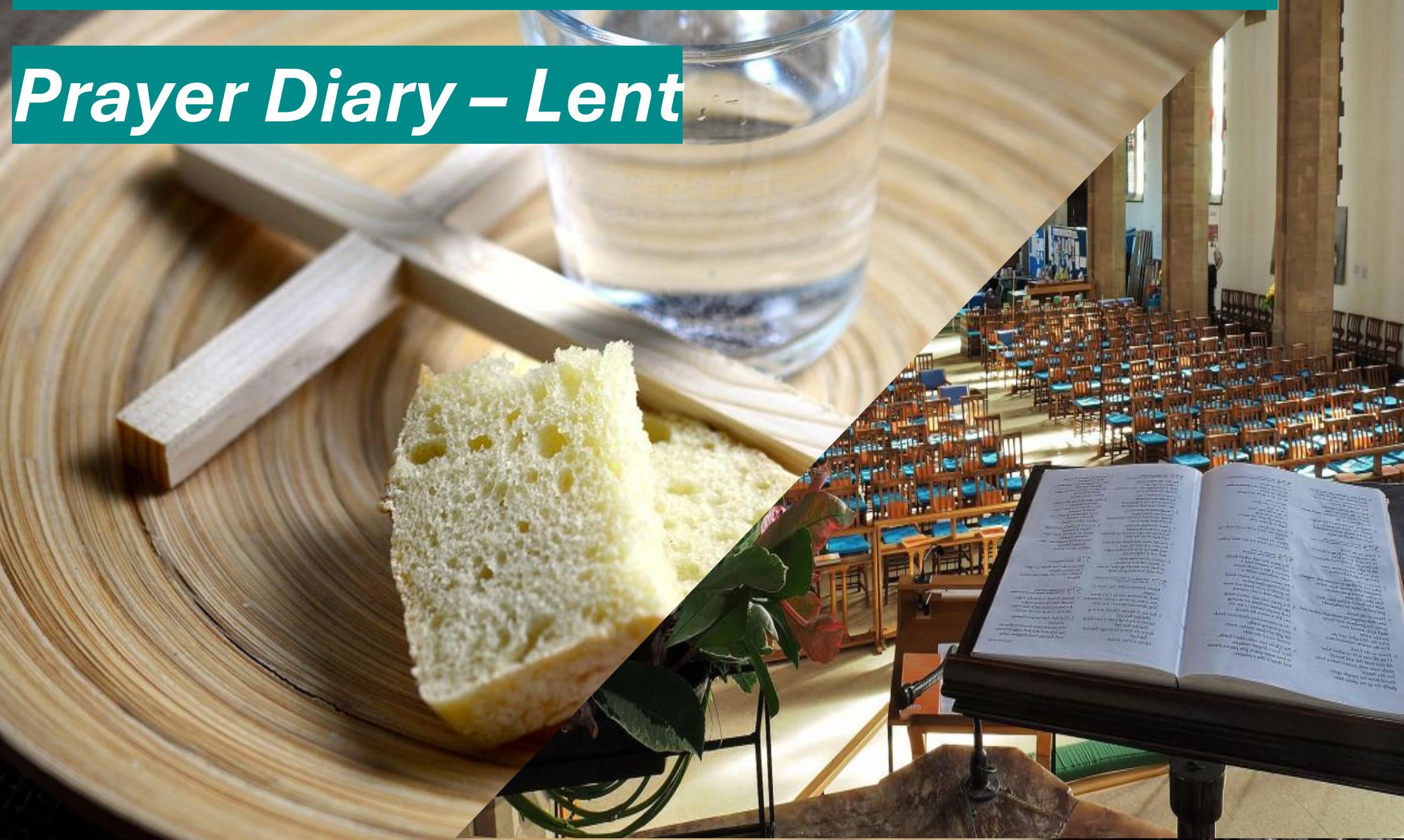


St. Edmunds Roundhay

Prayer Diary – Lent



Wed 18th – Sat 21st February

God of compassion, whose Son took on the hardships of our humanity: draw near to all who feel weary, burdened or forgotten, that they may know your sustaining love and the hope that never fails, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for children, young people and families during half-term. Grant rest, joy and safety in their time away from school. Bless those who struggle with loneliness or lack of routine during the holidays. We lift to you all who find the winter months difficult - those facing homelessness, financial hardship, or isolation. May your light break into dark places and your provision meet every need.

We give thanks for the ministry of Foodshare at St Ed's: for the generosity of local businesses, for volunteers who serve faithfully, and for every household supported. Strengthen this work of mercy and multiply its impact in our community.

Sun 22nd – Sat 28th February

Almighty God, whose word brings life and whose Spirit leads us into truth: guide us as we journey through Lent, that we may grow in faith, deepen in love, and walk more closely with Christ our Saviour. We pray for the Ecumenical Lent Course beginning this week. May it be a place of learning, fellowship and unity across our churches.

We thank you for Mike, our choir, our Wednesday communion pianists, musicians, and all who enrich our worship through music.

We pray for the uniformed groups meeting in the Scout Hut each week. Bless their leaders with energy and wisdom. Strengthen partnerships between church and groups, and be present in the Founders Day Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday.

Sun 1st – Sat 7th March

God of wisdom and truth, whose Spirit teaches and guides: bless all who learn and all who teach, that our schools may be places of flourishing, safety and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for the Primary and Secondary Schools in our parish, and for the school visits sharing the Easter message. May young hearts encounter the story of Christ with wonder and understanding.

We give thanks for our new Parish Administrator beginning this week. Grant them joy in their work, clarity in their tasks, and a warm welcome into our church community.

Sun 8th – Sat 14th March

Gracious God, who created each person in your image and calls us to fullness of life: bless women and girls across the world, that justice may roll down like waters and dignity be upheld for all. On International Women's Day, we give thanks for the gifts, leadership, courage and faithfulness of women in our church, community and world. Strengthen those who face discrimination, violence or inequality, and empower us to work for a fairer society.

Sun 15th – Sat 21st March

Loving Father, whose tenderness is beyond our imagining: hold in your care all who rejoice and all who mourn, that each may know your comfort and peace. On Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for mothers, carers and all who nurture others. We pray for those who find this day painful; through loss, longing, strained relationships or difficult memories. Surround them with your gentleness.

We pray for our wardens and PCC members. Grant them wisdom, unity and joy as they serve. We give thanks for our Pastoral and Bereavement Teams. Bless the Loss, Grief and Funeral Planning session on Saturday; may it bring comfort, understanding and hope.

Sun 22nd – Sat 28th March

Eternal God, shepherd of your people and guide of your Church: pour out your Spirit on all who lead, that they may walk in humility, courage and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for the new Archbishop of Canterbury as she is installed on 25 March. Strengthen her with grace, wisdom and compassion.

We pray for the vision, unity and mission of the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Communion. May your Church be a beacon of hope, justice and reconciliation.

Sun 29th March – Thurs 2nd April

God of resurrection hope, who brings life out of death and joy out of sorrow: prepare our hearts to celebrate the mystery of Easter with renewed faith and overflowing gratitude.

We give thanks for all who volunteer, serve and support the ministry and worship life of St Ed's as Easter approaches. Bless every act of service, seen and unseen.

We pray that many will come to know the hope of Jesus' resurrection this year, and that our witness may be bold and compassionate; in that light we pray too for our Mission Partners, Andy & Kati, in Brazil, and their work with the prison community there

Lastly, we lift to you the preparations for the Easter Funzone on 16th April. May it be a place of welcome, joy and connection for families in our community.