

ACT ON POVERTY the sessions are.

3. Generous

Many people in the UK are having to tighten their belts due to the cost-of-living crisis. In this pack we take a close look at the lived experience of poverty, both near to home and around the world. We explore poverty as a justice issue that demands action. Churches can explore what it might mean to be 'generous' or 'cheerful givers' (2 Corinthians 9.7) when we feel like we have nothing to spare. What gifts do we have that we can share?

4. Located

Beginning with reflections on where Jesus chose to place himself during his ministry, this pack equips your church to look afresh at where you are located. This includes your physical environment, community resources, local concerns and priorities. Groups can explore questions about how we discern what God is already doing in our community, about life on the margins, and who has power in your locality.

5. Hopeful this pack helps churches outline their hopes for the future and turn these hopes into a manifesto for action. There are practical ideas about facilitating events and community discussion in the lead up to the General Election. And there's an exploration of how nurturing hope can be part of our calling to love our neighbour. What will your church do to grow hope in 2024?

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COFFEE BAR

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.30 TO 1.30

SATURDAY 10.00-12.00



HOLY WEEK at Cotteridge

24th March Palm Sunday

10.30 Holy Communion Roger Collins

28th March Maundy Thursday

7.30 Holy Communion Mike Claridge

29th March Good Friday

10.30 Morning Worship Roger Collins

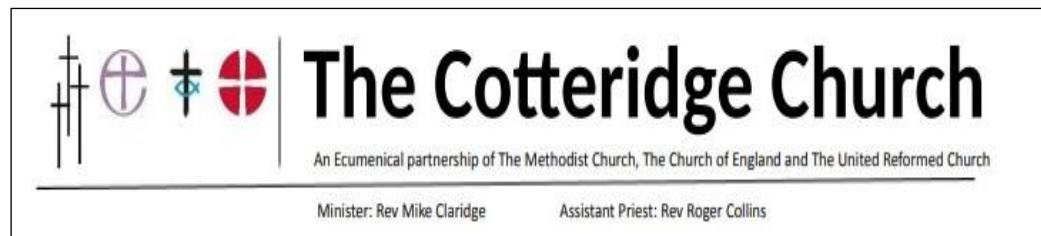
11.15 Walk of Witness

30th March Easter Saturday

8.00 Easter Ceremonies Roger Collins

31st March Easter Subday

10.30 Holy Communion Mike Claridge



SUNDAY 3rd March

Lent 3 Barbara Calvert

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns 663 272 393, 645, 772

Reading Exodus 2 1-10

Readers Pam W Monica T

Music Peter C

Sound Boys Brigade

6.30 Holy Communion Mike Claridge

7.00 Lent Course Mike Claridge

**Activity bags for young children are
available from the stewards**

We remember our pastoral links

Boys Brigade: with Phil A., Alex and Euan
C., Paul C., David D., and Rob S., Alison S:
with Chris and Giles A., and Cynthia B.,

Those in long term need Jenny F, Mary
and David W, Norman and Philomena,
Lauren D, Geoff W, Lyn, FriedL Sue S,
Maurice W ,Oliver Y

Prayer Card

Sally and Bernie, Lesley D Rebecca C
Clarence D

We pray for those who have died

Ken Fryer John Burton

**The Calling of The Cotteridge Church is to
respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ
and to live out its discipleship in worship and
mission**



Notice sheet is prepared by Roger to
whom notices should be sent
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Calendar

Monday 4th March

- 1.00 Property and Management WG
- 7.30 Catering W G

Tuesday 5th MARCH

- 10.00 Holy Communion Mike Claridge
- 10.30 Lent Course Mike Claridge
- 11.30 Praying through Change
- 12.00 POD tuition
- 6.00 Datus
- 6.15 Brownies Rainbows Guides

Wednesday 6th March

- 10.00 Funeral Hazel Nash Lodge Hill
- 11.00 Thanksgiving Service
- 12.00 Refreshments
- 7.00 Games Club
- 7.30 Worship Zoom

Thursday 7th March

- 10.30 Cotteridge Craftersl
- 11.00 Midweek Service Barbara Calvert

Friday 8th March

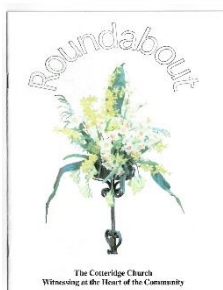
- 8.30 Saplings
- 6.15 Boys Brigade

Saturday 9th March

- 9.00 Mess around

Sunday 10th March lent 4

- 10.30 Holy Communion Mothering Sunday Mike Claridge
- 7.00 Lent Course



March edition now available

Future Events

Pastoral Links Meeting

10.30 am on **Saturday 16th March** there will be a Pastoral Links meeting, led by Rev Mike Claridge,

STRATEGY GROUP CONSULTATION MEETING

Thank you all those who responded to the recent questionnaire issued by the strategy group – we have some really valuable information from the 120 or so responses from church members, people who engage in community activity and room hirers.

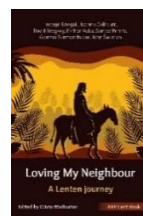
The next stage is a lunch and discussion session on 17th March at 11.45, to begin to identify actions we need to take to deliver our mission and vision. All church members and regular worshippers are welcome (whether or not you completed a questionnaire). Light lunch will be provided and we aim to be finished by 13.30.

Lent Groups

This Lent we are using the Christian Aid material called 'Act on Poverty'. There will be a choice of sessions either Sunday evenings at 7.00pm or Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. Each will last from 45 mins to an hour (maximum!) If you would like a sample the first session it is available here. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/act-on-poverty-session-one-prophetic>. Come along and enjoy an informal discussion!
10th and 12th Mar - Mike
17th and 19th Mar - Roger

BOOKCENTRE

recommended Lent reading. 9.99



A new selection of Easter Cards are now available



Zaytoun is a non-profit company established to support marginalised farming communities in Palestine through the production of olive oil and other olive products. Olive oil £15.50 and dates 5.99

Toilet Rolls 1.05
Paper Towels £2.65
Tissues 1.58



Coffee Cafedirect
Fairtrade Mayan Gold Instant £6.35
Fairtrade Machu Picchu decaff £5.75
Fair trade Machu Picchu Instant 6.35
Fairtrade Ground 5.75
Fair trade Tea 4.99

The Book centre has transferred £863 to the church accounts.

B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank

We received 1751k and gave out 2180k feeding 236 clients on 127 vouchers



During february we fed 847 clients on 456 vouchers



Father John from St Mary's Harbourne
Luan from Featherstone Road
Ellen and Isaac from Finesse Windows

Urgently needed

Tinned fruit (in juice - not prunes, grapefruit or rhubarb), tinned meat (ham, corned beef, pork sandwich, pulled pork, chicken pasta sauce, rice (500g), tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines), jam/honey, chocolate bars, tinned rice pudding, instant hot chocolate (not cocoa powder), cereal (not greater than 500g), UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned/carton ready-made custard, toothpaste, liquid/bar soap, laundry liquid/powder (not family-sized), sanitary pads



Are excellent Roger

7.70