

ACT ON POVERTY the final session is **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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HOLY WEEK at Cotteridge

24th March Palm Sunday

10.30 Holy Communion Roger Collins

28th March Maundy Thursday

7.30 Holy Communion Mike Claridge

29^h March Good Friday

10.30 Morning Worship Roger Collins

11.15 Walk of Witness

30th March Easter Saturday

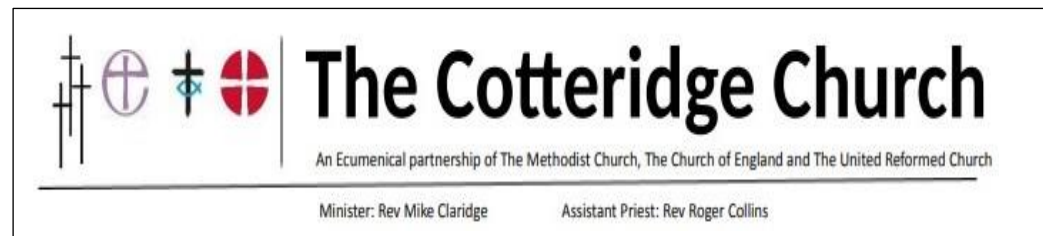
8.00 Easter Ceremonies Roger Collins

31st March Easter Sunday

10.30 Holy Communion Mike Claridge



COFFEE BAR
MONDAY TO
FRIDAY 8.30
TO 1.30
SATURDAY
10.00-12.00



SUNDAY 17th March

Lent 5

Mike Claridge

Gracious Father
 you gave up your Son
 out of love for the world
 lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
 passion,
 that we may know eternal peace
 through the shedding of our Saviour's
 blood, Jesus Christ our Lord
 Amen

Hymns 548,504,106,701,364

Readings

Psalm 102 1-6 18-22 Luke 8 26-39

Readers Janet H Dorothy A

Music Bill C

Sound Neil W

7.00 Lent Course Roger Collins

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, Marion and David W, Norman and Philomena, Lauren D, Geoff W, Lyn, FriedL Sue S, Maurice W ,Oliver Y

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

Sunday 17th March

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

Monday 18th March

10.30 Strategy Meeting

Tuesday 19th MARCH

10.00 Holy Communion Roger Collins
10.30 Lent Course Roger Collins
2.00 Tuesday Fellowship
12.00 POD tuition
6.00 Datus
6.15 Brownies Rainbows Guides

Wednesday 20th March

6.00 AGM David Coleman
7.00 Games Club
7.30 Worship Zoom

Friday 22th March

8.30 Saplings
6.15 Boys Brigade

Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday

10.30 Holy Communion Roger Collins

Future Events

Cotteridge Crafters (Knit and Natter) are taking a three week Easter break. We will meet again Thursday 11th April.

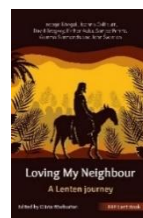
STRATEGY GROUP CONSULTATION

MEETING 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.

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!
17th and 19th March - Roger Collins

BOOKCENTRE recommended Lent reading. 9.99



Are excellent Roger



A new selection of Easter Cards are now available



£15.50 and dates 5.99

Toilet Rolls 1.05 Paper
Towels £2.65 Tissues
1.58

Tropical Whole foods



3.70



4.20



4.20

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

B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank We received in 1066k and gave out 238k clients on 114 vouchers



David and Thembi
Susannah from St Pauls Convent

Last week was the Budget This is the Trussell Trust response
"We welcome the Chancellor's action today to extend the Household Support Fund and reduce the burden of debt deductions facing households on the lowest incomes. This will provide short-term relief to some. However, we are disappointed that the Chancellor has offered only temporary sticking plasters instead of long-term solutions to the crisis of rising hunger, hardship, and debt.
We are already seeing unprecedented numbers of people unable to afford essentials such as food, heating, and clothing, and are forced to turn to food banks. Today's Budget will do little to change this in the years to come or prevent living standards falling even further in the coming year.
An Essentials Guarantee needs to be a priority for any future budget because charities simply cannot continue to bear the burden of a social security system that isn't fit for purpose. We should all expect our government to fulfil its most basic duty: to protect the people that need their help most."
We will not stop until everyone has enough money for the essentials.

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

