

Sunday 22nd March, 2026 5th in Lent

10.30 a.m. - Mr. David Sanderson
- Contemporary worship
4.0 p.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk

Monday 23rd March, 2026

9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - **CHATTERBOX**
Coffee, good conversation and a friendly ear

Wednesday 25th March, 2026

7.45 a.m. - Prayer meeting by Zoom

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10.0 - 11.30 a.m. - **Jack in a Box**

- a fun time for pre-school age children and their parents or carers.

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2.30 p.m. - Bible study - venue to be confirmed

Thursday 26th March 2026

7.30 p.m. - Men's Fellowship

Friday 27th March, 2026

2.0 p.m. - Wesley Knitters

Sunday 29th March, 2026 Palm Sunday

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Vicki Atkinson
4.0 p.m. - Mrs. Val. Hackney

Belton All Saints Church invites us to watch *The Chosen*, Season 5, with them this Lent on upcoming Wednesday afternoons, at 1.0 pm, in their church hall. Following is the schedule:

March 25th -- episodes 5 & 6
April 1st -- episodes 7 & 8

Also an invitation to join a Lent course
"Living in Love - a Lenten Journey"
Belton Church - 7.0 p.m.
Monday evenings until 30th March

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April, 2026

7.0 p.m. - St. Andrew's Church Passover Meal Service with Holy Communion, readings and hymns and a symbolic meal around a long set of tables recalling the Upper Room with Jesus and the Disciples. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list on the notice board at the back of Wesley before Sunday **29th March**.

Christian Aid week - 10th - 16th May

Epworth Churches Together have a street licence to hold a collection on **Saturday 16th May**. Volunteers are needed to collect either at the Co-op or in the Market Place between 9.0 a.m. and 2.0 p.m.

Hourly slots are available.
Please contact Louise if you are able to help.

Spirit

How is your Lenten celebration going on? Somewhat annoyingly, I have a self-inflicted, but nevertheless unwelcome, period of deprivation. Annoyed by the Microsoft decision to demand an annual charge for continuing to use what I have used for years now, I am resisting the change, and have not signed up to the charge.

It is a meaningless gesture I know, and in fact in order to be able to create this week's notices I am working on my son's computer. He needs to subscribe to Microsoft because of the requirements of his work and has had to comply. I suppose that I shall have to give in eventually, but if I do it will be with the utmost unwillingness.

There are other ways in which we need to deny ourselves, of course. We are continuing our progress through Lent as we approach Palm Sunday next weekend. I wonder how many of us still deny ourselves some little luxury, or add extra discipline to our daily devotions.

Paul's uncompromising word to the Romans, quoted in today's lectionary, reminds us that we are not just flesh, but also spirit. He then gives the extra challenge, when he adds the phrase "if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you." So what do we think? When we examine our own actions and motives, are we acting according to the flesh or the spirit? Does His spirit live in us?

You will remember that next week is Palm Sunday, the herald of a period of remembering the events leading up to the blessed time of Easter. Let us be open to receive the spirit, and to rejoice in the salvation offered to us all.



In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit. - Albert Schweitzer



In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit. - Anne Frank

You are not in the realm
of the flesh but in the
realm of the Spirit,
if indeed the Spirit of
God lives in you.

Romans ch. 8 v. 9 (NIV)



The world is full of magic things, patiently
waiting for our senses to grow sharper. -
W.B. Yeats

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	Our Church Prayer chain is now using WhatsApp, which is totally encrypted, adding to our security and privacy policy. If you have a prayer request (with permission from the recipient) or wish to know more about becoming part of the Prayer Group, please contact Pauline - 01427 875478 or Pat - 0777 6490275 in the first instance.

The donkey

When fishes flew and forests walk'd
And figs grew upon thorn ,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born;

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me; I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

G.K. Chesterton



Light tomorrow with today! -
Elizabeth Barrett Browning



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Notices for the week commencing

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