March services:
More details for all our services are on facebook or at
www.stpaulstadley.org.uk . Special events in red

Date:	Services	Reading
Ash Wed 26 Feb	10am Wednesday communion - St Luke **7pm Holy Communion - St Paul's**	
Sun 1 March	8am Holy Communion - St Paul's 10am Church on The Green - communion at St Paul's	Matt 4.1-11
	6pm Evening Community - St Luke's Theme: The Art of faith - temptation	
Tues 3	*7pm Prayer at St Paul's*	
Wed 4	*10am Holy Communion at St Luke's*	
Thurs 5	*10am Lent Course at St Mary, Tadley*	
Fri 6	***2pm World Day of Prayer at St Mary's***	
Sun 8	**9.30am Messy Church - St Paul** 10am Holy Communion - St Luke	John 3.1-17
	6pm Evening Community - St Luke's Theme: Contemplative worship	
Thurs 12	*10am Lent Course at St Mary, Tadley*	
Sun 15	8am Holy Communion - St Paul's 10am Church on The Green - St Paul's	John 4.5-42
	6pm Evening Community - St Luke's Theme: Contemplative worship	
Sun 22	10am Church on The Green - St Paul's 10am Holy Communion - St Luke	John 9
	6pm Evening Community - St Luke's Theme: Contemplative worship	
Sun 29	8am Holy Communion - St Paul's **10am Church on The Green - Benefice communion at St Paul's**	Luke 15.1-3; 11b-end
	6pm Evening Community - St Luke's Theme: The Art of faith	

News - if you have anything to go in March newsletter , please send it to bryanwatson@onetel.net by 16 March

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Our Clergy and Churchwardens:

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Lent

For centuries the 40 days before Easter have been a time for Christians to do some work on our inner lives: our dreams, values, priorities and beliefs. This spiritual house-keeping prepares us for the summer months of activity and mission.

During this period we have some special events that you may enjoy and benefit from (details inside). I hope that you will not only go to a group, but also do the homework, which is what embeds the change.

Perhaps you will practice fasting, or making a retreat, perhaps you will read a book (I can still order: Saying Yes to life, by Ruth Valerio) or follow one of the many on-line devotionals.

Here are some places to find good devotional materials for Lent:

- **https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation**
- **https://churchmissionsociety.org/our-stories/lament-for-lent/**
- **https://40acts.org.uk/**
- **https://churcharmy.org/Articles/563489/Get_Involved/Being_Salt_and/Being_Salt_and.aspx**
- **we'll feature some of these resources on our Facebook pages- search: St Paul's Tadley or St Luke's Pamber Heath**

Feeling lonely? Fancy a chat?

Coffee Morning - Every Thursday at St Luke's church, Pamber Heath, 10.30-12noon. Free coffee, cake and friendly people

Afternoon tea 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2.30 - 4pm
Contact Pat Arbin 9812241 for venue details.

Home groups meet on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - ask clergy for details.

Alpha:

We have 2 Alpha groups starting this week:
Alpha 1 - for younger adults - on Tuesday evenings from 7pm
Alpha+ - for those who are free during the day or have done Alpha before - on Fridays at 3.30pm. Contact Richard or Pat Brown or Esther Redpath if you want to join either course.

Bishop David at Silchester

The Bishop of Basingstoke is speaking at a breakfast meeting in Silchester Village Hall at 9.30am on Sat 21 march. All welcome.

World day of prayer (formerly Women's World Day of prayer)

This annual service invites us to pray with the women of Zimbabwe on the theme "Take up your mat and walk". Come and be encouraged. Starts 2pm at St Mary, Tadley, Friday 6 March.

Philippa Hannah Concert - Friday 27 March at The Link, Tadley

Philippa is a Christian singer and song-writer with a large following and a very positive message, particularly for girls and younger women. Tickets and more information on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/events/2399508400154611/

My giving to our church

It costs about £90,000 to run our church in an ordinary year; if you want to give financially, please pick up a form in church or leave an offering in the plate (we can claim tax back on loose giving). If you would like to contribute towards the **Fellowship Fund** (for local people in need), please put money or a cheque in a marked envelope and place it in the offering, or make a bank deposit and let us know. If you know anyone in need, please talk to clergy or churchwardens.

Other events in March & April:

March	**Sat 7 Mini Market & craft market 10.30-12noon- in St Paul's Hall -** *come for coffee or to grab a bargain. Guides will be selling cakes.*
	Sat 21 Who let the dads out? 3-5pm St Paul's Hall *Fun for dads, granddads and male carers and children.*
	Sat 28 Parish Pub lunch 12noon at the Pelican *Good company and good food, just turn up*
April	**Sat 4 Mini Market & craft market 10.30-12noon- in St Paul's Hall -** *come for coffee or to grab a bargain* **Palm Sunday 5th - Messy Church at 9.30am**
	Maundy Thursday 9th - 10.30am Tale of 3 Trees for 0-5yrs **7.30pm Communion at St Mary's** **Good Friday 10th - 11am Open air service at St Mary's**
	Easter Sunday 12th - services at 7.30am, 10am and 6pm.
	Sat 25 Parish Pub lunch 12noon at the Pelican *Good company and good food, just turn up* **Wed 29 Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm the hall** *Important time to vote for next year's church council.*
May	**Friday 8th - VE Day celebrations from 11am - 1pm based at St Paul's -** *led by the British legion and Town council to mark 75 years since the end of WW2 in Europe.*
July	**Sunday 12th - Eco-fair & Church fete on The Green from 11am - 4pm. -** *a mix of fund raising and awareness raising around the care of creation. We need lots of helpers, please. We will hold an open air service to begin our celebrations.*

Contemplative Evening services and Lent Group:

During Lent we will be using a mix of beautiful art, guided meditation and music to explore some key bible passages and themes at each of:

Sunday Evening Community at St Luke's at 6pm (called the Art of faith)
Living Word at St Mary's on Wednesdays at 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lent Extra at St Mary's on Thursdays at 10 - 11am

These promise to be times of spirital refreshment. All welcome.