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Lent, Holy Week & Easter
2024

Dear friends in Christ,

In this booklet you will find times for all the services and activities for Lent, Holy Week and Easter Week. These include details of the Lent course, the readings for each Sunday; dates of meetings, and any external activities in church.

For each day you'll also find a very short passage of scripture. This is for you to mediate on – a process often referred to as 'Lectio Divina'. Below is a short sequence to guide you in that reflection.

Each passage is taken from the Gospel for the day. The invitation is to simply ask yourself, what might God be saying to you through this piece of scripture? What might have struck you and why? You might want to read the scripture each day with another person. Remember – the clue is: how does God speak to you? What echo is set off in your mind or heart?

Lent is often referred to as the 'springtime of the soul'. May God grant us the grace to follow more closely his Son so that we might be renewed in faith, grow in love and live in hope.

I wish you every blessing in your Lenten pilgrimage,
Fr Gary

Lectio Divina

In what follows, if more than one of you in your household participates, one could 'lead' and the other respond using the bold text. Otherwise, say all the parts yourself.

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

We invoke the Holy Spirit, who will speak to us and listen in us:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Act of Contrition

By acknowledging our sinfulness and admitting that by ourselves we can do nothing that is not flawed, we ask God to take the initiative in this encounter.

Have mercy on us, O Lord:
For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy:
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Gospel Passage for today

Read the short Gospel passage, taken from the Gospel for today. This should be read slowly and meditatively. The aim is not to tell the text to God, who knows it already, but to let God tell it to us. For this, there must be silence so that what God is telling us can be heard.

The Response

Meditatio (reflection)

What does the Gospel text say to me? God has willed me to be here, now, today, for a reason. Now is the time to reflect, and find that reason, and hear what God has chosen to tell me. A good pattern is this:

- *What has drawn my attention or struck me in some way?*
- *Why? Was it a person? A word? A situation? A gesture?*
- *What, therefore, is God saying to me through these words, here and now, today?*

The "I" and the "me" are important. To say "we" or "us" is to evade the encounter by softening the focus and hiding behind membership of a group. The meeting with Jesus is face to face, one to one.

Oratio (prayer)

God has spoken to me. What do I reply?

Silently, responds to what God has said through the words we we have read.

As a matter of human practicality, if in a household group, or using zoom or other videoconferencing software, one person should be responsible for deciding the time taken for silent prayer. Even better, a timer or hourglass can be used. Otherwise “Are we nearly there yet?” can be a potent distraction.

Contemplatio (contemplation)

Sometimes we may be led beyond prayer into a quiet and attentive resting in the presence of God.

Conclusion

We prepare to return to the everyday world, carrying with us what we have received in our minds and our hearts today.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

Intention: A spirit of Penitence

11am Said Mass with imposition of Ashes

7pm Solemn Mass with imposition of Ashes

Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

Thursday 15th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Christian Aid

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me.'

Friday 16th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Cafod

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'Surely the bridegroom's attendants would never think of mourning as long as the bridegroom is still with them? But the time will come for the bridegroom to be taken away from them, and then they will fast.'

Saturday 17th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Reconciliation in the Church

9.30am Morning Prayer

Jesus said to them in reply, 'It is not those who are well who need the doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the virtuous, but sinners to repentance.'

Lent Week 1

Sunday 18th February

Lent I

Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Intention: For the Parish and its people

10am Parish Mass

‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

Monday 19th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Those who live in war zones

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

“I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.”

Tuesday 20th

Feria of Lent

Intention: UN Aid agencies

8.30am Fr Gary at Harrogate Ladies College for School Assembly

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

‘Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours; but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either.’

Wednesday 21st

Feria of Lent

Intention: An end to injustice

11am Mass

12 Noon Fr Gary at Harrogate Deanery Clergy Chapter meeting

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Lent Course: Session 1 (See next page)

‘This is a wicked generation; it is asking for a sign. The only sign it will be given is the sign of Jonah.’

Lent Course 2024:

Old Looking Forward to New: Echoes of the Incarnation in 1 Samuel

We're often neglectful of paying proper attention to the Old Testament. It's easy to fall into the trap of Marcionism – that somehow the New Testament supersedes and replaces the old.

However, careful reading of the Old Testament reveals rich theology, history and literature which is foundational to understanding the New Testament.

This sequence of four sessions looks at the Book of Samuel: a story both of a person, Samuel, prophet to Kings; and also the story of a nation and people.

We shall be looking at the way in which the Incarnation is prefigured, foretold and echoed in earlier Salvation history, and also some of the contrasts between the earlier great figures like Samuel and David and the ultimate fulfilment in the Christ.

Session I: Wednesday 21st February, 7pm

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

The nativity of Samuel & Hannah's prayer. Echoes of the nativity of John the Baptist (and Our Lord) and the Magnificat.

Session II: Wednesday 28th February, 7pm

1 Samuel 2:12-36

The Boyhood of Samuel in the Shrine at Shiloh, contrasts with Eli's sons. Echoes of OL and the conduct of the Temple authorities - status vs righteousness.

Session III: Wednesday 6th March, 7pm

1 Samuel 8:1-22

The Israelites demand a king. False expectations of the Messiah.

Session IV: Wednesday 13th March, 7pm

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The selection of David. The over-turning of the secular order - God's view vs man's.

Each session begins at 7pm (following mass at 6pm and Evening Prayer at 6.30pm) and will take place in the Choir Vestry. It might be very helpful to bring a Bible with you!

Thursday 22nd

St Peter's Chair

Intention: Those suffering famine

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Friday 23rd

Feria of Lent

Intention: General Synod

All Day Fr Gary at General Synod in London

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

Saturday 24th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Political Prisoners in the world

All Day Fr Gary at General Synod in London

9.30am Morning Prayer

But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike.

Lent Week 2

Sunday 25th February

Lent II

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Intention: The Parish and its people

All Day Fr Gary at General Synod in London

10am Parish Mass

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

Monday 26th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Penitents

All Day Fr Gary at General Synod in London

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.

Tuesday 27th

Feria of Lent

Intention: The King and Queen

All Day Fr Gary at General Synod in London

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

Wednesday 28th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Parliament

All Day Fr Gary away

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Lent Course: Session 2

Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Thursday 29th

Feria of Lent

Intention: The Recently engaged

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

“If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”

Friday 1st March

St David

Intention: The people of Wales

10am Monthly Staff Meeting

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.’

Saturday 2nd

Feria of Lent

Intention: St Chad’s College, Durham

9.30am Morning Prayer

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

Lent Week 3

Sunday 3rd March

Lent III

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Intention: The Parish and its people

10am Parish Mass

5pm Choral Evensong

Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'

Monday 4th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Mission Societies

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

Tuesday 5th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Ordination Candidates

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

Wednesday 6th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Diocesan Staff

11am Mass

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Lent Course: Session 3

7pm Deanery Synod at St John's Church, Bilton

Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them.

Thursday 7th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Parish Staff

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Fr Gary at a Post General Synod Meeting by Zoom

‘He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters.’

Friday 8th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Central Church Staff

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’

Saturday 9th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Theological Educators

9.30am Morning Prayer

“God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Lent Week 4

Sunday 10th March

Lent IV – Mothering Sunday

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Intention: The Parish and its people

10am Parish Mass

For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Monday 11th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Orphans

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm PCC Meeting

The father realised that this was exactly the time when Jesus had said, 'Your son will live'; and he and all his household believed.

Tuesday 12th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Foster Parents

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'Now you are well again, be sure not to sin any more, or something worse may happen to you.'

Wednesday 13th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Those in the religious life

11am Mass

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Lent Course: Session 4

*I tell you most solemnly,
the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and all who hear it will live.*

Thursday 14th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Therapists and Counsellors

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

*How can you believe,
since you look to one another for approval
and are not concerned
with the approval that comes from the one God?*

Friday 15th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Carers

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

*'Yes, you know me
and you know where I came from.
Yet I have not come of myself:
no, there is one who sent me
and I really come from him,
and you do not know him,
but I know him because I have come from him
and it was he who sent me.'*

Saturday 16th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Children in care

9.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am – 2pm Diocesan Synod *Via Zoom*

Several people who had been listening to Jesus said, 'Surely he must be the prophet', and some said, 'He is the Christ', but others said, 'Would the Christ be from Galilee? Does not scripture say that the Christ must be descended from David and come from the town of Bethlehem?' So the people could not agree about him.

Lent Week 5

Sunday 17th

Lent V

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Intention: The Parish and its people

10am Parish Mass

You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

Monday 18th

Feria of Lent

Intention: Wives

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

*'I am the light of the world;
anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark;
he will have the light of life.'*

Tuesday 19th

St Joseph

Intention: Husbands

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'

Wednesday 20th

Feria of Lent

Intention: The lonely

11am Mass

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Special Teaching Session: The Sacrament of Reconciliation
(see next page)

*I tell you most solemnly,
everyone who commits sin is a slave.*

Additional Lent Teaching Session

On Wednesday 20th March at 7pm, Fr Gary will lead a session on the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation' – perhaps better known as 'making your Confession'.

We'll explore why this is a positive part of Christian practice; some of its history and foundation; as well as a practical sense of how to prepare for this sacrament – and how to make a good confession.

We'll talk about some popular misconceptions about this sacrament, and think about the importance of the 'seal' of the confessional.

The session would be good both for those who might never have availed themselves of absolution in this way – as well as a 'refresher' for those who might already make use of this Sacramental encounter with God.

Thursday 21st

Feria of Lent

Intention: Confessors and Penitents

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

*I tell you most solemnly,
whoever keeps my word
will never see death.*

Friday 22nd

Feria of Lent

Intention: Those suffering with mental illness

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

The Jews fetched stones to stone him, so Jesus said to them, 'I have done many good works for you to see, works from my Father; for which of these are you stoning me?'

Saturday 23rd

Feria of Lent

Intention: Funeral Directors

9.30am Morning Prayer

7pm Fisher Singers Concert in church

The Jewish Passover drew near, and many of the country people who had gone up to Jerusalem to purify themselves looked out for Jesus, saying to one another as they stood about in the Temple, 'What do you think? Will he come to the festival or not?'



Holy Week

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Ps 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

Intention: The Parish and its people

10am Blessing of Palms,
Procession from the Chapel of Harrogate Ladies College
and Parish Mass

Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Monday 25th

Monday in Holy Week

Intention: To turn from sin

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Mass

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there; Martha waited on them and Lazarus was among those at table.

Tuesday 26th

Tuesday in Holy Week

Intention: Courage to walk with Jesus

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Mass

I tell you most solemnly, before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.

Wednesday 27th

Wednesday in Holy Week

Intention: For a spirit of penitence

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Mass

'I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.' They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn, 'Not I, Lord, surely?'

Holy Week: The Paschal Triduum

Thursday 28th

Maundy Thursday

Intention: Charities

8pm

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.

Friday 29th

Good Friday

Bank Holiday

Intention: All who suffer

Noon

Stations of the Cross

2pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

Saturday 30th

Easter Eve

Intention: To know the hope of the resurrection

7pm

The Easter Vigil

'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?'

Easter Week

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

Readings: Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1,2,14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

Intention: The Parish and its people

10am BST Solemn Mass of Easter Day

4pm BST Solemn Vespers and Benediction

Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Monday 1st April

Monday in the Easter Octave

Bank Holiday

Intention: The newly baptised

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Tuesday 2nd

Tuesday in the Easter Octave

Intention: The newly confirmed

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

'Woman, why are you weeping?'

Wednesday 3rd

Wednesday in the Easter Octave

Intention: The renewal of the church

11am Mass

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Thursday 4th

Thursday the Easter Octave

Intention: To grow in faith

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.’

Friday 5th

Friday the Easter Octave

Intention: To witness to the faith

9am Monthly Staff Meeting

6pm Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Jesus called out, ‘Have you caught anything, friends?’ And when they answered, ‘No’, he said, ‘Throw the net out to starboard and you’ll find something.’

Saturday 6th

Saturday the Easter Octave

Intention: Catholic societies

9.30am Morning Prayer

Lastly, he showed himself to the Eleven themselves while they were at table. He reproached them for their incredulity and obstinacy, because they had refused to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. And he said to them, ‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.’

Sunday 7th April

Easter II

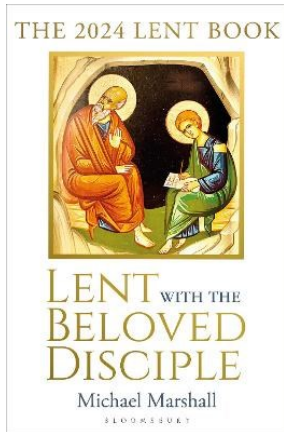
Readings: Acts 5:27-32, Ps 118: 14-29, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Intention: The Parish and its people

10am Parish Mass with baptisms

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Lent Reading

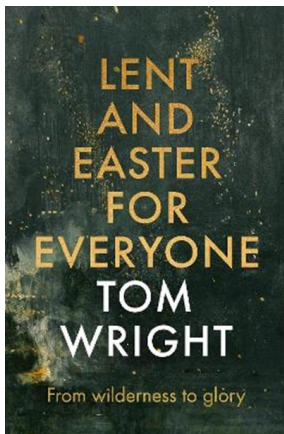


Lent with the Beloved Disciple

Bishop Michael Marshall

Bloomsbury books

You are invited on a six-week journey in the company of the 'beloved disciple' as found in the narrative of the Gospel of St John. As the only disciple to have stayed close to Jesus at every stage from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion at Calvary, this eagle-eyed eyewitness intentionally records certain subtle details and signs which, when perceived with the eyes of faith, indicate a deeper and far lasting significance.

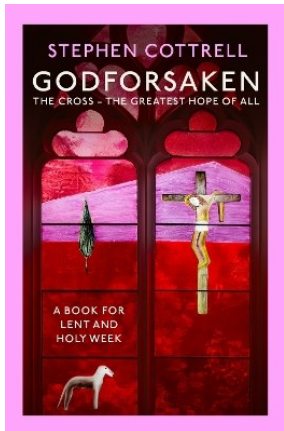


Lent and Easter for Everyone

Tom Wright

SPCK

Offering seven weeks' worth of daily readings and reflections, Lent and Easter for Everyone enables you to relive Christ's journey - from his temptations in the wilderness to the darkness of the cross and beyond into the glory of Easter. Each reflection is drawn from a key passage in Wright's immensely popular For Everyone series, and each one ends with practical suggestions for personal reflection or group discussion.

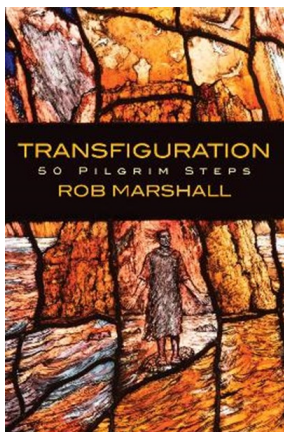


Godforsaken: The Cross – The Greatest Hope of all

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell

Hodder & Staughton

In the Gospel of Mark's account of the Passion narrative, Jesus calls out from the cross '*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*' which is the Aramaic for 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' - the first line of Psalm 22. It's an anguished expression - traditionally ascribed to King David - of defeat, failure, abandonment and despair. What does it mean for Jesus to have quoted them, at the very end of his life? What do those words mean for us?



Transfiguration: 50 pilgrim steps

Fr Rob Marshall

Canterbury Press Norwich

Popular broadcaster Rob Marshall explores the many layers of the Transfiguration and relates them to ordinary human experiences – journeying, prayer, revelation, tiredness, sleep, fear, doubt, waiting, questioning, listening, suffering, vision and much more. Mountaintop encounters with the divine are transformative, but like the disciples we are not meant to stay there. Instead, we return to the realities of daily life, changed forever by glimpsing the glory of the God. Transfiguration will help you take the power of divine revelation into your ordinary daily Christian life.

Lent Charities

Throughout Lent, we shall again be supporting two outstanding local charities: the Harrogate District Food Bank and the Harrogate Homeless Project.



For the Foodbank, there will be a box in the porch for toiletries and non-perishable food, or if you prefer, Janet will take cash donations and shop on your behalf. Please give generously: there are hungry children in Harrogate.

You can learn more about their work: <https://harrogedistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>



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HOMELESS PROJECT

We continue to support the Harrogate Homeless Project every week, as we have done for many years. Shirley will welcome your donations to buy what is most needed there. It is impossible to over emphasise how hard both charities work, and how incredibly grateful they are for our support.

Again, you can read more about what HHP do on their website:

<https://www.harrogate-homeless-project.org.uk/>

Please be as generous as you can this Lent
in supporting these Charities.



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