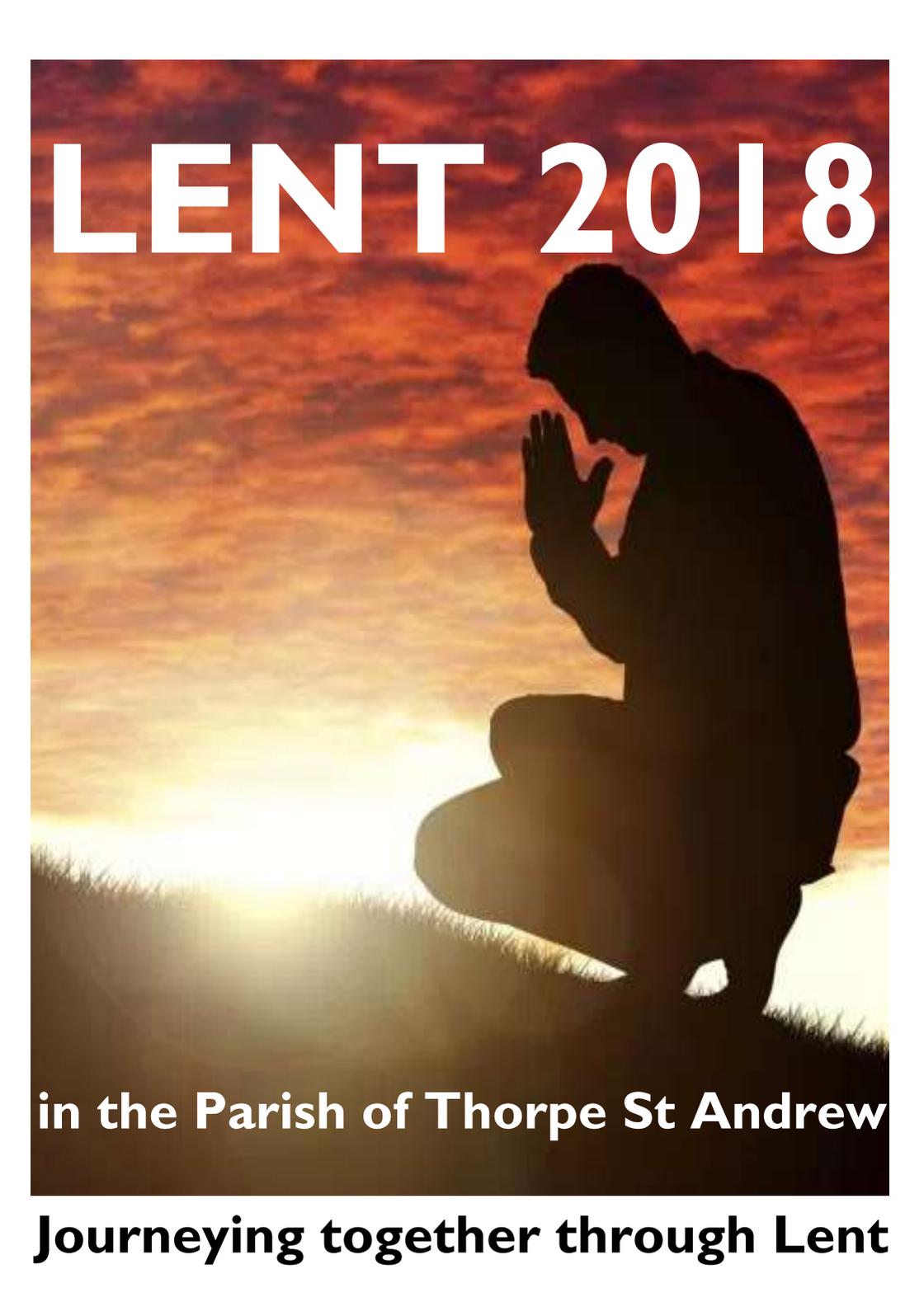


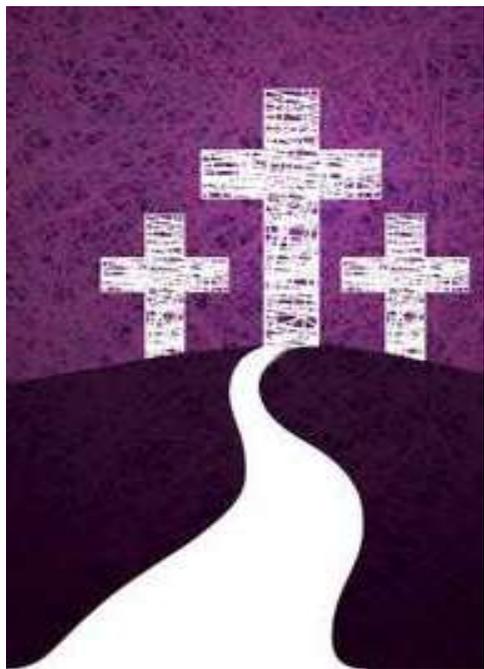
LENT 2018

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with hands clasped together, set against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and red hues. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows.

in the Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Journeying together through Lent

Lent is a time for self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, almsgiving and preparation for Easter. In the early church as candidates for baptism at Easter were instructed in Christian faith,



and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in a process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

With every blessing for a holy Lent,

*The Revd James Stewart
Rector*

Ash Wednesday 14 February 2018

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.

9.30am at Good Shepherd - Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
6.00pm at Parish Church - Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes



LENT PRAYER

Lent Study Group on Prayer

Lent offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and prayer is central to this. Yet how often have we wondered whether we might try different approaches to it or do it more often? This six-session course looks at prayer from a number of different perspectives. We will gather on Wednesday afternoons at The St Andrew's Centre at 2.00 with tea and coffee, starting our study at 2.15pm. The sessions will last just over an hour. The sessions are open to all within our community.

February 14 - What is prayer?

February 28 – Praying with the Bible

March 7 - Contemplative prayer

March 14 - Praying with icons and art

March 21 - Ignatian prayer and spirituality

March 28 - Praying with music

Please note that there is no session on 21 February.

The course is being run jointly by Fr James and the Revd Matthew. For further information please contact the Rector: The Revd James Stewart on 01603 927291 or rector@thorpeparishchurch.org



Evensong

Lenten Evensong 4 March at 5.00pm

The choir at the Parish Church will sing a service of Choral Evensong for Lent on 4 March (The Third Sunday of Lent) at 5.00pm. Come and experience God's presence in the beautiful liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer and the choral music.

Lent Lunches

This year we will hold two Lent lunches, with the proceeds going to the Bishop's Lent Appeal (this year for our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea). The meal will consist of a simple bowl of soup and bread and cheese to follow.

16 February: 12 noon for 12.30pm at The St Andrew's Centre. Please be in touch with Ann Cox (01603 436619) or Olga Bradshaw (01603 435678) to book a place.

16 March: 12 noon for 12.30pm at The Rectory. Please be in touch with The Rector: email on rector@thorpeparishchurch.org or 01603 927291 to book a place.

Details of our programme for Holy Week and Easter will follow in our March magazine.

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