

# Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

*Six thriving and growing churches, making Christ known in  
our area of Milton Keynes.*



## February 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the February edition of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Newsletter, (also see website at [www.stantonbury.net](http://www.stantonbury.net)).

### Partnership News

#### Pastoral News

#### February 2026

#### Lets review, and continue to build

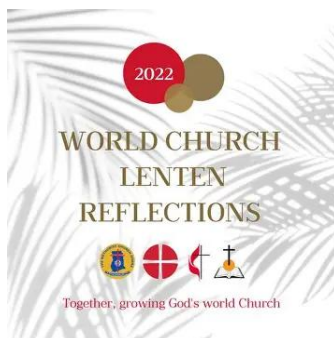
*‘Like living stones let yourselves be built into a  
spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer  
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus  
Christ.’*

1 Peter 2 v 5



With the first of our Stewardship Sunday reflections last month, I found myself prayerfully considering the implications of this key verse which Peter gave us; with both the action and the submission in our churches that it points to.

February is a month that leads into our annual Church meetings, and many in our partnership will be formatting their annual reports of the work we have done this past year. I want to thank all friends for the considerable devotion and commitment I see around the SEP, but encourage that our work continues in this new year to seek to continue to offer those ‘acceptable spiritual sacrifices’ in the churches and as this year unfolds. There is also an SEP restructuring proposed this year, which needs both endorsement from the churches, and new volunteers to be involved.



This month is also a time of opportunity for personal spiritual renewal, with the start of Lent. I would encourage all friends to be involved in our upcoming Lent study course, being run by our weekly Bible study groups and based around some key themes developed worldwide by our friends in the Methodist Church - originally in 2022. The material for personal study is free and available to all (please contact me), but it is best pondered ‘together’ and in our groups; which I hope you can join.

As the cold weather continues, I hope hearts are warmed with all that God is doing through our lives and in the life of our churches.

With every blessing

Rev Phil Dunning

SEP Baptist Minister and Vision Enabler

...Acting Ministry team leader

## **Pastoral Letter to the Congregations**

### **Preparing Ourselves for Lent: The Significance of Ash Wednesday and Ashing**

Lent is a season of reflection, penitence, and spiritual renewal observed by Christians across the world. For those in the Anglican tradition, Lent offers a sacred journey towards Easter, marked by self-examination, prayer, and acts of discipline. The period of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls on 18th February this year, ushering in forty days (excluding Sundays) of preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

### **The Origin and Meaning of Lent**

The word "Lent" is derived from the Old English word 'Lenten', meaning spring, referencing the season in which it falls. Historically, Lent draws inspiration from Jesus' forty days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, as recounted in the Gospels. Early Christians adopted this period as a time of preparation for baptism, and over the centuries, it evolved into a season for all believers to renew their commitment to Christ through repentance and spiritual discipline.

### **Ash Wednesday and the Practice of Ashing**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is observed with a special service in which worshippers receive the sign of the cross in ash on their foreheads. The practice of ashing has its roots in ancient Jewish tradition, where the use of ashes was a sign of mourning and repentance. The ashes themselves are typically made by burning the palm crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday, symbolising both the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem and the fleeting nature of earthly glory.

The ashing ceremony carries profound meaning. As the priest applies the ashes, the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" are spoken. This serves as a humbling reminder of our mortality and our need for God's grace. The act of ashing is not simply about acknowledging our sinfulness, but about opening ourselves to transformation and renewal through Christ's mercy. It is an invitation to turn away from those things that draw us from God and to embrace practices that draw us closer to Him.

### **Preparing Our Hearts for Lent**

As we approach Lent, it is helpful to set aside time for honest self-reflection, seeking God's guidance in recognising those areas of our lives in need of change. Many find it meaningful to adopt a Lenten discipline—such as fasting, prayer, or charitable giving—not as an end in itself, but as a way of making space for God. This season is ultimately about drawing nearer to Christ, deepening our dependence on Him, and preparing our hearts to rejoice in the hope and new life offered at Easter.

**Ash Wednesday Service 18<sup>th</sup> February 12.30 pm** at Cross & Stable Church Downs Barn -MK14 7RZ. Join us as Bishop Dave, our Bishop of Buckingham, celebrates Holy Communion with us and conducts the Service of Ashing.

*Sam*

Revd Dr Sam Muthuveloe -Minister -Cross & Stable Church Downs Barn & St Mary Magdalene Willen

### **Report on the visit to SEP by Bishop Dave Bull, Bishop of Buckingham**

We welcomed Bishop Dave on the evening of January 6<sup>th</sup> to St Andrews Church, and he was joined by Acting Associate Archdeacon Deiniol Heywood. This meeting had been suggested to encourage SEP Churches with the continuing uncertainty in our Ministerial team. Advanced questions had been encouraged and the meeting centred on these, with worship organised as we came together and at the conclusion led by our Ministers. Over 90 SEP members attended - representing all of our churches.

The Bishop began by encouraging us to continue the work we were doing and confirming that we have his support as much as possible. He reported though that there was little prospect of a resolution to the situation this year, and for the moment we continue to rely on our other clergy, who actually are making a great team. Other Parishes are not as well supported as we are.

We asked about possible other additional Clergy coming to us to help, but were told that no paid staff were available and there is also no chance of getting a curate, without an active Rector in place. Increase of Clergy in MK is on the Bishop's radar, but longer term, and part of a wider strategy. The Bishop also prompted that we have a Rector, and we are responsible for him. There is some relief on the parish share available due to suspension (10%), but we must treat this 'the same' if we had a long term illness in the team. Acting Associate Archdeacon Deiniol talked about the Diocese finances generally being flat, and there is no reimbursement (insurance) against this sort of situation. Comment was made however that we will be looked at favourably for any good application for the Diocese Development Fund, and an application is currently being drafted for SEP particularly targeting the youth work we had begun recently.

Questions were also aired concerning the future of the Church School in Great Linford and the Bishop confirmed there are Diocesan discussions happening on this subject. The building is tied to use for education purposes.

There followed also encouragement for SEP members to continue to discuss and advocate for the partnership's work, with some negativity being expressed about its future. The Bishop generally encouraged us that the Kingdom is growing, and mission is flourishing around us. We need to maintain prayer, commitment and dedication, in the power of the Holy Spirit. God will provide for our needs and grow his church.

A full write up of the discussion is available to all SEP members on request to our Partnership Administrator. [sburyepadm@gmail.com](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com)

## **Being With**

If you find yourself wondering about your spiritual life, its meaning, or have questions you would like to explore, we will be running a course beginning in February. We will meet in a relaxed setting, such as a pub or another place with good food, and plenty of space for conversation. The course is called 'Being With'. It is a welcoming journey for those new to faith or simply curious about Christianity. Together, we will explore themes such as who God is, the life of Jesus, prayer, and the resurrection, through shared conversations where every voice matters. No prior knowledge is needed, and there are no right or wrong answers. The course will be led by the Revd Peterson Feital and the Revd Phil Dunning.

If you would like more information about the course, please email Peterson at [revpfeital@gmail.com](mailto:revpfeital@gmail.com) or see the website: <https://being-with.org>

The date and location of the course tba.

## **Partnership wide services**

Thank you to the 100 plus members who attended the meeting with Dave, Bishop of Buckingham at St Andrews on 6<sup>th</sup> January. A special thanks to the congregation for their hospitality. Bishop Dave listened to all our concerns about the care and communication with the Diocese, which he apologised for and promised to improve this. Although he listened with compassion he is unable to provide ministers on a regular basis. He did say he has asked the finance staff at the Diocese to allow us to apply for funding to a fund that would not normally be open to us. His vision will take a decade to put in place and he asked for our support and prayer and plea to work together to bring about a more Christ-like Milton Keynes. He will move to live in Milton Keynes when his son finishes 6<sup>th</sup> form next year.

Our next joint service is 31<sup>st</sup> May as the March date falls on Palm Sunday. Any Church Officers wanting to offer their church as a venue should let Helen Eaton know on [sburyepadm@gmail.com](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com)

## **Good-bye**

We say a fond farewell to Revd. Esther Squire, from Bradwell St Lawrence congregation. Esther put much effort into working with the local community and young people. Please pray for her new life as she retires to Norfolk with her husband.

## **‘SEP MED Group’ - Mission, Evangelism, Discipleship**

The latest notes for the last MED group meeting are available in all our churches and from Phil (please contact directly), and reflect the themes we discussed and prayed for on 19th January.

These included...

- ‘Partnership Pilgrimage’ - Summer 2026
- Christmas Youth Gospel Choir
- Lent Course - ‘World Church Lent Reflections’
- Enhancing Social media input and use
- Bishop’s visit in January

- 'Being with' - new discipleship course
- Holy Week meditations

Next meeting - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - hybrid, live venue TBA.

## Rev Phil Dunning

### Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Council

The next SEP Council meeting will be 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Please let Helen know if you have a warm place for us to meet. Can all the CLT Chairs ensure their congregation is represented there.

Helen's SEP admin. phone number is 01908382458 and her email is [sburyepadm@gmail.com](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com). Our hope is that Helen will remove some of the burden of administrative tasks from the shoulders of our ministers and officers. We can all help with that **by contacting Helen with any admin or bookings, in the first instance, instead of our ministers and officers.** Helen will then feedback any bookings to our Team Leader, Revd. Phil Dunning, who will be able to decide who the best Minister is to take any service or office forward.

Thank you to Revd. Phil, who is determining what support we can obtain for our March to May 2026 worship rota for the whole partnership with wider support from the Anglican, Baptist and Methodist denominations, so he can ensure a fair coverage of worship and pastoral care across our six congregations. Phil is our Team Minister and Leader and determines worship in our Partnership. Please discuss worship needs at your regular Congregation meetings and feedback to Helen Eaton.

### EVENTS on website

Helen is devising a way forward, with Paul Brookman of Bradwell Church, to make it easier to check for events at each church. This will help our congregation members, who maybe can't make the Bible Study group closest, but would like to go to one on a day or time better suited to them.

I hope to see you at Cross and Stable as Bishop Dave officiates the 'ashing' at 12,30 on Ash Wednesday.

God Bless

Sharron, Lay Chair of SEPC

## Our Church Services and Events

### **Bradwell Church, St Lawrence**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30      Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Phil Dunning*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30      Holy Communion**

*Led by the Rt Rev the Bishop of Buckingham Dave Bull*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30      Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Stephanie Hibberd*



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30      Morning Worship**

*Led by Chris Linford*

Most services are live streamed to You Tube. The You Tube link is @BradwellChurch MiltonKeynes. Simply go to You Tube, search for this and click the red live button just before the service begins.

Gardening Club is on its winter break.

Bell Ringing practice every Wednesday at 19:45. Beginners welcome.

### **Christ Church, Stantonbury**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30      Morning Worship**

*Led by Rev Jenny and John Boxwell*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30      Morning Worship**

*Led by Rev Phil Dunning*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30      Morning Worship**

*Led by Maggie Prisk*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30      Holy Communion with Virtual Communion**

*Led by Rev Dr Kofi Tekyi-Ansah*



All Sunday services are live-streamed to Christ Church's Facebook page, using the link below. You don't need to belong to Facebook in order to follow the service.

Streaming starts from 10.25 <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchmk/>

There is also a Christ Church website at [www.christchurchmk.org.uk](http://www.christchurchmk.org.uk) which has the service details on it, and which is updated each week

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 09:30      Coffee and cake morning**

All donations received go to Christ Church coffee money charity.

**Morning Drop-In** every Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30.

Meets at Church, refreshments and a quiz are available.

**Under 5's** meet every Thursday in **Term time only** from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Hall.

Re-starts on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Cross and Stable, Downs Barn**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00      Signed Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Peter Green*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00      Carol Service**

*Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00      Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Phil Dunning*



**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 Holy Communion + Service of Ashing for Ash Wednesday**

*Led by the Rt Rev the Bishop of Buckingham Dave Bull*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 Family Breakfast**

*Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe*

Bell Ringing practice every Friday at 19:30.

Services are live-streamed on Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922248518?pwd=Tm4vd00wancwVk52cCtqNm5tMWRZdz09>

**Meeting ID: 859 2224 8518 Passcode: 830413**

**Friday at 2:00 pm - Prayer time & Bible reflection on Zoom**

This lasts around 45 mins - do join us from wherever you are on Zoom!

Please contact Sue Baines for the Link on [suejbaines@gmail.com](mailto:suejbaines@gmail.com)

**Chatterbox MK** every Wednesday from 10:30 to 12:30. All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet and chat. Come and meet others.

Please pray for the **Care Homes in Neath Hill & Downs Barn** as we conduct a Church Service and Holy Communion on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3.00pm and 4.00pm** respectively. Remember the frail, elderly, the caring staff & the concerned families as we minister God's love and grace.

**St. Andrews', Great Linford**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 Open Door**

*Led by The Worship Group*

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Wednesday Communion**

*Led by Rev Prof John Beazley*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Peterson Feital*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Prof John Beazley*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 Morning Worship**

*Led by Rev Charles Dixon*



Morning Services are live-streamed on Facebook using this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsGL>

Morning Worship every Wednesday at 08:30 in Church. All are welcome to attend in church or on our Facebook page.

Bell Ringing practice every Tuesday at 19:30.

**St Andrews 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Seminar Group**

You would be most welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of each month and participate in the discussion, which usually starts at about 11am. Please email [greatlinford@gmail.com](mailto:greatlinford@gmail.com) if you would like information on the current study topic. **John Beazley.**

**5 WAYS CAFÉ at St. Andrews' Church**

**11.00am to 1.00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month**

Join us to enjoy good company, refreshments, a selection of board games, Pete on the piano and, for those wanting a bit of exercise, an accompanied walk in Great Linford Manor Park. And every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month there is accessible art for free at the "Coffee & Craft" session with local artist Jane Charles. Just come along and join in. All are welcome to 5Ways - we aim to be dementia friendly.

## **St. James', New Bradwell**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 09:30**      **Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Peterson Feital*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 09:30**      **Open Door**

*Led by The Open Door Team*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 09:30**      **Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Hannah Akibo-Betts*

**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> at 19:00** **Holy Communion + Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday**

*Led by Rev Peterson Feital*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 09:30**      **Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Dr Paul Smith*



Services are live-streamed most weeks to St James' Facebook page at [St James Church NB | Facebook](#)

Every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 and Wednesday from 09:30 to 11:30, St James' hosts a Coffee Morning.

Visit St James' website at [www.stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk](http://www.stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk) for more information.

## **St. Mary Magdalene, Willen**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 09:30**      **All Age Morning Worship**

*Led by Margaret Moakes LLM*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 09:30**      **Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 09:30**      **Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 09:30**      **Holy Communion**

*Led by Rev Phil Dunning*      Followed by a Congregational Meeting



The monthly communion service at **Oaktree Court, Portland Drive** will be at **2.15 pm on February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone who would like to join us, would be welcome. Please speak to Margaret Moakes.

**Volunteer Gardening and T.T.T.T** (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) have finished for this season. A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers for all their great work in delivering **T.T.T.T** and also in maintaining and upgrading the churchyard in 2025.

## **St Mary Magdalene Willen: Hooke Heritage Project**

The new Historic Willen website puts St Mary Magdalene Church in the spotlight, sharing its history and highlighting the significant architectural features which make it so distinctive. The website also includes a worship link which connects directly to St Mary Magdalene ministry information at the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership website. In a nice design touch, the website uses fonts and colours from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Take a rummage around it, you may find things about St Mary Magdalene Church and Willen Village which you never knew. [www.historicwillen.org](http://www.historicwillen.org).

## **Future events**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**18:00 SEP Youth Evening**

at St James church with special guest Sheniah Asiamah, an MK based singer, musician and songwriter.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026:**

**1.00pm – 3.00pm Dermot Turing – Misread Signals: How History Overlooked Women Codebreakers**

St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Keynes, MK15 9AA

Join the Hooke Heritage Project and Women Leaders UK for an inspiring author talk uncovering stories of the women who cracked enemy codes during the Second World War. Female mathematicians, engineers, and early computer scientists whose work shaped modern tech but was written out of the story for decades. All hosted in a building created by another overlooked visionary: the 17<sup>th</sup>-century polymath Robert Hooke.

Sir Dermot is passionate about recognising the significant scientific and technical roles of women at Bletchley Park and challenges the sector to do more to tackle gender disparity today. With his links to Bletchley Park, the National Museum of Computing and the College's Institute of Technology, he has also played his part shaping MK.

We're expecting quite a lot of interest in this talk so it would be helpful if you could RSVP to [jacky@thescotts.uk.com](mailto:jacky@thescotts.uk.com) so that we know if the additional chairs might be needed.

## **Role Huddles**

Across the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership there are groups of people with shared interests, abilities, knowledge or talents, building links between our six congregations.

These role huddles include those with an interest in:

- ❖ Eco-church
- ❖ IT, sound systems, live streaming
- ❖ Providing music for services
- ❖ Communication, social media
- ❖ Pastoral Care
- ❖ Care of our church buildings

These are very informal groups, only meeting if needed, but able to offer support.

If you are interested in finding out more, if you feel your congregation needs help with any of these, or if you could offer help, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the group.

Many thanks, Irene [irene@tfarr.plus.com](mailto:irene@tfarr.plus.com)

## **External Ecumenical News**

We want to plan for our future in faith and church and ministry. If anyone reading this is thinking their future may lie in any level of ministry, please speak to Rev Phil or drop me a line.

## **News from Diocese of Oxford**



**The next Archdeacon of Buckingham will be the Revd Cassa Messervy. She takes up the role in March next year.**

Cassa is currently the rector of the Wychert Vale benefice, having moved there in 2021 and has spent all her time in the diocese after she was ordained in 2011. She served her curacy in Beaconsfield, before moving to Seer Green and Jordans. She said: "I am looking forward to seeing all that God is doing in our deaneries and working with and for the wonderful people of the Buckingham Archdeaconry." During her time in the diocese, Cassa has served as an associate Area Dean in Amersham and as a Co-Area Dean in Aylesbury. She has also served on the Diocesan Synod, the Bishop's Council, and Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust. Cassa is chair of the English Clergy Association and Lighthouse Haddenham.

Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt Revd Dave Bull, said: "We very much look forward to welcoming Cassa to the senior team in the Buckingham area. Please pray for her and her family as she prepares to take up her role." Cassa has been involved with Lighthouse Beaconsfield, planting new family focussed congregations and has served as a governor in several schools. Cassa has an academic interest in ecclesiastical law. Cassa takes up the role after the Revd Guy Elsmore retired in September last year, after nine years' service.

## **News from the Regional Central Baptist Union**

It's that time of year again

Church Annual Return System (CARS) Information required for the BUGB Statistics of Membership and Attendance as at 30th November 2025, or as near to that date as possible.

### **Membership and Attendance**

Attendance During the week: Please give the number of children/young people/adults with whom the church has regular contact through church organised activities on Sundays and mid-week - e.g. Sunday school, uniformed organisations, youth clubs, Drop-in centres, Seniors Groups etc. Please note that the ages given are a guide and are not prescriptive. Note also that the number of adults' figure should include your church members as well as any others who attend Sunday services and/or weekday activities on a regular basis.

Baptisms: This is the number of Believers Baptisms which took place in the last calendar year. Ecumenical Church/Partnerships: If you are an ecumenical church (LEP) please put the total number of members in 'Total LEP membership' and the

number of Baptist members in 'Church Members' . In some LEPs these figures will be the same as all members are seen as members of all the participating denominations.

**Church Members:** Those who have been accepted by the fellowship and committed themselves to support, and participate in, the life of the church including discerning the will of God through the church meeting

**Children (0-10) & Young People (11-17)** Those you have regular contact through church organised activities on Sundays and mid-week, eg Sunday school, uniformed organisations, youth clubs, etc

**Adults (18+)** Include church members as well as any others who attend Sunday services and/or weekday activities on a regular basis such as drop-in centres, seniors groups etc  
**Children (0-10) Young People (11-17) Young Adults (18-30) Other Adults (31-64) Seniors (65+)**

## News from the Methodist Church

The Methodist Church gives thanks for the ministry of His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols as Archbishop of Westminster, as he retires from this office, and congratulates Bishop Richard Moth on his appointment as the leader of Catholics in England and Wales.



Cardinal Nichols has given distinguished leadership over a lifetime of ministry, including 34 years as a bishop, and as Cardinal has guided the Catholic Church in England and Wales through some of the most challenging moments of modern times. As a President of Churches Together in England, he has borne witness to the unity of the Christian Church, and the fellowship among Christians that Methodists so celebrate.

We wish Cardinal Vincent every blessing in his retirement, and we pray for Bishop Richard Moth as he prepares to take up the mantle as Archbishop of Westminster in February. We give thanks for the warm friendship that Methodists share with Catholics across the Connexion, and join with our Catholic siblings in celebration at today's news.

Sharron, Chair of SEP CIO Council

## News from Churches Together in Milton Keynes

Our strapline is:

*One in Christ Jesus, engaged in God's mission, empowered by the Spirit.*

There are far too many items on the website to list, so please take a look for yourself at the website: [Churches Together in Milton Keynes \(ctmk.church\)](http://ctmk.church)

Susan Armstrong, of St Mary Magdalene, is the link to CTMK.

## News from the Partnership Green Champions

### Eco Tip February 2026

#### Carbon Fast for Lent

As Christians we are encouraged to fast during Lent.

Following last month's eco tip to calculate your carbon footprint, A Rocha is suggesting that we take part in the Carbon Fast for Lent.

The challenge is to live more simply and reduce your carbon footprint. Each week will feature a different theme to help us take climate action.

You can sign up to take part by following this link where you will also find more details:

[climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast](https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast)

*I hope that you have found this and previous newsletters interesting and useful.*

*If there is anything else you think would make it better or find any glaring omissions, please let your congregation's newsletter editor, Sharron or me know.*

*The deadline for information to go into the **March** issue is **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. to allow me to get it to you in time to send out before the beginning of **March***

*John*

John Porter

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