

40 Days of Purpose

This is our Lent project for this year, and we hope that everyone will join us in making our Church Lenten journey a purposeful, spirit-led and rewarding one.

We will journey together in three ways.

1. A Purpose Driven Life

Each of you, or rather each family in the Church, will be given a copy of the book "a Purpose Driven life" which has a short chapter for each day for the 40 days of Lent. This does not include Sundays, so Sunday can be a day to reflect on the weeks readings or to read something again. There is much to think about, and you do not have to agree with everything in the book, but please give it a go – it actually gets better as it goes along. Several of our congregation have read it already and found it extremely valuable.

Some people have asked if they can make a contribution towards the book, so if you wish to do so, (please do not feel obliged) then pass £5 to Edward or Monica.

2. 40 Days of Purpose Small Group Study

We have four study groups planned, and would love to have more. Perhaps you could host one, or lead one. We hope to meet every week to follow the course which runs parallel to the book, and this is your chance to discuss the issues raised. Each session starts with a talk on DVD by Rick Warren, the author, and will be followed by a time of sharing and discussion.

Please see opposite for times and venues. If you wish to join a group you may want to purchase a study guide. If so, please see Monica. The cost for these is £3.

Please join us for one of these Small Group Study sessions.

Day	Venue	Start date
Monday	Christine's house 8 Larch Close, at 2pm	22 nd February
Wednesdays	Rob and Monica's 56 Fielding Drive, 7.45	17 th February
Thursdays	Upper Room, 7.30pm	18 th February
Thursdays	Val's group meet fortnightly at different venues - see Val for details	Started on 28 Jan, then 11, 25 Feb, 11, 25 March, 8 April

3. Sunday Services

Our services during Lent will be based on the topics of each week of the course. These are as follows:

21 Feb Lent 1	What on earth am I here for?	Bible teaching, led by Monica
28 Feb Lent 2	Worship: You were planned for God's pleasure.	Circuit Service, led by Gary
7 Mar Lent 3	Fellowship: You were formed for God's family	Holy Communion, led by Gary
14 Mar Lent 4	Discipleship: You were created to become like Christ.	Mothering Sunday, Praise Service, led by Monica
21 Mar Lent 5	Ministry: You were shaped for serving God	Bible teaching; preacher to be announced
28 Mar Lent 6	Evangelism: You were made for Mission	Palm Sunday, Own Arrangements

**SHROVE TUESDAY – TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
LAUNCH OF 40 DAYS OF PURPOSE
AT MUFFINS AND MORE PANCAKE PARTY, 12 NOON.**