

Preparing in Lent

take another step

The Diocesan Lent Challenge this year is called **take another step** and begins on 13th February. It offers individuals a simple way of taking time each day to reflect and making time to act. Visit <http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk> or Google "live the challenge" and sign up to receive the daily emails or texts.



*Take the Challenge ...
live the words of Jesus this Lent*

Wherever you are on your journey of faith this is a chance for you to **take another step**. Whether you are just beginning to follow Jesus, or been working at it for years, or even still thinking about it, this is for you.

The words of Jesus are truth and life, not simply to know in our heads but to live each day. Lent offers a great opportunity to take up that challenge and make a difference in our lives, our relationships and our communities.

So why not sign up today to receive a daily email or text?

Visit www.livethechallenge.co.uk for more information.

- Take time to **read** and **think** about something Jesus said,
- Make time to **pray** and then **act** on it.
- Journey through the Gospel of **Matthew** from the beginning of Jesus ministry through to the events of Holy Week.
- Emails will include a section designed for **children** which can be used by families, schools or church groups

Take Another Step is the Live the Challenge initiative for Lent 2013 from the Diocese of St Albans. It begins on Wednesday 13th February.

You can download a weekly sheet with the verses and reflections and read previous verses on the website. In addition you can add your comments on each day's verse or post videos.

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If you would like to print out the daily verses to give to people who do not have access to the internet you can find weekly sheets at <http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/>

Love Life Live Lent

Since 2007, over 400,000 people have used these booklets to change the world, one small action at a time.

Launched in the Diocese of Birmingham in 2006, the Love Life Live Lent booklets help you **be the change** in your neighbourhood,

workplace, or school by offering one simple action for each day of Lent to make the world a better place.

Now returning in a new edition with 40 all-new actions, Love Life Live Lent is available in both **Adult & Youth** and **Kids** versions. More information can be found here <http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/feature.asp?id=2394561>

This year the Church of England will also be using Twitter to help spread the word about all those small changes we can help to make in our communities.

Follow us @LiveLent and use the tag #livetntag to let us know your LLLL thoughts and keep up with news of new web resources and initiatives both nationally and locally to help everyone make the most of Lent 2013!



Do you have a Heart for Hertford?

Would you like to be better connected, be informed and encouraged?

A series of Lent talks exploring 'Connections'

In the Methodist Church, Ware Road, Hertford.

8:00 pm to about 9:30 including refreshments.

Monday 25th February.
Connecting with Culture.
Antony Billington.

Head of Theology at the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity.

Monday 4th March.
Connecting with Families.
Reg Bailey.

Chief executive of the Mothers Union.

Monday 11th March.
Connecting with Tradition.
Fr. Terence Phipps.
St Josephs, Hertford.

Monday 18th March.
Connecting with Community.
Jack Scarfe. BASH. Connecting with Youth.
Rick Hartwig. Street Pastors. Hertford & Ware. Connecting with nightlife.
Mark Wood. Future Hope. Hertford. Connecting with those in crisis.

And then

Monday 25th March. The start of Holy Week and a time to reflect on personal connections at a Church near you.

Friday 29th March. Connecting with Shoppers !.
A morning open air event in Bircherley Shopping Centre, Hertford.
Details and times to follow..... all invited.

Sunday 31st March. Easter Day. Rejoice !

There will be a small charge for coffee and a retiring collection will be made towards the cost or speakers chosen charity.

Lent Lunches

Quaker Room, 50 Railway St.

These will be held every Wednesday during Lent, starting on 13th February. Coffee will be served from 11 to 12 noon and a Sandwich and fruit lunch from 12 noon to 1.30pm. All proceeds to Christian Aid

Quiet Time

Every Wednesday, including through Lent, Quakers have a half-hour Quiet Time in the Meeting House from 12.30 to 1pm. For those that wish, this is followed with soup in the Quaker Room, except during the period of Lent Lunches. Quakers welcome anyone to join them, whether on an occasional or a regular basis.

A Passion Play for Hertford

Dramatic reading Wednesday 27th March
2013, St Andrews Church 7pm

Would you like to get involved in a community production of a modern Passion Play? Come along to this reading to hear the play and find out if you would like to act, perform music, help backstage, raise funds or help out in any other way to get a production off the ground.

A local playwright Kate Miller is writing a new Passion Play for Hertford based on the final days of Jesus' life. A small planning group consisting of Kate, Alan Stewart (vicar of St Andrew's), Rhys Thomas (artistic director of Hertford Theatre) and Julia Hollet (press and PR manager at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre) have been meeting to discuss the possibility of performing the Hertford Passion over the Easter Weekend in 2014.

Our hope is that this will be a community project, and the scale and feasibility of the production will largely depend upon the volunteer contribution of folk from the local churches and community. We are actively exploring funding options for the play and would invite anyone to contact us who might know of any possible revenue streams available for the project.

In order to raise awareness of the play we will premiere a dramatic reading of Act 1 during Holy Week this Easter at St Andrew's Church (Wednesday 27th March at 7 for 7.30pm). If you are interested in knowing more or getting involved please do come along. We are especially keen to meet anyone who might have experience in costume, lighting, acting, music etc, but the project is open to all, including young people aged 12+. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and in order to begin fundraising, there will also be an opportunity to give financially towards the project.

Please do contact Alan on h.alanstewart@tiscali.co.uk (01992 582726) if you would like to know more.