

## **As we journey through Lent together ...**

The next two pages contain invitations for events during Lent. Notice that there is a choice of *three* different study groups, depending on where you live and which week-day evening you are free.

There are also many on-line Lenten resources, of which these are a few:

CTBI at <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/CGB/649> – “Parables and possessions”, a study resource based on a Church of Scotland report.

Via <http://tinyurl.com/nnv6nek> – a free series “Love Life: Living the Gospel of Love”, where subscribers get a daily email with a mobile-friendly video and evocative question.

Lent & Beyond at <https://anglicanprayer.wordpress.com/> – aim at “encouraging and providing resources to those who are committed to praying for ... the Anglican Communion.”

If action appeals more than reflection, give thanks and practical help to:

Christian Aid at <http://tinyurl.com/o2jz373> – the thought-provoking “Count Your Blessings” calendar and other resources.

WaterAid at <http://tinyurl.com/ogj6opq> – “Jars of Change” – pumping new life into villages devastated by dirty water.

USPG at <http://tinyurl.com/pe6ysp9> – a 40-day journey of peace  
Tearfund Carbonfast 2014 (<http://tinyurl.com/oojmm5o>) – help protect poor people from the changing climate.

## Mark's Pattern and Purpose

A discussion in five parts led by the Very Rev Jim Mein on the pattern and fundamental message of Mark's Gospel, on **Wednesdays** 12, 19, 26 March and 2, 9 April in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dunfermline.

So do join us at 7.15pm for tea/coffee – 7.30pm start, and end by 9.00pm. Bibles and pen/paper will be useful!

### On the road!

Bishop David has again arranged two Lent Roadshows, the second of which will be at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 26 March** in Perth in the Cathedral Chapter House.

The topic will be “Let's Go to Church – 10 Important Things about Worship in 2014”. The session will last an hour and a half and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

### Walking together

On Saturday 22 March, Dunfermline Presbytery will celebrate the story of Christian faith within the Presbytery with an exhibition, storytelling and music at Dunfermline Abbey from 1.00pm–4.00pm, followed by a service.

To get there, why not start at 10.00am and join one of the pilgrims' walks, from Culross, Dalgety Bay or Cowdenbeath? Refreshments on arrival at the Abbey Halls. Stewards and walkers wanted! More information from the Church Office (01383 723005) or the links at <http://tinyurl.com/otd56o7>.

## Ecumenical Lent Study Group

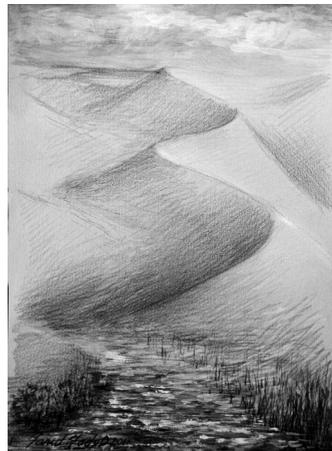
Using the BBC's *The Nativity* during Advent 2013 was so good that it was agreed to repeat the same format in Lent, so this year's ecumenical study at Rosyth will be based on the four episodes of the BBC DVD *The Passion*.

The group is meeting at St Columba's, Torridon Lane, Rosyth at 7.30pm each **Monday** evening from 3 March through to Holy Week. Everyone will be most welcome.

### Lent Bible Study @ the Manse

The subject is “Build on the rock; Faith, Doubt and Jesus”. The dates are **Tuesdays** 11 and 25 March, 1, 8 and 15 April from 7.30pm–9.30pm at the Rosyth Methodist Manse.

All are welcome. For more information contact Deacon Sarah Tel: 01383 611000.



An illustration for the 2014 WDP by Farid Fadel

# World Day of Prayer

Streams in the Desert

The 2014 services in this area are:

## On **Friday 7 March**

2.00pm at North Queensferry  
Church of Scotland

2.15pm at St Leonard's Parish  
Church, Brucefield Avenue,  
Dunfermline

7.15pm at St Ninian's Parish  
Church, Allan Crescent,  
Abbeyview, Dunfermline

On **Saturday 8 March**, there will be a special children's event in Gillespie Memorial Church, Chapel Street, Dunfermline. This starts at 2.00pm with a crafts session and follows with an act of worship at 3.00pm.

Mary Kidd writes ...

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is extensive. An international committee works from New York and each participating country has its own national committee. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, on 7 March, women, men and children will gather to celebrate using a programme of worship offered this year by women in Egypt.

The theme of our service is 'Streams in the Desert', and we are asked to reflect on our Christian role of being a 'stream in the desert' for those who experience spiritual 'drought'. We believe that the service from Egypt has universal appeal.

One of the oldest civilisations in the world, Egypt has long been home to Coptic Christians. Since the uprising in 2011 there has been conflict between religious groupings. Political change affects individual lives and we pray with the women of Egypt for peace.

We envisage a great wave of prayer, rising with the sun over the island of Samoa and sweeping across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, coming to rest in American Samoa some 36 hours later. By then WDP services will have been celebrated in over 170 countries.

All are welcome to attend, men and women and people of all ages. You will note that in Scotland we have dropped the earlier title of Women, so that all people are included, and warmly invited to share with us. For further information and resources, together details of services in other areas, see the WDP website: [www.wdpscotland.org.uk](http://www.wdpscotland.org.uk)

Note that our Rosyth Partnership will be hosting this event in March 2015!