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Dear Friends,

We have reached the Last Sunday before Lent, and the lectionary gives us the Transfiguration of Jesus – perhaps a vision to hold in mind through the coming weeks of Lenten austerity. In her sermon, Rev Carol applies that heavenly vision to our lives on earth. I am delighted also to enclose intercessions by April Beech, who has joined the rota for leading our prayers.

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9

Collect: *Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Lent starts with **Ash Wednesday** on 17th February, so we have a second service as well this week. Although we can't do the traditional 'imposition of ashes' remotely, it is still important to mark the day. So, there is a special order of service, sermon by Rev Lin and intercessions by David Fulljames – all enclosed. The service will be available online, YouTube and Facebook from Wednesday morning, and, for those who receive it, as a second track on the DVD. The Collect and readings are given on the order of service.

If there is anyone else who wants to join the **Lent course** (Tuesday afternoons or Wednesday evenings, from 23/24 February) don't forget to let me know, or indeed if you'd like the accompanying booklet or transcript.

Can I, once again, thank you, all of you who maintain your **giving** to the church? With no income from hall-bookings or fund-raising at present, it is only by the giving of the membership that we keep going. By your generosity, the deficits incurred by both churches in 2020 were much lower than they would otherwise have been. So, thank you, and please, please keep it up!

Christian Aid is running a virtual conference, to which all supporters are most welcome. It's called 'Change Makers' and runs from 22 to 26 February, and gives a chance to be inspired by what other churches are doing, to hear directly from partners in Kenya, and to learn about Christian Aid's vision for climate justice. Register at www.caaid.org.uk/supporterconference2021

I'm on the look-out for creative suggestions for Lent. Rev Lin tells me she has more ideas for knitters – so watch the space. And as we'll be missing our usual Covenanting Churches Lent Lunches, I was wondering if anyone has good recipes for soups that we can all make at home!

May God bless you this week.

Phil