

LENT 2021



Find all the up-to-date information in changing times on our Home page.

Take the opportunity to engage together or just listen to the debate on each week's Hard Question by joining David Poyner at 7pm Wednesday's on Zoom. Same link each week, so look out for it with the Notice Sheet or via email from David: d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk

We hope to be open again for worship in our churches very soon and will communicate via web site and notices.

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Hard Questions



Severn Valley Benefice

Sermons followed by Wednesday evening discussion, 7pm

6 questions examined in the light of
Scripture and reason with prayer

Hard Questions

I don't know about you, though it's a fair guess that you're as fed-up as I am about lockdowns, Coronavirus and waiting for Boris, Matt and Chris to interpret the signs of a return to another new normal.

At the moment things are anything but. However, as the vaccine rolls out and as most of us try to do as we're told to make our bit of the world a safer place, we should be up and ready for Summer!

I see Lent as a time of preparation for the resurrection promise that Jesus gave His followers. This year it is a time of fasting and prayer as we prepare for release into a post-Covid world ... or at least a world with less Covid!

This Lent I want to open up to a world of honest questioning and no holds barred honest answers, or at least some pointers to answers on a range of subjects which carry moral weight. Jesus was a great moral teacher as well as a Saviour. We tend to emphasise the latter over the former because we don't want to judge - but this world is full of judgments - from ones we make every day from the route we take to the food we eat, to the big questions of how we conduct our lives, loving others as Jesus taught, but not putting up with everything just to be nice.

Please join us in thinking on these questions and follow the link to our weekly discussions. God bless you,

Mike (Rector)

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Sunday 21st February **Bonnie Garvey asks:**
What do you think the Church of England will agree on same sex marriage? Things feel stagnant?

Mike Harris responds

Sunday 28th February **Sue Bates asks:**
if you had not been brought up in a country that is culturally Christian, would you be a Christian?

David Poyner responds

Sunday 7th March **Robert Whitefoot asks:**
Where did the water go after the flood?
What did the big cats eat on the ark?

Mary Rayner responds

Sunday 14th March **Alan Dudley asks:**
I can't love myself, so how can I love my neighbour?
I can't forgive a murderer.

Val Smith responds

Sunday 21st March **Mike Garvey asks:**
How do you think God would judge on issues of war, specifically what side would he favour in World War 2?

David Poyner responds

Sunday 28th March **Mel Evans asks:**
Does Factory Farming violate Christian principles?

Mark & Amy respond