

LENT PLEDGE

What could you give up for Lent?

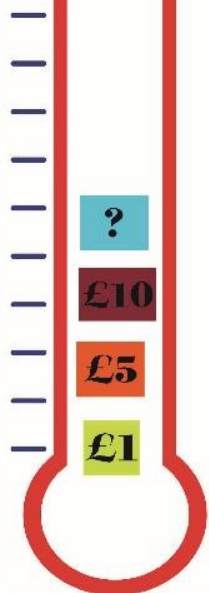
Maybe chocolates or crisps, maybe cakes & puddings etc?

We are looking at ways of raising money for our Mission Fund to finance projects arising from the Parish Listening Survey last year.

One way would be a Lent Pledge.

Could you pledge the amount saved by not buying your usual 'goodies' and donate it to our **Lent Pledge**?

The Lent Pledge Thermometer will be out and about at the beginning of March in our churches and at events.



How to make your pledge(s)

Choose an appropriate sticker and place on the thermometer

EITHER put your money in one of the **PLEDGE ENVELOPES** provided

OR fill in a **PLEDGE FORM** and place this in a **PLEDGE ENVELOPE**.

At the end of Lent, please pay up if you haven't already done so!

If not, we will send you reminder and invite you to send the money to Dryburgh District Churches.

If you wish to remain anonymous simply place your money in an unmarked **PLEDGE ENVELOPE**.

Dryburgh District Churches (Church of Scotland) SC010210

*'United in serving God, by welcoming you, sharing His love,
and reaching out in service to our community'*

Website: www.dryburghdistrictchurches.org



Sunday 16 March 2025
2nd Sunday in Lent

Mertoun Kirk 10.30am

Today's Bible Readings

Genesis 15: 1 - 12

Luke 13: 31 - 35

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and hope that you will enjoy worshipping and a time of fellowship.

Please remain seated for the hymns if that is more comfortable for you.

Intimations

Please keep this sheet for future reference.

Today: The **Kirk Session** will meet in the Kirk at the end of this service.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Pancake Afternoon** on Monday 3 March in the Church Hall. The Lent Pledge thermometer was introduced and donations of £80 gratefully received for the Mission Fund.

Lent Pledges: including the £80 donated on the Pancake Afternoon, the total pledged is now £211. Thank you to those who have made a pledge. Please see back page for more information.

Weekly:

Mondays: **Tea and Chat Afternoon**, Church Hall, 2 - 4pm.

Wednesdays: **Craft Group**, Church Hall, 1 - 3.30pm.

Wednesdays: **Community Choir**, Newtown Community Wing, 6.30 - 7.30pm.

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This Week:

Thursday 20 March: **Celebrate St Cuthbert's Day:** *see below.*

Friday 21 March: **Lunch Club**, Church Hall, 12noon - 1.30pm;
next 4 April.

Sunday 23 March: **Worship in Newtown Church**, 3rd Lent Sunday,
10.30am.

Further Ahead:

Friday 28 March: **Messy Church Play**, Church Hall, 12.45 - 2pm.

Sunday 30 March: **Worship in St Boswells Church**, 4th Lent Sunday
and Mothers' Day, 10.30am.



St Cuthbert's Way Churches Together

invite you to celebrate

St Cuthbert's Day

Thursday 20th March 2025

with a guided walk around Old Melrose

led by Mr Alasdair Johnston,

along with short times for reflection.

Meet in the courtyard at Old Melrose

for a 2.00pm start.

Parking in the steading beyond the Tearoom carpark. The walk is 1.5 miles long over rough terrain so sturdy footwear is required. The Tearoom will be open at the end of the walk for a cuppa. An indication of numbers would be helpful to SMoir@churchofscotland.org.uk
Donations to the Old Melrose and Environs Project.

Monday 31 March – Saturday 5 April: Lothian & Borders Presbytery Pilgrimage 2025

Melrose to Selkirk Monday 31 March

Selkirk to Hawick Tuesday 1 April

Hawick to Jedburgh Wednesday 2 April

Jedburgh to Kelso Thursday 3 April

Kelso to St Boswells Friday 4 April

St Boswells to Melrose Saturday 5 April

Presbytery Pilgrimage 2025

Mon. March 31st-Sat. April 5th

Melrose-Selkirk-Hawick-Jedburgh

Kelso-St.Boswells-Melrose



This Lent we are walking the Border Abbeys Way as a pilgrimage. (68 miles) You are invited to join in and bring a friend! Join for a day or two or for the whole week?

Daily average distance to be covered is around 13 miles.

For more info please get in touch with the Mission Officer
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