**Useful Resources**

**Worship this Sunday**

The Diocesan Sunday service this week will be from St John’s Leyland. It will be led by Sue Champness (Licensed Lay Minister) and the Revd Andy Meeson will preach. You can watch on Sunday morning from 9am [via this link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHXp4Yv8cL8&t=4s)to the Diocesan YouTube channel.

**The Weekly Message**

Bishop Jill has recorded this week’s message which will be available from tomorrow (Friday) [on the Diocesan YouTube channel.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZ_3qPsmiiP4-StDmTXrIw)

**Candlemas ‘At Home’ Resource**

A resource for worship at home for Candlemas – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – is now available [on the Diocesan Website](https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/covid-19-home-liturgy). We remain grateful to Fr Neil Kelley for producing these.

**Daily Prayer**

Daily Prayer - https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer Daily Prayer is available free as an app or on the Church of England Website and gives complete services for Morning, Evening and Night Prayer in both contemporary (Common Worship) and traditional (Book of Common Prayer) forms.

**Looking Out in Lent - Diocesan Online Lent Course**

‘Looking out in Lent’ is an online Diocesan Lent Course in which we will use St Mark’s Gospel to explore the how we can be a more outward-looking church as we start to move out of this pandemic.

There will be five sessions:

Week 1: 24th February

Looking Out in Lent by: Telling the Good News

Week 2: 3rd March

Looking Out in Lent by: Teaching the Faith

Week 3: 10th March

Looking Out in Lent by: Tending to human need

Week 4: 17th March

Looking Out in Lent by: Transforming society

Week 5: 24th March

Looking Out in Lent by: Treasuring creation

Each will be led by one of the Bishops or Archdeacons. They will broadcast live on the diocesan YouTube channel at 7.30pm each Wednesday and there will also be a recorded talk from each session to use in any way you wish. Full details will be in next week’s Parish Update.

**Lectio 365**

Lectio 365 - https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional Lectio 365 is a devotional resource that helps you pray the Bible every day and is inspired by Lectio Divina, a way of meditating on the Bible that’s been used by Christians for centuries. Written by leaders from the 24-7 Prayer movement, and produced in partnership with CWR, this resource helps you engage with Scripture to inspire prayer.

**BIOY**

BIOY - https://www.bibleinoneyear.org With Bible In One Year each day you will receive a Psalm or Proverbs reading, a New Testament reading and an Old Testament reading. It also provides daily audio and written commentary to walk you through each day’s reading, to provide fresh understanding of the texts.

**New look Weekly@ Lectionary Resource**

Our free Weekly@ Lectionary based resource has got a fresh new look and even more content for the start of the new year. We have included lots of alternative ideas and adaptations so that the resource can be used with groups meeting online, and when the time comes, in socially distanced settings. Don’t forget, the materials also include an all-age talk suggestion and a ‘chat and pray’ sheet for each week, which can be passed on to families to support faith at home.

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**Sacred Space**

Sacred Space - www.sacredspace.ie Sacred Space is inspired by the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, and gives a thought for the day, a daily Bible passage and some guided reflections. BIBLE

**Bible Podlets**

For parents looking for things to keep their children engaged whilst they are away from school, do tell them about Bible Podlets, our Bible study and discussion podcast for primary school aged children. There are 23 episodes to listen to and there is the option to download the accompanying discussion notes to help families participate in the games and activities that are included in each instalment. These podcasts have accumulated over 27,500 listens but many of these are outside our diocese, so it is a great resource to share with people.

[Bible Podlets – Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education (bdeducation.org.uk)](https://www.bdeducation.org.uk/podcasts/bible-podlets/)

Further resources can be found by looking on the following websites:

Blackburn Diocese - www.blackburn.anglican.org or www.bdeducation.org.uk

Church of England - www.churchofengland.org