

LENT 2024

FULL PROGRAMME OF WORSHIP & EVENTS

INTRODUCTION FROM FR PHIL

STARTING IN A NEW PARISH CAN BE DISORIENTATING AND DISCOMBOBULATING. I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ROLE OF A PARISH PRIEST BUT EVERYTHING IS SUDDENLY SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. I WONDER IF ITS NOT A LITTLE BIT LIKE WHAT THE FIRST DISCIPLES FELT WHEN THEY DECIDED THEY WANTED TO FOLLOW JESUS BUT THEY WEREN'T SURE WHAT THIS ENTAILED!

ONE THING THAT IS CLEAR FROM ROWAN'S BOOK 'BEING DISCIPLES' IS THAT DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT JUST ONE THING - NOT JUST READING OR LISTENING OR THINKING OR PRAYING OR DOING GOOD, DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES THE WHOLE PERSON.

I AM DELIGHTED THAT FOR MY FIRST LENT IN THE PARISH WE HAVE TAKEN AS OUR THEME, 'BEING DISCIPLES' AS WE SET OUT ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER TO SEEK WHAT GOD IS DOING IN PRIMROSE HILL AND WHAT HE MIGHT BE ASKING OF US.

IN THE SPIRIT OF EXPLORING TOGETHER OUR DISCIPLESHIP I INVITE YOU TO JOIN IN WITH AS MANY OF OUR LENT ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE AND MAYBE TRY SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN BEFORE. DO JOIN A LENT GROUP BUT ALSO COME ALONG TO ONE OF THE WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS OR SET YOURSELF THE TARGET OF COMING TO MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER ONE OR TWO DAYS A WEEK. THERE WILL ALSO BE A QUIET MORNING IN CHURCH AND A FILM NIGHT AT THE VICARAGE FOR THE ADULT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET UP WITH ONE OF THE MINISTRY TEAM TO TALK ABOUT YOUR DISCIPLESHIP. THERE IS NO MAGIC TO IT, IT'S MERELY AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY TALK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY - WORTH A TRY IF THIS HAS NOT BEEN YOUR PRACTICE.

I AM HUGEY LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ON THE JOURNEY WITH YOU

YOURS IN CHRIST,
FR PHIL

THIS YEAR'S LENT BOOK

THIS SHORT AND DECEPTIVELY SIMPLE BOOK EXPLORES THE NATURE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND HOW AS DISCIPLES WE ENGAGE WITH THE WIDER WORLD. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM LOTS BOOKSHOPS.

"DISCIPLESHIP... IS A STATE OF BEING. DISCIPLESHIP IS ABOUT HOW WE LIVE; NOT JUST THE DECISIONS WE MAKE, NOT JUST THE THINGS WE BELIEVE, BUT A STATE OF BEING."
ROWAN WILLIAMS - BEING DISCIPLES

"NATHANAEL SAID TO HIM 'CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF NAZARETH?' PHILIP SAID TO HIM, 'COME AND SEE'"
JOHN 1.46

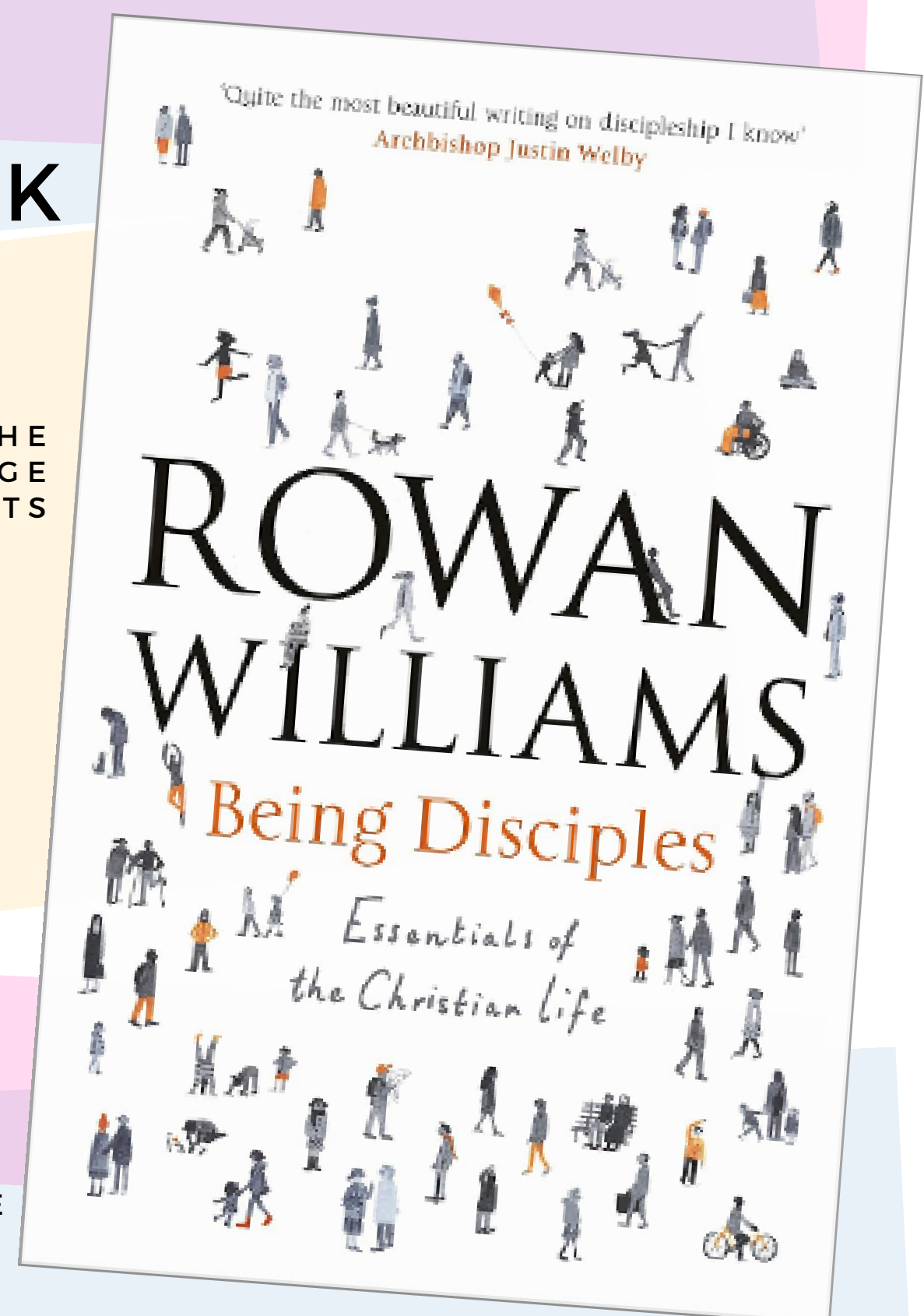
LENT BOOK GROUPS:

JOIN US TO DISCUSS THIS YEAR'S LENT BOOK. THERE WILL BE THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS MEETING EACH WEEK.

- TUESDAYS 7.30PM
- WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30PM
- IN CHURCH ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM

PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE@SMVPH.ORG.UK TO SIGN UP TO ONE OF THESE GROUPS OR FILL IN THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO READ THE BOOK WITHOUT JOINING AN ONLINE GROUP, NOTES FOR THOUGHT AND REFLECTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM PHIL FR.PHIL@SMVPH.ORG.UK



QUIET MORNING

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH
10AM - 12.00PM

DO JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION IN CHURCH. A CHANCE TO STOP AND PRAY AND THINK IN THE MIDDLE OF LENT. THIS EVENT WILL THEN BE FOLLOWED BY A SOUP LUNCH AND A TIME TO CHAT. LED BY REVEREND MIRIAM RINSLER.

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AN HOUR OUT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME CHATTING WITH SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR CHRISTIAN PRAYER-LIFE, DISCIPLESHIP, BIBLE OR CHURCH - IT'S UP TO YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT. ALL THOSE BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO CHAT TO, PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM DIRECTLY. FR PHIL IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS.

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YOUTH MOVIE PIZZA PARTY

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH, 7PM AT THE VICARAGE

A CHANCE FOR YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TO GET TOGETHER AT THE VICARARIGE, FOR PIZZA, GAMES AND MAYBE A MOVIE.

FILM NIGHT

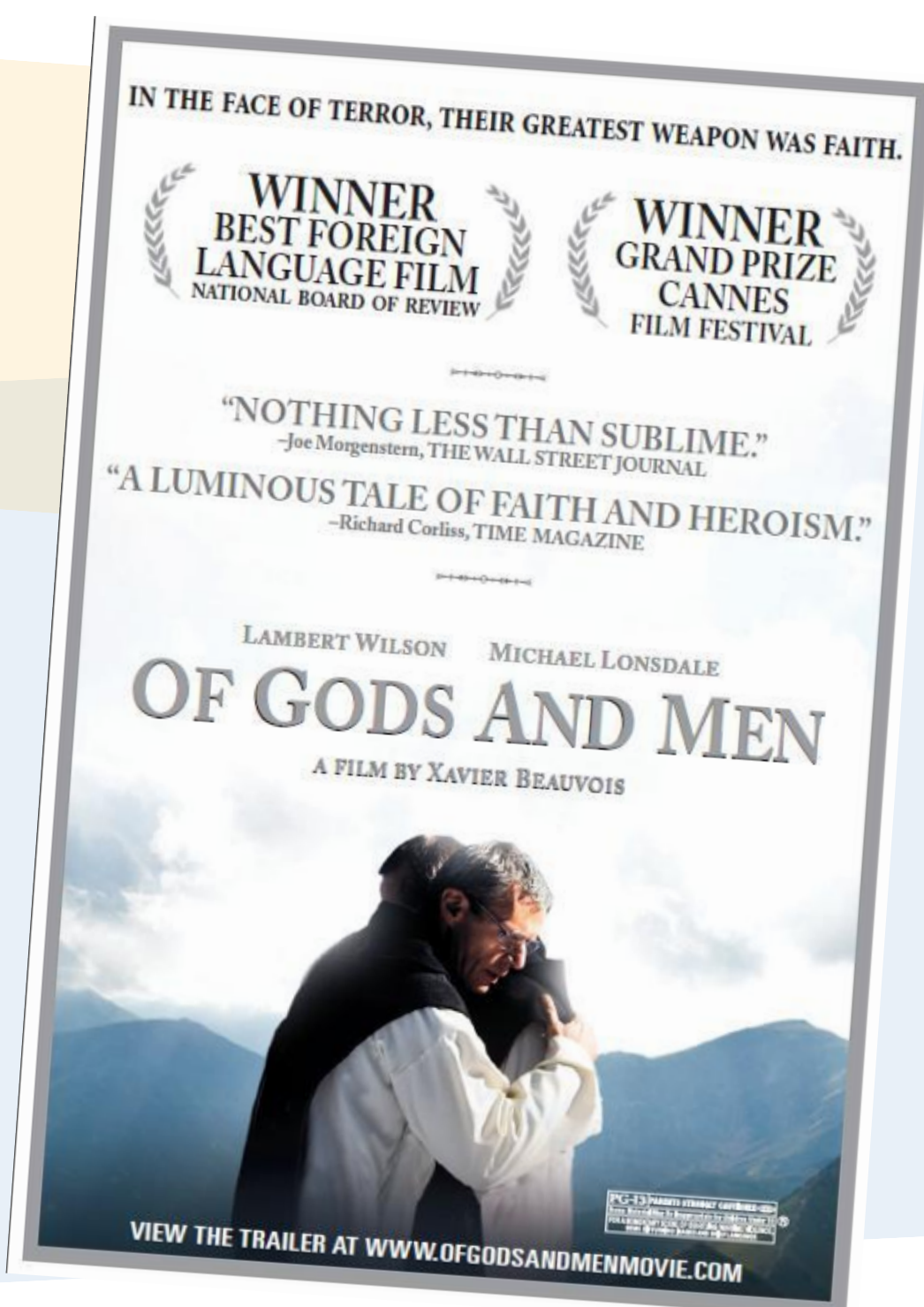
THURSDAY 21ST MARCH
7PM AT THE VICARAGE

THIS FILM CENTERS ON A TRUE STORY THAT HAPPENED IN THE MONASTERY OF TIBHIRINE, WHERE NINE CISTERCIAN MONKS LIVED IN HARMONY WITH THE LARGELY MUSLIM POPULATION OF ALGERIA, UNTIL SEVEN OF THEM WERE KIDNAPPED AND ASSASSINATED IN 1996 DURING THE ALGERIAN CIVIL WAR.

LARGELY A TALE OF A PEACEFUL SITUATION BETWEEN LOCAL CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS BEFORE BECOMING A LETHAL ONE DUE TO EXTERNAL FORCES, THE SCREENPLAY FOCUSES ON THE PRECEDING CHAIN OF EVENTS IN DECAY OF GOVERNMENT, EXPANSION OF TERRORISM, AND THE MONKS' CONFRONTATION WITH BOTH THE TERRORISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES THAT LED UP TO THEIR DEATHS. (SUMMARY FROM WIKIPEDIA)

THE FILM LASTS 2 HOURS BUT THERE WILL BE SNACKS, DRINKS AND A LOO BREAK!

PLEASE SIGN-UP ON SHEET AT BACK OF CHURCH.



WORSHIP THROUGH LENT

DAILY PRAYER

JOIN US TO PRAY FOR THE PARISH AND THE WORLD AT MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY AT ST MARY'S IN CHURCH AND ON ZOOM MONDAY-FRIDAY:

- 8.45 FOR SILENT PRAYER
- 9.00AM MORNING PRAYER
- 5.00PM EVENING PRAYER

FIND ZOOM LINK ON CHURCH WEBSITE ON WWW.STMARYSPRIMROSEHILL.COM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WE WILL BE DOING SEVERAL OF THE STATIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE THURSDAY 12.00 NOON MASS. JOIN US IN THE SIDE CHAPEL. COFFEE AND BISCUITS FROM 10.30AM

ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 14TH
FEBRUARY

NOON EUCHARIST WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

8PM SUNG EUCHARIST WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS

TUESDAY, 6.30PM EUCHARIST
THURSDAY, 12.00 NOON EUCHARIST

SUNG COMPLINE

SUNDAY 3RD
MARCH, 9PM

THERE WILL A SERVICE OF LATE EVENING PRAYERS (TRADITIONALLY SAID BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE NIGHT) SUNG BY OUR CHOIR. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE INSTEAD OF EVENSONG FOR THIS MONTH.

PASSIONTIDE SERVICE

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH,
6PM

A SERVICE OF MUSIC AND READINGS AS WE BEGIN PASSIONTIDE AND TURN OUR FOCUS TOWARDS CHRISTS PASSION AND DEATH.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

ST MARY'S WILL JOIN WITH BOTH ST MARKS, REGENTS PARK AND ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH FOR THE BLESSING OF PALMS ON PRIMROSE HILL AT 10.15AM, FOLLOWED BY A PROCESSION DOWN THE HILL TO ST MARY'S FOR THE EUCHARIST.

DAILY EUCHARIST FOR HOLY WEEK

ON THE 25TH, 26TH & 27TH MARCH AT 6PM

THERE WILL BE A EUCHARIST WITH A SHORT HOMILY DURING THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK. EXPLORING THE THEMES OF THE GOSPEL READINGS SET FOR THE DAY.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH, 8PM

EUCARIST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH FOOTWASHING, STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND WATCH UNTIL MIDNIGHT

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH FROM 9AM

JOIN US IN CLEANING AND PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER DAY. INCLUDING CREATING THE EASTER GARDEN. WE WILL MEET AT 9AM FOR PRAYER FOLLOWED BY PREPARATIONS. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

10AM AT ST MARK'S, REGENTS PARK

A JOINT CHILDRENS SERVICE FOR BOTH ST MARK'S & ST MARY'S. OFFERING A VERSION OF THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN, LASTING 45 MINUTES.

12 NOON AT ST MARY'S

THREE HOUR SERVICE WITH MATTINS, LITANY, PASSION READING, VENERATION OF THE CROSS AND HOLY COMMUNION. YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TO ALL OR PART OF THIS SERVICE. HOT CROSS BUNS WILL BE SERVED AT THE END OF THE SERVICE.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

DAWN VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER, 5.30AM

THE EASTER VIGIL AND DAWN EUCHARIST WITH THE LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS, FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST

PARISH EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY, 10.30AM

PROCESSION AND HIGH MASS