



Lent 2021

For almost a year now there has been very little opportunity to raise any funds for the work of St Mary's so we hope that you will help us during Lent by taking part in this fundraiser.

Each day until Palm Sunday, we invite you to consider how blessed we have been despite the difficulties we have encountered during the pandemic and offer opportunities to make donations to our funds. Although we are suggesting an amount you might like to give, feel free to give less or more as you can afford and fill in each daily amount as you go.

On some days we are not asking you to make a donation, but rather to do something or pray about something instead.

The final day will be Palm Sunday, after which you may send us your donations. Details of how to do this can be found inside the back page of this booklet.



Day 1
Wednesday
17th February

Traditionally for today's Ashing Service we burn last year's Palm Crosses to make the Ash. Count how many fires - coal, wood, gas or electric you have in your home. Give 50p for each fire.

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Day 2
Thursday
18th February

Last year our Rector raised funds by virtually climbing Table Mountain using his stairs. Count the number of steps you have in your home. Give 50p for each step.

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Day 3
Friday
19th February

Hands, face and space has been a motto used by the Government to keep us safe. To measure the space you need a ruler or tape measure. How many do you have? Give 50p for each.

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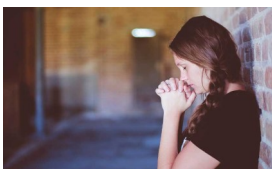
Day 4
Saturday
20th February

We all have a collection of face masks, how many do you have in your household? Give 10p for each.

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Day 5
Sunday
21st February

Sometime today find time to pray – praying for those you love, pray also for those you find hard to love, those who may have hurt you and who you need to forgive.



Day 6
Monday
22nd February

We have all made use of various forms of hand sanitisers over the last few months. Count how many packets of wipes or bottles you have. Give 20p for each.

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Day 7
Tuesday
23rd February

Have you had your vaccine yet? Give thanks for all engaged in its production and delivery. Give £1 for everyone in your household who has had one.

	x £	£
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Day 8
Wednesday
24th February

So many people feel isolated and lonely just now, is there someone you haven't spoken to for a while? Why not give them a ring or send a text or email today.



How to donate

Once you have added up the value of your daily blessings, you will be ready to give your donation to St Mary's. There are several ways you can pay.

- Via our website **Rossparishes.uk/giving** using your debit or credit card or Paypal account. On the drop down box, please choose "count your blessings". Gift Aid is automatic if you tick the box so no need to complete the Gift Aid form below.
- By BACS to the Ross PCC Account, Sort Code 08 92 99 Account no 65437016. Please put CYB in the reference box.
- Post a cheque made out to **Ross PCC** to the Treasurer c/o The Benefice Office marked on the envelope **Count your blessings**.
- Take cash or a cheque to the Benefice Office (Monday to Friday mornings only). Please phone 01989 562175 before you leave home.

If you are able to add Gift Aid, please complete the form, so that we can reclaim a further 25% at no cost to you. Forms should be returned to The Treasurer, c/o The Benefice Office, The Rectory, Church Street, Ross-on-Wye HR9 5HN.

Email scanned copies to: ross.treasurer@rossparishes.uk

Thank you for taking part.



Gift Aid Form

Name

Address

Post Code **Email**

I wish to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye.

Declaration I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of the Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed..... **Date**

Please notify us if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Day 18
Saturday
6th March

How many **opening windows** do you have at home?
Give 20p for each.

	x 20p	£
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Day 19
Sunday
7th March

At Morning Prayer we use this prayer:
*'As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
So may the light of your presence, O God,
Set our hearts on fire with love for you;
Now and for ever. Amen.'*



Day 20
Monday
8th March

Our families are so important to us, we sometimes like to display their photographs
Give 10p for each framed family photograph you have on display.

	x 10p	£
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Day 21
Tuesday
9th March

Some of us like to feed the birds –
how much do you pay for your birdseed?
Give 10% of the cost as a donation.

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Day 22
Wednesday
10th March

Do you enjoy receiving letters? (perhaps not bills!)
Give 50p for each letter you received so far this week.

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Day 23
Thursday
11th March

Some of us have to take tablets regularly.
Make a small donation for each one you take in a day.

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Day 24
Friday
12th March

How do you keep up to date about world affairs? Do you have a daily newspaper?
Make a donation of the cost of your daily paper.

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Day 25
Saturday
13th March

Perhaps you prefer to hear the news on the radio or watch the television.
Give 20p for each radio and television you own.

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Day 26
Sunday
14th March

Today is Mothering Sunday – here is the collect for today:
'God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.'



Day 27
Monday
15th March

We all love flowers.
Give 50p if you have fresh flowers in your house today.

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Day 28
Tuesday
16th March

Have you visited a shop since Friday?
Give 10p for each you visited.

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Day 29
Wednesday
17th March

Today is St Patrick's Day.
Give £1 if you have been to Ireland on holiday.



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Day 30
Thursday
18th March

Today some of us get the Ross Gazette
Give 50p if you get it weekly.

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Day 31
Friday
19th March

Today the church remembers St Joseph of Nazareth - here is the collect for today
'God our father, who from the family of your servant David, raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: give us grace follow him in faithful obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'



Day 32
Saturday
20th March

Are you tired of cooking?
Have you had a take away meal recently?
Give £1 if you have.

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Day 33
Sunday
21st March

Our children have missed much school time as a result of the pandemic, but have been able to continue with their education on line.
Give thanks for the work our teachers do, remembering especially those at Brampton Abbotts our church school.



Day 34
Monday
22nd March

Our Open the Book Story Tellers have recorded Bible stories for the schools as they have not been able to visit the schools in person. We enjoy retelling those familiar Bible Stories to the children.
How many Bibles do you own?
Give 50p for each one.

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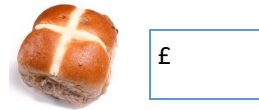
Day 35
Tuesday
23rd March

During the Pandemic we were not allowed to sing hymns in church.
How many Hymn Books do you own?
Give 50p for each one.

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Day 36
Wednesday
24th March

Already the shops are stocking Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs. Have you succumbed yet? If so give 50p.



Day 37
Thursday
25th March

Today the church celebrates the Feast of The Annunciation of Our Lord.
Here is the collect for today:
'We beseech you O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts that as we have known the incarnation of your son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'



Day 38
Friday
26th March

Soon it will be the start of Holy Week and our thoughts will turn towards those events that happened so long ago in Jerusalem. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to visit the Holy Land will remember the places there that feature in our readings at this time. Pray today for the people of the Holy Land that there might be peace and understanding among the different communities there.



Day 39
Saturday
27th March

Our final suggestion – Are you inspired by the church spire? Donate £20.50 to represent its height of 205 feet.

£20.50

Day 40
Sunday
28th March

Today is the last day of this fundraising effort for St Mary's.
Please add up your contributions and make any adjustments to your total donation.
We hope you have enjoyed taking part and thank you.

Total Donation



£

Day 9
Thursday
25th February

It's good to talk.
How many telephone handsets do you have? (count both landline and mobile).
Give 20p for each.

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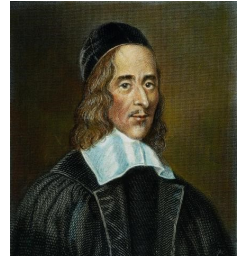
Day 10
Friday
26th February

How many books have you read since 1st February?
Give 50p for each one.

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Day 11
Saturday
27th February

Today the church remembers George Herbert, 17th Century priest and poet.
Using his words let us pray:
*'Teach me my God and King in all things thee to see;
and what I do in anything to do it as for thee'.*



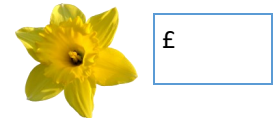
Day 12
Sunday
28th February

Pray today for all who work in the National Health Service.



Day 13
Monday
1st March

Today is St David's Day – the patron saint of Wales.
Give £1 if you have ever been to Wales for a holiday



Day 14
Tuesday
2nd March

Thanks to modern technology we have learnt to communicate with each other online through platforms such as Zoom, Skype and Teams.
Give 20p for each tablet, laptop or desktop computer in your home.

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Day 15
Wednesday
3rd March

But we do want to look our best on Zoom etc. so mirrors are essential!
Give 20p for each you have in your home.

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Day 16
Thursday
4th March

Do you shop on line?
Give 50p for each online delivery in February.

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Day 17
Friday
5th March

Fresh air is important to help protect against the virus. Go for a walk if you can today or open some windows.

