

# Lent 2017 at St.Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

## Lent Course:

### Living Faith in Suffolk - Living our gifts



Living our Gifts is a course for people who want to explore their gifts, talents, passions and skills and how these can be used in living a full life in the worship of God.

It is a five week course with the following themes:

- Session 1: Being Church
- Session 2: Knowing My Gifts
- Session 3: God Calling
- Session 4: Hearing God
- Session 5: Called To Be Me

*'When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and I could say, 'I used everything you gave me' ( Erma Bombeck)*

We are running a day-time and an evening course:

#### **Daytime Lent Group**

(led by Revd Lis Arnold)

Wednesdays, 10.45-12.15  
(Community Room)  
8 March, 15 March,  
22 March, 29 March  
5 April

#### **Evening Lent group**

(led by Revd Jutta Brueck)

Wed, 1 March, 7.45 – 9.15pm (CR)  
Wed, 8 March, 7.30 – 9.00pm (Vic)  
Tues, 14 March, 7.30 – 9.00pm (CR)  
Tues, 21 March, 7.30 – 9.00pm (Vic)  
Tues, 28 March, 7.30 – 9.00pm (Vic)

**Sign up sheets are on the welcome table**

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and Ipswich

## KAGERA LENT CHALLENGE

Our Lent Appeal 2017 is to celebrate our link diocese of Kagera, Tanzania.

**The Diocese have produced a booklet  
'Kagera Lent Challenge' that enables us to**

- learn more about life in Kagera
- pray for our brothers and sisters there
- raise money to help them improve their lives

**Please, join in – collect your booklet on 26<sup>th</sup> February.  
We will gather the money we collect on Palm & Easter Sunday.**

Our All Age service on 5<sup>th</sup> March, First Sunday in Lent, will focus on our link with Kagera.



Our Partnership Link with Kagera Diocese in the north west of Tanzania began 1994. “The Diocese of Kagera appreciates this

gift of working together in which each one gets an opportunity to serve others for God’s glory. Working together with our sister diocese has given Kagera people the opportunity to discover how God’s love is so great that it is beyond our imagination. It is only through this love that we may become the same before the Lord.” Bishop Aaron Kijanjali Kagera is part of the Anglican Church of Tanzania (ACT). The region is the area of Wales. The church is growing rapidly and new dioceses are needed.