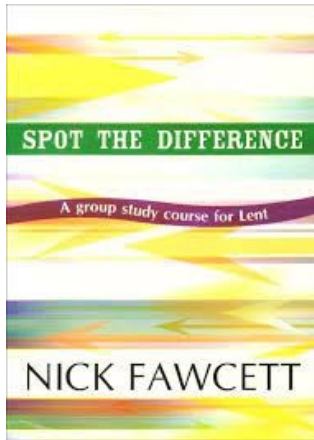


Ecumenical Lent Study Group 2024



Wednesday afternoons at
Barwick Methodist Church

2-3.30pm.

All are welcome

February 21st, 28th &
March 6th, 13th and 20th

“SPOT THE DIFFERENCE”

by Nick Fawcett

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Sunday 4th February 2024

2 BEFORE LENT

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8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship

Readings: Colossians 1:15-20 and John 1:1-14

Every Tuesday - Morning prayer with Jonathan at 9.00am



Letter from the Rector – February 2024

We celebrate Ash Wednesday on 14th February this year and the season of Lent commences with the imposition of ashes. The ashes that we use are an ancient symbol of our repentance and remind us that we are fragile, organic beings that often lament the distant relationship with have with God.

The creation story in Genesis, and our liturgy in the Ash Wednesday service, remind us that we were created from dust. Even proponents of the Big Bang Theory theorise that all matter in the universe that ever existed was crammed together as dust in what is known as the singularity before the formation of the universe. When we accept that we come from dust, and that ultimately, we will return to dust, we recognise that these ashes ground us in our being, as belonging to God and need to be reconciled with him.

Lent is a season of communal and personal penitence that prepares our hearts and souls for our most holy season, that being the passion of our Lord, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To help us orientate ourselves for this season it is prudent for us to reflect on our relationship with God. Who are we in relationship to God, and who is God in relationship to us?

When Jesus Christ came into the world, we gained a larger insight into God's existence and into God's love for us. Through scripture, with the

accounts of the prophets, the apostles, and disciples of Jesus, we have testimony from witnesses and communities about their relationship with God, including all the struggles and joys. And now through the Holy Spirit we have an advocate in heaven, a line of communication and the indwelling of God in us.

As we start into our Lenten journey let us remember that reconciliation with God requires us to remain humble and reverent in our giving of ourselves, and our gifts to God and to the church. We are to pray in quiet where God will connect with us in the stillness and silence of our prayer. We are to fast in a way that does not draw attention to what we are doing.

We are also to focus our lives on the values of the kingdom – love, justice, reconciliation, and compassion, and on our ongoing relationship with God and each other. These are the treasures that will be most valuable to us as we live out the rest of our lives.

Jonathan



Barwick Monday Ladies Fellowship

Monday 12th

February

2.15 - 3.30

“Church Architecture - 2000 years of change”

by Revd. Jonathan Brennan

All Welcome

BARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Valentines Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2024

Come and join us in the Chapel Schoolroom

Between 10 am – 12.00 noon

*Wishing you a
Happy Valentines Day*

Admission £2.00 includes Refreshments
(Tea/Coffee)

Cake Stall/Raffle

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to British Heart Foundation/Building Fund

Barwick-in-Elmet Historical Society

are doing a talk entitled

'A walk round All Saints' church'



Wednesday 21st February 2024. 7.30 pm

John Rylie House, Carrfield Road.

Entrance fee for non-members £3,

tea/coffee served during the interval.

At the end of the meeting donations will be gratefully accepted towards the upkeep of the church.