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Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

Dear Families

I hope you are well and safe. We are approaching Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter and a time when Christians prepare, give something up, and spend time thinking about their relationship with God. Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent.

#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story is the [Church of England's](#) Lent resources theme for 2021. The daily reflections encourage Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives.

Particularly during this time of being in a global pandemic where restrictions on daily life, the suffering of isolation presents significant challenges, more than ever it is a time for us to share in God's story and a time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and follow his call to love our neighbours.

This Lent will be a time to help give hope to those who might otherwise give up. We can start our journey with the Ash Wednesday reading and prayer below.

Ash Wednesday

Beautiful Feet

READING Romans 10.13-16

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Not many of us think about our feet as our loveliest feature. Leaders of local churches that include footwashing in their Maundy Thursday services know how difficult it can be to find volunteers. Those who do agree

to have their feet washed have probably already given their feet a pretty good wash before they came out!

Yet Paul, quoting Isaiah, says that feet can be beautiful because of the news they bring. If you have ever waited for someone to come and tell you that the baby has been born safely, or the test result has come back clear, or that you got the job you longed for, you probably have a sense of what he means.

Today we begin a journey of discovery, a journey which takes us deep into good news for ourselves and those around us. Our prayer is that by the end of the journey we too might have "beautiful feet"!

PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the people who have brought good news to me, especially those who helped me to understand the good news of your love. Please bless them today.
Amen.

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As a school, we will continue our journey through Lent after half term with #LiveLent daily activities. You may wish to participate at home and can access the pack from the link and complete the daily challenges as a family [#LiveLent family activities](#)

Please also visit the [latest news](#) on our website to listen to some songs we have chosen for Lent.

With every blessing as you begin your journey through Lent.

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