



## March 2023 Newsletter

### 40 Days Of Lent

Lent is 40 days long as a reminder of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness and his defeat of temptation (Matthew 4). Here we are reminded that Jesus was also tempted and that he stood firm against Satan's temptations. This reminds us that he is our strength against all temptation in this life and our need for Christ's death on Good Friday. Jesus spent 40 days and nights in solitary contemplation of obedience to the will of God leading to Jesus fulfilling the purpose of God in the redeeming work of Jesus's own death on a Cross. During the quietness and stilling time of Lent, come to God both prayerfully and gracefully in contemplation of God's will for our lives in the decisions God leaves with each of us to make. The separation from God is spiritual death. In Jesus the atonement for our sin by his blood (Ephesians 1:7) enables renewed life to accept the clear vision which God has for us by the gift of grace if we will embrace the 40 days of Lent as our time to recognise the love of God specifically for us. In this time recognise the freedom from disobedience, guilt and separation from God. This is why we celebrate the season of Lent, to prepare us to receive God's reconciliation in Christ Jesus at Easter as we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection and the free gift of God's grace that brings us Forgiveness, Salvation, and Life Everlasting.

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### Journeying to Renewal

This spring we will be hearing about how God spoke to seven churches in Asia Minor as part of our journey on the road to a renewed vision for ourselves and ministry at GLBC.

Each week in the run up to Easter and afterwards we'll be learning more about John's vision as written in Revelation and its relevance to Christians today with the help of the visiting preachers.

- \* **Mothing Sunday is on March 19<sup>th</sup>**
- \***CLOCKS GO FORWARD from 2am 26<sup>th</sup>**



### Puzzle Corner

Can you work out this puzzle: 4 21 11? Answer - see next month's newsletter

### What's in a Name?

The Holy Bible is made up of a volume of books. Genesis the first book or "Beginnings" describes the world's beginning, humanity's creation, our fall from grace and Gods judgment, seen in the story of the Flood and the Tower of Babel. Yet it also contains the beginning of God's rescue plan in the call and promise given to Abram. There in the Gospel and in Genesis!

### Earthquake Appeal

Baptist Missionary Society has an Earthquake Fund for Turkey and Syria. GLBC has already sent a donation. To give ask for a BMS envelope or give online via [bmsworldmission.org](http://bmsworldmission.org)