



# Becket Keys Church of England School

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## COMPASSION AND TENDERNESS FOR GOD'S WORLD

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This week, Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, calling us to renew our lives and turn to God. We are called to '*turn to the Lord God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion*' (Joel 2:12-18). As you may remember from a previous Biblical Pause, The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell (Bishop of Chelmsford, soon to be the next Archbishop of York) in his New Year message called us to 'live gently and enhance God's creation' and ensure that we bless the

inheritance of future generations. Continuing this theme, the Diocese is presenting a series of lectures on the topic of the environment and creation. These lectures will be an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with creation and call us to live distinctively Christian lives in response to the climate crisis.

(Go to <https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/news/lent-reflections-and-lent-lectures.html> to find out more.) It therefore felt a fitting focus for the beginning of Lent.



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# Lent Lectures

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CRISIS:  
A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

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We need look no further than the natural beauty of the world around us to draw closer to God this Lent. Throughout scripture, countless voices praise the beauty and the wonder of God's gift to us in creation. In the first chapters of the book of Genesis, we see that God invites us to share in creation through our unique relationship with the earth, and that God makes us to 'till it and keep it'. Our purpose is twofold; to enable the earth to be fruitful, and also to take care of it so that it will not be used up, but sustained for the future. In recent centuries, we have been good at 'tilling', but not so good at 'keeping' and we need to remember this our dual vocation. We are also made in God's image, in the image of the creator, and so just as God carefully created the world to flourish, we are called to take our part in the goodness and flourishing of creation, cherishing, protecting and keeping what God values and calls good. Richard Bauckham, a Christian theologian, suggests we

have for too long imagined a vertical structure to describe the relationship between God, humankind and creation, as though we human beings are somehow 'above' creation. Yet through the unique relationship God set out in Genesis, we can know ourselves to be part of a horizontal community of creation. We are not called to dominate over other creatures, plants or minerals, but rather to live in good relationship with them, like sisters and brothers of the same family. Dr Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury) said: 'We need to regain a sense that our relationship with the earth is about communion not consumption'. A while ago, 'War Horse' author Michael Morpurgo and actors Jeremy Irons and Maxine Peake joined forces to make a powerful 5 minute film on this theme. I urge you to take the time to watch this:

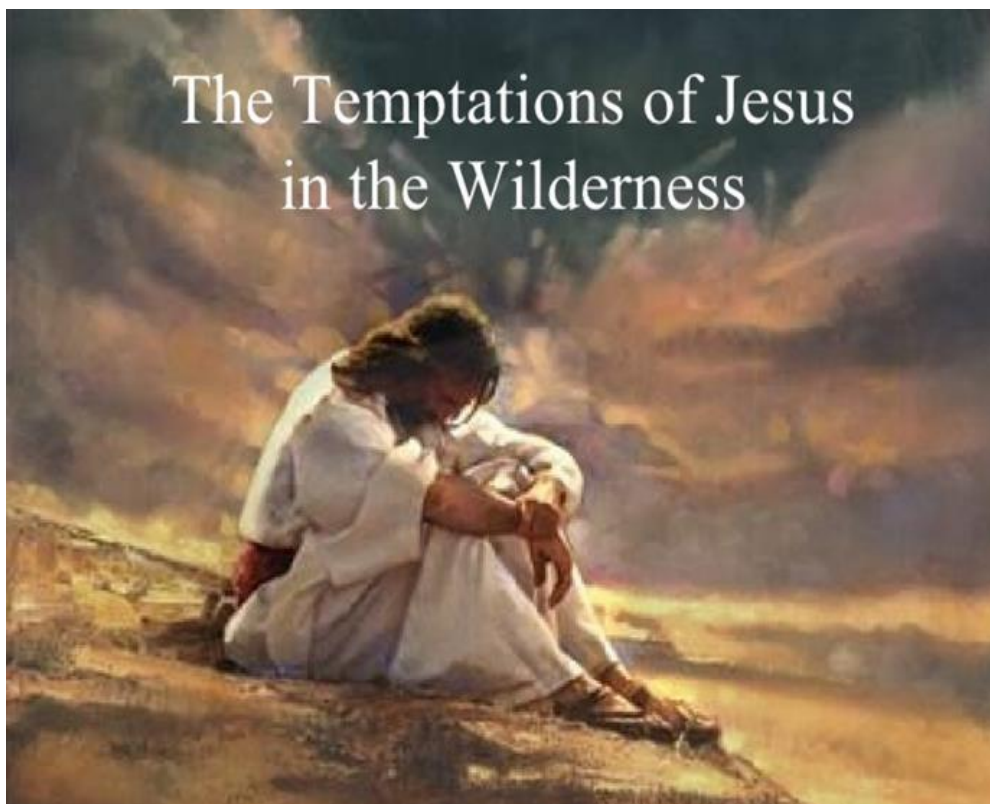
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qzS4L5BiTM>. The film reflects on a women's memories of her grandfather and cannot fail

to sow the seeds for action to care for God's world with tenderness.

Jesus' own life and death offer us a model for how we live in relation to creation. He lived in creation, walked the earth, lived a simple life, not accumulating possessions, but also enjoying life to the full and sharing in the gifts of creation, like good wine and plentiful bread. The early church was shaped by Jesus' passion for fellowship and sharing. His ministry was shaped by relationships of restoration, from the blind being able to see the paralysed getting up and walking, and also by the abundant sharing of a joyful and simple life. His life offers us an inspiring example to follow, and also the promise of the renewing of creation in the promise of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' life is the model of what it could be like to live life in all its fullness. The Gospels show us Jesus as one who was at peace with the animals in the wild places of creation in the wilderness, one before whom the most terrifying storms are stilled, and one whom death could not defeat and who was raised to new life in a garden.

Lent is also a time to consider Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Jesus refuses to give in to temptation, although he is hungry and alone in the wilderness. In this way, the Lord stands up for what is right, and his strength has no bounds.





## The Temptations of Jesus in the Wilderness

What are we tempted by? If you have given up chocolate for Lent, perhaps you find it hard to resist when someone next to you rustles a wrapper. If you are trying to use kind words, it can sometimes be tempting to join in with gossip. If it is caring for God's world, it may be choosing convenience products rather than looking for minimal packaging and paying a bit more for fair trade products. But remember, the Holy Spirit is with us. In those moments that we feel tempted, let us remember Jesus' example of patience and strength of spirit when he was in the wilderness. Instead of craving things, let us try to put the needs of others and our world before our own. As you begin your Lent journey, what is it that you most hope to see happen within you and your community? How does it respond to the challenges of today's world?

*Dear God,*

*Through our giving, prayer and fasting this Lent, inspire us to follow you and to bear witness to your compassion in the world around us.*

*Amen.*

**Mrs Sharp**  
Deputy Headteacher



Every week we allocate time to pray for the school and the wider community. Parents, carers, teachers and friends are invited to take time and pray with Mr. Scott-Evans.

**7.50am and  
11.15am**

**Every Wednesday.**

All are welcome.

## Hire of School Facilities

Are you, or any groups or organisations you know looking to hire some of the amazing facilities at Becket Keys School?

We have some availability for our fabulous new Sports Hall, classrooms, cookery rooms, The John Wraw Chapel and Sixth Form areas in our new Justin Welby building!

Please email:

[lettings@becketkeys.org](mailto:lettings@becketkeys.org) or call 01277 286649 or visit

<https://www.becketkeys.org/lettings.php>



## Careers Week – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

We aim to give our students quality information; advice and guidance to help inform their choice of Sixth Form, 16-18 qualifications, higher education and future career. This is accomplished by ensuring that careers information runs through the curriculum, via our PSHE lessons and tutor resources (including VotesForSchools which feature a careers focus for every week of the year) and a free careers advice website. We also:

- Ensure that departments link learning in their subject areas to future careers through their teaching and through displays and other information provided in the interests and skills; students try taster sessions in new subjects; and speak to people working in various different careers.
- Provide and use 'Careers Explorer' with all students, offering independent and free careers/courses advice.
- Make sure that every Year 9 student has a 1:1 interview with their tutor/head of year/ a senior member of staff to discuss and agree their GCSE options.
- Ensure that every Year 11 student has at least one 1:1 interview with a senior member of staff to discuss their post 16 options.



- Organise a Year 11 Information Evening in September/October to which all Year 11s are invited to explain our Sixth Form provision.
- Run a Year 9 Information Evening to which every family is invited.
- Organise for alternative providers to come in and speak to our Year 11s.
- Attend 'Opportunity Thurrock' (the largest educational and careers fair in the local districts) with Year 10 every year.
- Arrange visits and tours of local colleges for Year 11s.
- Support SEN students with individual careers advice.
- Invite speakers from local apprenticeship providers to come and visit the school.
- Arrange regular visits for students to workplace environments.
- Oversee Work Experience opportunities that students

and families arrange for themselves and making sure that all students who want help arranging such opportunities are assisted. We particularly engage with Pupil Premium students at such points to ensure that they are having rich and varied experiences.

We have organised a number of events next week to assist our students with their career choices. PSHE lessons will be about careers and there we have Countrywide Properties visiting Year 9 during collective worship. There are also a number of webinars for Year 7-9 students taking place on Friday.

**You can find out more information about the careers provision by visiting the school website:**

<https://www.becketkeys.org/careers.php>



## Mother's Day

### Donations Required Please!

Please have a look at home and see if you have any new, unwanted items that we can sell to other students in the week of the 16th March for Mothers' Day. These could be:

- Toiletries
- Stationery
- Ornaments
- Jewellery
- Boxes of sweets/chocolates

The only condition is that these are in their original packaging or with labels and unused.

Please bring these items to the staff room after half term and ask them to be put in the collection box in there.

The donations will be sold to raise money for pencils, pens and colouring pencils for the students at New Hope Centre and Kilbagare Primary School in Kenya, where many students do not even own a pencil. All donations will be gratefully received thank-you!



### Upcoming Charity Events

#### I'm a Teacher. Get me Out of Here!

A return of the popular competition from last year, run by Year 8.

Two teams of teachers battle it out to complete various challenges: loser gets a forfeit!

Date to be announced. Audience open to all.



#### Competition Time with Year 9!

'Bake Off' Contest with Cake Sale and an Art Competition. Week of 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All students are invited to take part in these competitive events.



#### Year 10 Drinks Stall

Hot chocolate (cream and marshmallows) and Capri sun drinks for sale during break and lunch week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March onwards.

The Charity Team are also organising other competitions and events including 'Becket Keys has Talent!' Individuals and teams from the various houses will be highlighting their talents week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March.



Friends of Becket Keys are pleased to announce that they now have discounted Blue Bands for Adventure Island in Southend-on-Sea for sale.

Full price tickets are usually £32, we have them for only £18 each!

Blue band tickets give access to all rides included in the wristband rides including red and green rides. (The bumper cars are not included).

Please note: there is a height restriction for the blue bands - users must be over 1.2 metres tall.

To purchase these tickets please go to: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk>

Once you have paid you will receive an email, which is your booking confirmation. You can exchange this at the school office for BLUE BAND vouchers - please then present these at the booking office at Adventure Island to exchange for the blue wrist band.

For more information about the park:

<http://adventureisland.co.uk/>

## Friends of Becket Keys

### Nearly New Uniform Sale



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Pop in anytime from  
4.30pm to 6.30pm**

**Bistro at Becket Keys CofE School  
For any further information contact**

**[fobk@becketkeys.org](mailto:fobk@becketkeys.org)**

**Or via Facebook Friends of Becket Keys**

## Vacancy Catering Assistant

**We are currently recruiting a  
Catering Service Assistant to join  
our catering team at Becket Keys  
School in Brentwood.**

**Monday - Friday  
16 Hours per week  
Term Time Only**


**If you are interested, please get  
in touch.**

**CONTACT DAVE ASHMAN ON  
[BECKET.KEYS@ASPENS-SERVICES.COM](mailto:BECKET.KEYS@ASPENS-SERVICES.COM)**

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24 March 2020

Willis Towers Watson is delighted to invite you to...

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**Tour of Lloyd's**

- Take a look at the 334 year old marketplace where it all happens.

**Event Details**

**Date:** 24 March 2020

**Time:** 10am - 3pm (8.30am registration)

**Location:** 51 Lime Street, London, EC3M 7DQ

**Dress code:** Smart Casual

Spaces are limited, register for your ticket <https://www.willistowerswatson.com/uk/en/insurancetalent>

Complimentary sandwich lunch provided.

**LMG** **THE BROKERAGE** **The London Institute of Banking & Finance**

## Lunchtime Eucharist Every Friday

Father Mark North comes in to school every Friday lunchtime to celebrate communion in the John Wraw Chapel (Justin Welby building).

All members of the local community and parents are also invited to these short twenty-minute services.

Please arrive in reception at 12.50pm for a 1pm start.

## Road Safety



Road incidents are a major cause of injury and death in young people in the UK. Adolescents between the ages of 12-16 years are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users accounting for 51% of all road casualties. Please remember to be careful when travelling to and from school. Sawyers Hall Lane is very busy at these times, students need to be careful and set an example to the Primary School children in the area.

At Becket Keys, we encourage all of our students to lead a healthy lifestyle and we are happy to see students are cycling to school.

We take cycling safety extremely seriously, therefore we would like to remind you that **ALL** students must wear a helmet when cycling to and from school, this could save their life.

We also want to remind students that cycling safely is just as important as wearing a helmet; so please do not weave in and out of traffic, do not perform stunts such as "wheelies" on the roads and abide by road rules such as stopping for crossing patrol.

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/cycling.html>



# English Department



*I was angry with my friend;  
I told my wrath, my wrath did  
end.*

*I was angry with my foe:  
I told it not, my wrath did  
grow.*

*And I waterd it in fears,  
Night & morning with my  
tears:*

*And I sunned it with smiles,  
And with soft deceitful wiles.*

*And it grew both day and  
night.*

*Till it bore an apple bright.*

*And my foe beheld it shine,  
And he knew that it was mine.*

*And into my garden stole,  
When the night had veild the  
pole;*

*In the morning glad I see;  
My foe outstretched beneath the  
tree.*

Mrs Russell's

## Word of the Week

### Discombobulated

**In sentences:**

1. After falling asleep on the train, he felt quite discombobulated when he woke up.
2. She was discombobulated by the mathematic equations that appeared in her English book.
3. The discombobulated child ran around in circles.

Definition of discombobulated in English:  
confused and disconcerted.

Use the word discombobulated as many times as possible throughout the week! This can be verbally, in your written work or even when messaging friends and family!

Mrs Russell's

## Book of the Month - February

### THE MEMORY CAGE

WHAT'S THE STORY?

No child should have to live through a war.  
No child should have to see what Alex has seen.  
He's locked it all away in a secret place but, one day, the ticking time bomb in his mind has to detonate.  
Alex's family want to help, but they have other problems.  
Only Alex's beloved grandfather can answer his questions about family secrets.  
But Grandad is scarred by a war of his own - and his memories are fading fast as the effects of Alzheimer's grip him.  
Time is running out for Alex.  
Only by unlocking the terrors of the memory cage for both of them, can he hope to escape the nightmares.

## English Clubs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Creative Writing Club 1pm-1:25pm C26	Book and Film Club 3:20-4:20pm C26	School Newspaper 3:20-4:20pm C25



## Sports Fixtures

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Year 7 Boys' Football v Hylands (H)  
 Year 9 Rugby v St John Payne (H)  
 Year 7 Netball Rally @ Brentwood School

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls' Football v Sandon (A)  
 Schools Gymnastics U14 All Day

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys' Football v St John  
 Payne (A)  
 Year 9 Girls' Football v Great Baddow  
 High School (A)

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Boys' Basketball v Anglo (A)  
 Year 9 Boys Semi Finals Essex Basketball  
 v Westcliff High School for Boys @ King  
 John School (A)

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Boys' Basketball v Brentwood  
 County High School (A)

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 Rugby v Shenfield High School (A)  
 Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football (H)

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Boys' Basketball V Brentwood  
 County High School (H)  
 Year 7 Boys' Football V Moulsham (A)

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Boys' Football v BCHS (H)  
 Sixth Form Rugby v St Martins (A)

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Netball v Sandon (A)

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Rugby @ Ormiston (2:20 leave)  
 Year 9 Boys' Football v Boswells (A)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Sixth Form Football v St Martin's School  
 (A)  
 Year 8 Netball v Brentwood School (H)  
 Year 9 Rugby v Plume (H)

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 7 Boys' Football v Brentwood County  
 High School (A)  
 Year 8 Girls' Basketball v Shenfield High  
 School (H)

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Rugby v Beaulieu (A) (2:30 start)  
 Year 8 Boys' Basketball v Brentwood  
 County High School (H)

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 Boys' Football v KEGS (H) (2teams)  
 Year 10 V 11 Netball GCSE Filming  
 Year 10 Boys' Football v BCHS (A)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NFER NATIONAL REFERENCE TEST  
THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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A –LEVEL DRAMA TRIP  
'I THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW'  
FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS  
PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
4.30PM – 6.30PM  
IN THE BISTRO

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YEAR 10 SUBJECT CONSULTATION  
EVENING

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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YEAR 11 SUBJECT CONSULTATION  
EVENING

INVITE ONLY

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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SPRING CONCERT

TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

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YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY APPLICATION  
INFORMATION EVENING  
TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
(NEW DATE)

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRENTWOOD



## SPRING CONCERT

Retiring Collection  
IN AID OF LITTLE HAVENS HOSPICE



## Phoenix Youth Orchestra

Conductor - Stephen Rumsey

Performances to Include

The Beautiful Blue Danube - Johann Strauss Jnr.

The Moldau (from My Country) - Smetana

Danzón No. 2 - Márquez

Special Performances From

Shenfield St. Mary's Primary School Choir

and

Becket Keys Stage Band

**Saturday 28th March 2020 7.00pm**

St. Thomas' Church Brentwood

DOORS OPEN 6.30—NO RESERVED SEATING

### Ticket Booking

Online & on the Door

Also from: Heart of Gold Jewellers 61 High St. Brentwood  
Shenfield Wine Company 86 Hutton Rd. Shenfield

**Adults £10 - 18yrs and under £5**



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