**Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent.**

Our gradual return to corporate public worship continues today with a single service at Shipbourne at 9.30am.

**Collect for Lent 4:**Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:

when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,

come to our aid and turn us back to you again;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Collect for Mothering Sunday:**

God of love, passionate and strong,

tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Lenten Collect:**Almighty and everlasting God,

you hate nothing that you have made

and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:

create and make in us new and contrite hearts

that we, worthily lamenting our sins

and acknowledging our wretchedness,

may receive from you, the God of all mercy,

perfect remission and forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life**. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

**Music suggestion for today**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bDoMflYErE>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqOnjmr9Ah0>

**Lent Book and Zoom Book-Club event**

Many of you are enjoying our Lent book:

**Phoebe: a story** by Paula Gooder. As promised, a Zoom 'Book-Club' event is planned for after Easter; expressions of interest should be forwarded to Joan (810955 or athomewithjoan@googlemail.com) or Marius (mcmarius5@gmail.com).

**Chocolate Easter Gifts for All Saints’, Chatham.**

Over the next two weeks we will be leaving a box at the back of church to collect Easter Eggs or other chocolate treat that we can take to the Magpie Centre for the All Saints folk to give out as part of the social ministry of this community project. The last date for collection is Palm Sunday, 28th March.