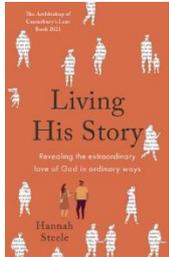


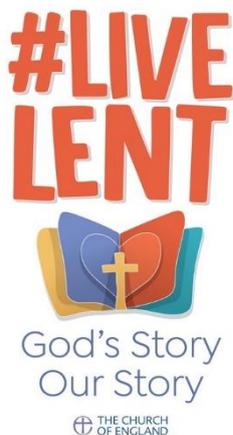
Lent 2021

“If Lent is a snowfall in the soul, then a good Lent book is the spade that helps us clear a path for a needed journey” so writes the Revd Mark Oakley. Here are some new books and resources for Lent this year, I hope you will find something that beckons you to the journey.



Living His Story, The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, is a devotional book that explores evangelism as a way of sharing God's love with people. Hannah Steele uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. With warmth and encouragement, she shows us how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts.

Set out in six sessions to take you through Lent, each chapter can be used as a single study for individuals or small groups to prepare for Easter. It will help you find space to see evangelism from a new practical perspective.



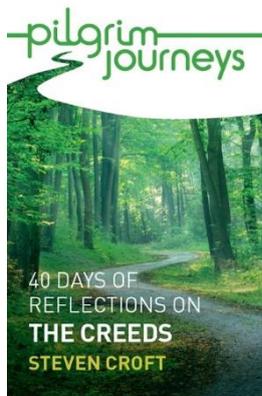
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LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story invites each of us to reflect on our own story of God and how we might share it through our everyday lives as part of our Christian witness.

It encourages us to take a fresh look at evangelism, exploring how Jesus and his first followers communicated the good news of God's love by inviting, listening and responding creatively to others.

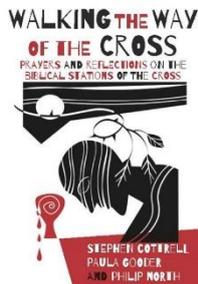
For each of the 40 days of Lent, this booklet includes a short Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer. The daily reflections follow weekly themes - each with an

accompanying action - drawn from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, Living His Story: Sharing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele (SPCK).



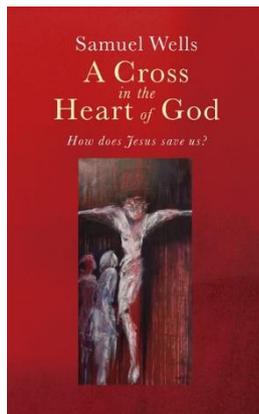
Pilgrim Journeys: The Creeds explores what Christians believe in 40 short daily reflections for Lent 2021. Whether you are new to faith or have been a Christian for many years, this booklet will help deepen your understanding of Christian teaching and remind you afresh of who you are within God's story.

Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Creeds' life-giving and life-saving statements.



Walking the Way of the Cross is a series of scripture-based devotions for personal or group use in Lent and Holy Week. Similar in intent to the traditional Stations of the Cross, it focuses wholly on the biblical narrative of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. This seasonal companion provides the sequence of fifteen meditations appears in full, including opening and concluding prayers. Each is accompanied by three short reflections from different perspectives by three of today's very best spiritual writers:

- Paula Gooder offers reflections on the scriptural narratives;
- Stephen Cottrell considers the story from the perspective of personal discipleship;
- Philip North explores the story's challenge to mission and witness.



A Cross in the heart of God, Sam Wells, The Canterbury Press Lent book for 2021 focuses on the significance of the story at the very centre of Christianity: the crucifixion. Samuel Wells writes as a theologian and pastor to explore the cross in the purposes of God and how this act brings about salvation. Three sections, each with six short chapters, explore the cross in:

- the Old Testament (Covenant, Test, Passover, Atonement, Servant, Sacrifice)
- the Epistles (Forgiveness, Obedience, Foolishness, Example, Reconciliation, Boast)
- the Gospels (Finished, Judged, Betrayed, Pierced, Forsaken, Mocked)

Written with characteristic clarity and wearing its considerable learning lightly, *A Cross at the Heart of God* will give readers a comprehensive understanding of the story at the heart of scripture, the central event in history and a core tenet of the Christian faith. A study guide with questions and prayers makes this ideal for Lent groups as well as individual reading.