

**Lent Course 2012**  
**Goldington Churches Together**

At the end of last year's Lent Course one of the strong recommendations made for the next one was for more Bible instruction, more input at the beginning of each session leading to group discussion. This year we hope to do just this, using the St Albans Diocesan Lent Course, which is based on the Old Testament Readings for the Sundays in Lent. If, in general, we spend more time on the New Testament than on the Old, this will be an opportunity to redress the balance.

As we all know, change can be for the worse or for the better. 'Change and decay in all around I see' tells us of change for the worse. But 'Transformation' speaks of change for the better. And this Lent Course is all about 'Transforming Life'. We shall be looking at the ways in which our lives are changed and transformed: through God's Promises; through God's Call; through God's Rule; through God's Gifts; through Hope in God; and through Faith in God.

Lent comes earlier this year, and we will be starting the Lent Course in the week in which Ash Wednesday comes. So there will be Monday afternoon sessions at Priory Church beginning on February 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be the possibility of Thursday evening sessions in St Mary's Church beginning on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be the option of home group sessions if people would prefer this. We shall be finding out what you want and plan accordingly.

'Transforming Life', the St Albans Diocesan Lent Course is available for downloading on the internet on [www.livinggodslve.org](http://www.livinggodslve.org). This will make it easily accessible to many of us, and copies will also be made available for those who need this.

Lent is a time for deepening our faith and our fellowship through study and reflection together as members of different church traditions. Let us hope that this will be a truly transforming experience for us all – a change for the better.

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