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**BIBLE STUDY – SIX WEEKS ON THE THEME OF “COVENANTS AND PROMISES”**

# Welcome to our Lent Bible Study for 2025

There are 6 sessions in the course, and we encourage you to join in as many as you can. Don’t worry if you miss a session! The sessions are linked, but if you miss one, you can easily pick it up again on the next one.

# Each session will be:

* Welcome and hospitality
* Introduction
* Opening Prayer
* Hymn/Song
* Bible reading
* Discussion and activities in groups or pairs
* Group discussion on what people have learned
* Prayers
* Hymn/Song
* Closing Prayer
* Depart

# Personal reflections:

Each member of the group will be given a notebook at the start of the journey. This is personal to *you*, and it is to encourage you to keep a note of reflections, prayers, and any insights you gain along the way. You can share if you wish, but this is for *your* Lent journey and your own deepening faith so be as free and as honest as you wish with it.

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# Week 1: The Covenant with Noah (Thursday 6th March/Sunday 9th March)

* **Passage:** Genesis 9:8-17

# Week 2: The Covenant with Abraham (Thursday 13th March/Sunday 16th March)

* **Passage:** Genesis 12: 1 – 3 & Genesis 17:1-8

# Week 3: God's Promise to Israel (Thursday 20th March/Sunday 23rd March)

* **Passage:** Deuteronomy 31:6-8

# Week 4: God's Promise of a Saviour (Thursday 27th March/Sunday 30th March)

* **Passage:** Isaiah 9:6-7

# Week 5: Living in Covenant with God (Thursday 3rd April/Sunday 6th April)

* **Passage:** Hebrews 8:6-13 (and referencing Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34)

# Week 6: A New Covenant (Thursday 10th April/Sunday 13th April)

* **Passage:** Matthew 26: 17 – 29 (or Mark 14: 12 – 25)

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The sessions will lead us to the start of Holy Week, where you are warmly invited to join in with the services we offer:

**Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday**

*Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the start of his journey to the cross.*

**9.30am and 11.30am** at our regular Sunday worship times

**Wednesday 16th April - Tenebrae service**

*A contemplative service of shadow and prayer.*

**7.30pm** at St Andrew’s

**Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday**

*“Maundy” comes from the Latin* mandate*, meaning ‘command’. Jesus commands his disciples to remember him through the special meal of bread and wine, an act of remembrance we observe every time we share Holy Communion.*

**11.00am** Service at the Hub

**7.30pm** Service with foot washing at St Peter’s

**Friday 18th April – Good Friday**

*What is “good” about Good Friday? Enter into Jesus’ final hours on the cross with us as we reflect on his sacrifice for all.*

**10.00am** Service at St Paul’s

**Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday**

*He is risen!! Join us as we celebrate Jesus’ rising from the grave; death is defeated and by his grace, we are saved.*

**9.30am and 11.30am** at our regular Sunday worship times

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