Quick Question

What's more likely to have an adverse effect on your health?

- ► Drinking 6 pints of beer a day
- **≻**Obesity
- ➤ Smoking 15 cigarettes a day
- **≻**Loneliness
- >High blood pressure
- ➤ Sedentary lifestyle/lack of exercise

Loneliness can increase premature mortality up by to 65%

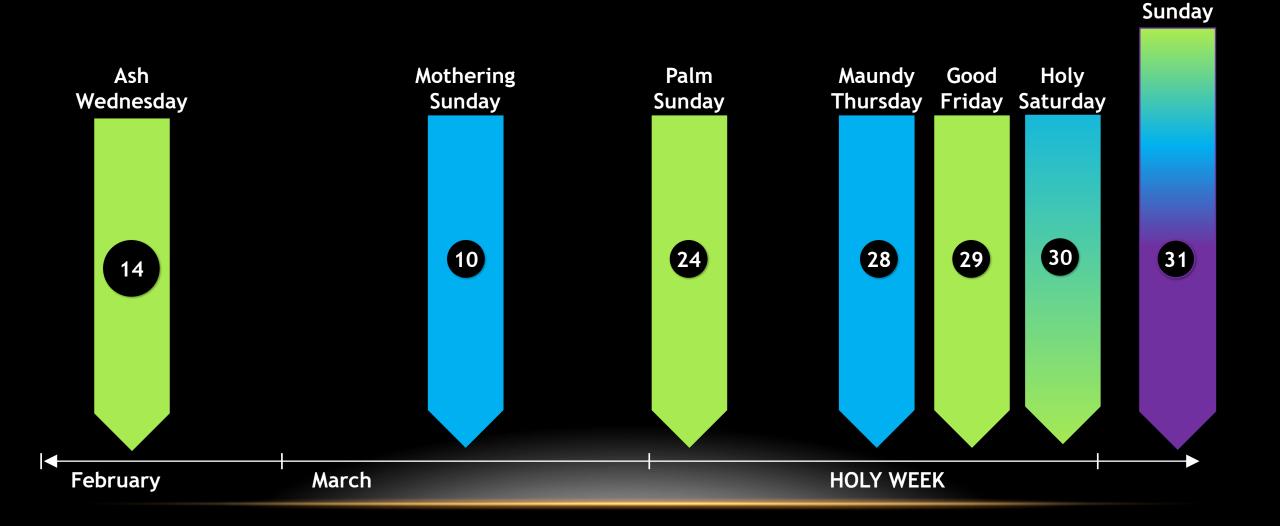




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Lent 2024 Timeline



Resurrection

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- ➤ Give Up or Start Up?
- Sacrifice is always costly
- > Lent doesn't need to be negative

Making Lent count – possibilities

- Start a Bible reading plan
- > Subscribe to a daily devotional > Prayer walk your community
- > Prioritise quality time
- > Volunteer for a charity
- > Find a way to serve
- > Limit social media and use the > Write to one of our mission time more productively
- Donate to a food bank
- > Find shared interest

- > Journal your blessings
- > Repair a broken relationship
- > An act of kindness every day
- > Get fit and active
- partners each week
- > Think the best of people
- > Pray for 5 minutes extra

Make it SMART

- > Specific
- ▶ Measurable
- Action-based
- Realistic
- > Time-bounded

THE GOAL

- Build community
- Become Christ-like





JOURNEY TOGETHER

Quick Question 2

Five frogs are sitting on a log. Four decide to jump off. How many are left?

FIVE

There's a difference between deciding to do something and actually doing it!



"...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"

James 2:17 (NIVUK)



