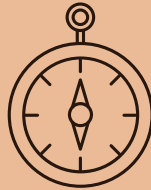
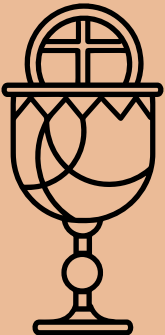


# INTO THE WILDERNESS

SURVIVAL  
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## RESOURCES

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

#### ACTIVITY

Lent is a time for change. Can you think of something in our world that needs changing? Maybe it's the amount of rubbish people don't recycle, the way that more and more people are relying on foodbanks or how some people can't afford basic things.



Make a list of some of the injustices in our world at the moment and make a change in your behaviour in order to help others. You could

- Make a donation to the foodbank
  - Sort out the recycling at home
  - Give up a treat for the week and donate the money to charity
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- Sort through old clothes, books etc and have them ready to donate to a charity shop
  - Contact someone who might be lonely at this time to cheer them up
  - Help a friend/neighbour who can't go out at the moment

#### SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-25

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."



The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"



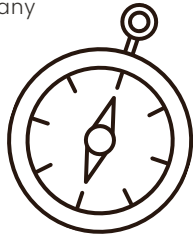
Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

## REFLECTION

Jesus finding traders and money changers in the temple would not have been uncommon as in order to offer sacrifice people had to buy animals and could only use temple money. However, Jesus was angry because these traders and money changers were not selling and trading for the love of God, they were doing it for the wrong reason – the love of money. Jesus saw this as an injustice and wanted to make changes – He wanted the temple to be used as it should have been.



Do we always do things for the right reason? If we're asked to do things, do we always do them with a cheerful heart? Maybe as we continue our Lenten journey we need to focus on making sure we are doing things for the right reason – to grow closer to God. If our Lenten promises aren't working, it's not too late to change them.

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we continue our Lenten journey may we take the time to refocus our hearts as we strive to grow in relationship with you.

Help us to choose the right things to do and to do all we do with a cheerful heart. May we always be aware of your presence and follow you closely. Amen



## CHALLENGE

Is there something that you know needs doing, but you don't want to? It might be as simple as tidying your bedroom or could be something bigger to help someone else.

Why not just do it, even without being asked!

