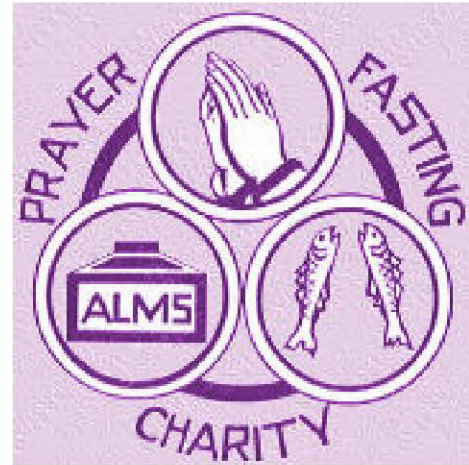




# The Workshop

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## Lent 2010

### Some facts about Lent:

- Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.
- Purple is the symbolic colour used throughout Lent, for drapes, vestments and altar frontals.
- Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.
- By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians share Jesus Christ's withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

# The Ordination of Bishop Mark Davies

## *Coadjutor-Bishop of Shrewsbury*

After a request from Bishop Brian Noble, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Monsignor Mark Davies as Coadjutor-bishop of Shrewsbury. A **coadjutor bishop** ("co-assister") is a bishop who assists, and then succeeds, the diocesan bishop .

Our new Bishop was ordained by Bishop Brian on 22nd February at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. There were large numbers from our Diocese along with many visitors. We assure Bishop Davies of our prayers.



