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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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*At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.*

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**Collect for the Week**

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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***During this continued period of lockdown both Churches will remain closed for public worship. We will re-open for services in both Churches on Easter Sunday. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve your space.***

**This week the Churches will open for private prayer:-  
on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am at the Parish Church  
& Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday at the Church Centre between  
10 am & 12 noon.**

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**10.00 am Service of the Word – posted on YouTube**

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: Tim Cripps

Reading: Colossians 3.12-17, read by Bill Barter

Intercessions: led by Shirley Barter

**10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am**

**10.00 am Family Service via Zoom**

Leader: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns:                   The Lord's my Shepherd  
                                  Give thanks with a grateful heart

Reading:               Exodus 2.1-10

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March**

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer  
8.00 pm PCC Meeting via Zoom

### **TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed  
7.00 pm Lent Course via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>** *Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron Saint of Ireland*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer  
11.00 am Quinquennial inspection at the Parish Church

### **THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup>** *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

### **FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup>** *Joseph of Nazareth*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer  
12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

### **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>** *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*

### **NEXT SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March**

#### **The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

#### **10.00 am Service of the Word (posted on You Tube)**

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher  
Reading: John 12. 20-33, read by Angela Culley  
Intercessions: Led by Sue Hare

#### **10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am**

#### **10.00 am Family Service meet via Zoom**



### **From The Vicarage**

Happy Mothering Sunday to you all and a very big thank you to all the mothers and mother figures in our midst for the numerous ways you nurture, encourage, challenge and engender growth, development and human flourishing. A big thank you to all those who prepared and delivered the flowers over the weekend. We are fast approaching Passiontide and, like you, I am looking forward to our Service in Church on Easter Day. There is a sign-up sheet for this service at the Parish Office. Leading up to that the Parish Church will be open from 10 am to 1 pm on Good Friday for private devotion. There will be a cross on the Church grounds and on the Common in the village with laminated prayer cards for the whole of Good Friday. May the Lord continue to strengthen us and enable us to continually be supportive of one another.

*Ronnie*

### **6<sup>th</sup> May Elections**

This year the Parish Hall will be the Polling Station for Rusthall. It is great that we can offer this facility to the community.

### **Church Opening – Covid Update**

The Vicar and PCC have made the decision that our Churches will remain closed during March. Permission has been given for this to happen. Both Churches will re-open on Easter Sunday. In the meantime Both Churches will continue to open for private prayer at the usual times.

### **Easter Day Service at the Parish Church**

This year we will be having a sign up list for our Easter Service in order to maintain safety and distancing. Please contact Ginette in the office by phone or email to book your space.

## **Family Service Easter Service**

There will be a separate service at the Church Centre on Easter Day this year. This will facilitate more people being able to come to a service.

## **Lent Course**

Our Lent Course is being held via Zoom, on Tuesday evenings between 7 pm and 8.30 pm. There are two more sessions using the book "Living in love and faith", there are copies available at the Parish Office,

## **APCM**

A date for your diary, the annual meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm. It is likely that it will take place on Zoom, there will be more details nearer the time.

## **Electoral Role**

The revision of the Electoral Roll is underway. This is NOT a full revision but an update of the current one. You only need to get in touch if you have

- changed any of your details (address/email etc)
- changed your name (marriage)
- wish to join the Electoral Roll
- wish to be removed from the Electoral Roll
- Have turned 16 and would like to join

You can contact me in the office via phone, email or post. The revision needs to be completed by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you want to check you are on the current roll then do get in touch.

Thank you - Ginette

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