
Sunday 21st March 2021
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Passiontide Begins



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.

Collect for the Week

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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/Thursday/Friday at the Church Centre between
10 am & 12 noon.**

10.00 am Service of the Word – posted on YouTube

Minister: 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 via Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson, Link: Graeme Anderson

Hymns: Open our eyes Lord
 Jesus is the name we honour

Reading: John 12. 20-33 - read by Zillah Witt

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 22nd March

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

TUESDAY 23rd

Parish Office closed
7.00 pm Last Lent Course via Zoom

WEDNESDAY 24th *Walter Hilton of Thurgarten, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396*
Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980

THURSDAY 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 26th *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, Clewer, 1883*

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

SATURDAY 27th *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*

NEXT SUNDAY 28th March

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday Next Before Easter

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

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps
Passion Narrative from the Gospel According to Mark
Intercessions: Led by Ginette di Palma

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service meet via Zoom

From The Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all. I trust that you are all looking forward to Easter and I hope that you have signed up for the Easter Service. There are Palm Crosses at both Churches and the Parish Office for you to collect for Palm Sunday. I will be using the prayer that we normally use at our Palm Sunday services both online and Zoom. For those attending the Zoom service, please remember that the clocks go forward then.

May God continue to give us grace both to keep going and to flourish to his praise and glory. *Ronnie*

Palm Crosses

If you would like a Palm Cross there are some at the Church Centre and the Parish Church. You can collect one at Private Prayer times.

BST

A reminder that the clocks go forward at 1 am on Sunday 28th March. We can look forward to lighter evenings, hopefully enjoying some spring weather.

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 for Easter

Family Service will resume at the Church Centre on Easter Day, 4th April at 10 am. The service will be a little shorter than usual and we hope to continue to share the service on Zoom with those who are not yet ready to join in person. We look forward to seeing you.

Lent Course

Our Lent Course is being held via Zoom, on Tuesday evenings between 7 pm and 8.30 pm. There is one more session 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 19th April at 8 pm. It is likely that it will take place on Zoom, there will be more details nearer the time.

Sensory Blankets

Valerie Pentecost is using her time during lock to make sensory blankets. She would be very grateful for any wool donations that she can use for crocheting. You can leave wool at the Parish Office or bring to Church once we resume services. Thank you.

From Muskerry Court

Dear Friends,

Forgive this rather impersonal method of saying a big thank you for your love and expressions of good wishes.

Pat is now home. The operation has connected her ankle by wire and screws to the left leg and she wears a heavy boot. Her leg will be kept elevated for some time and it is probably six weeks for recovery. At least she can get upstairs now backward and bottom first so not to be undertaken too often. I continue to assist on the domestic front. I found the washing machine most difficult - like flying a 747.

I did write to one of my friends who offered assistance. In thanking him I said that I literally had ladies queuing at the door offering their services. He said you had better rephrase that for the Church ladies as it might be misconstrued.

Anyway, a huge thank you for all your good wishes which has been so very much appreciated by us both.

See you on Easter Day (hopefully).

Tim.

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 28th March. If you want to check you are on the current roll then do get in touch.

Thank you - Ginette

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