

All Saints Paston Pew Sheet – April 26th to May 3rd

"Sharing the fun, friendship and peace of knowing God's love with everyone."

Along with other churches across the whole diocese we rejoice that we are now open again for regular Sunday worship at 10.00am.

Covid regulations still apply. Please wear face masks, keep a safe distance, sign in when you enter the church and do not mingle after the service. Help us to stay open!

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY (May 2nd)

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

READINGS for THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 2nd-

Acts ch8:v.26-40 • 1 John ch4:v.7-21 • John ch.15:v.1-8

Sunday 2nd May - FAMILY SERVICE

This Sunday we return to our regular family service on the first Sunday of each month. Back in January we flew off to the Holy Land and visited Bethlehem. Sadly, our holiday was then interrupted by the Covid epidemic, but we are now allowed to travel again! So, this Sunday, we move from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. In each location we will learn more about following in the footsteps of Jesus and listening to his word.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES NEEDED FOR COUNTING

Would all church members who have Children's Missionary Boxes please get them back to church as soon as possible for the annual count. Boxes may be brought to church and left on the font, or handed to Jennie Wise, members of the Mothers Union or to Steve and Peter.

CROSS ON THE EAST END ROOF

A few months ago, you will recall that youths climbed onto the chancel roof and removed the stone cross. Thankfully, vigilance from neighbours and quick response from church wardens and vergers, ensured that no further damage was done. We are pleased to report that the cross has now been securely re-fixed.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Peter was in the church porch again on **Saturday 24th April** collecting for Peterborough Food Bank. Thank you to all those who donated. More details next week.

CONFIRMATION

We are seeking candidates who would like to be considered for confirmation later this year. The Rural Dean plans to organise one or more Sunday afternoon deanery confirmations between October and mid-December. We have already had interest from a few people, and if you, or anyone you know, would like to consider confirmation this year, please speak to Peter, Steve, or Yvonne.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Our church cleaning team is doing a grand, and essential, job!

Because of the government's guidelines during these strange times, the cleanliness of the church is even more important. Sadly, some people have had to drop off the rota as they have now returned to work. Therefore, **more helpers are desperately needed**. If you feel that you could help, please let us know, so that we may pass your name on to Fiona. Many hands make lighter work.

COLLATION AND INDUCTION OF REVD. PAUL WHITELEY 30th May at 3.30pm:
Copy of letter from the Rural Dean to the Church Wardens

Please see the link below for Rev. Paul's Collation at All Saints. We have been asked to share this link with as many people as possible so that we are all able to welcome Paul on the big day.

Please see below the Zoom details for Paul's collation on 30th May at 3.30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88388909298?pwd=QVF6YnVwUDVCL0lxanhKT0hEQkpBUT09>

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

This week, we ask you to remember in your prayers **Doug & Margaret Scott**, two of our long-standing and faithful worshippers who are both unwell and finding life in lockdown increasingly hard. We pray that they may find strength and comfort in knowing Jesus.

We continue to remember **Denley Evans** who is now out of hospital, and we also pray for **Jennie Wise**, who is still visiting hospital.

We pray also for those who have recently died in faith:-

For our dear friend **Helen Stanley** whose funeral took place on Monday 19th April, and for our dear friend, **Margaret Webb** who passed away in hospital on Monday 12th April, and is now reunited with her loving husband Frank. **Margaret's funeral takes place in All Saints Church on Thursday, 6th May at 12 noon.**

May all those who have left this earthly life rest in peace and may those who mourn their passing be comforted. Amen.

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST, PLEASE MENTION IT TO THEM AND LET STEVE KNOW IF THEY WISH THEIR NAMES TO BE ADDED.

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ANY NEWS? If you have any news of upcoming events, services, Church and Sunday School activities, milestone birthdays, or any family news and celebrations, please contact me so that I may share it with the congregation. (Steve)

KEEPING CONTACT.

A huge thank you to all those who are regularly ringing around to check how people are feeling and coping. You are doing a valuable job. Please let us know if anyone needs to chat or if anyone needs our help.

SERVICES ON LINE

For those unable to attend church in the coming weeks, services will still be streamed from the Cathedral. (Please visit Cathedral Website for details.)

Continue to pray for **Rev Paul and Joanne** as their move to Paston draws closer.