

THE WHITEWATER BENEFICE

Sunday 21st February 2021

Lent I:

Visit of Judy Elliott from International China Concern



The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Isaiah 40.29

10am Weekly Services Every Sunday are on Zoom

Zoom code will be available weekly on website on Services page. All are welcome.

Website available all week to read through and watch videos

<https://www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk/services/>

10.00am – Live Morning Worship (Zoom)

The online services page will contain a link to the Zoom meeting

<https://www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk/services/>

Junior Church at 11am and 11.30am – please phone Jonathan if you need the link
Youth Emmaus at 4pm - phone Marion if you need the link

Readings: Gen 9.8-17 with Mark 1.9-15 and Collect Prayer

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churches are not open for Private Prayer or Worship

Our church buildings are currently closed but we look forward to a time when we will again be able to offer limited opening for private prayer and resume our gatherings for worship. We have regular online worship by Zoom and our website contains links to join those services. **PASTORAL SUPPORT** - If you wish to speak with someone in regard to prayer requests or for personal assistance that we might be able to provide at this time if you or someone you know is self-isolating please contact us as follows:

Revd Marion de Quidt (Hook Rectory) 01256 763211

Revd Shona Hoad (Mattingley Rectory, Hound Green) 07871 740158

All other contact and current information remain as detailed on our website.

Worship and Study Themes for February & March 2021

Sun 28th Feb – **Lent 2 - Being Disciples 2** - Rom 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

Sun 7th Mar – **Lent 3 – Being Disciples 3** – I Cor 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Sun 14th Mar – **Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday** – Col 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27

Sun 21st Mar – **Being Disciples** – Jer 31.31-34; John 12.20-33 with Christine Siddall from from Hart Foodbank

Mar 28th – **Palm Sunday**

Wednesday Worship by Zoom – 10am

All are welcome. Zoom code to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82538725640?pwd=OUVnTmxER1oybDJKWWNrTlhhL000dz09>

Meeting ID: 825 3872 5640 Passcode: 101010.

Small Groups Meeting on Zoom in February

Monday pm - Lent Group - 3pm - with Helen O'Sullivan. Speak to Marion

Weds afternoon KYB - 1-2.30pm: Rebecca (01256) 762980. Study: Ephesians

Weds eve KYB group - 7.30pm - Angelo (01256) 762980. Study: Ephesians

Weds am - Lent Group - 11am-12noon: Jennie 07803 505265. Ecumenical Lent course

Weds eve Living Flame - 8pm - Nikki (01256) 762865. Study: the I AMs of John's Gospel

Thurs afternoon Fingerprints - 1pm - with Marion and Sophie and Gill

Thurs eve - Lent Group - 7.30-9.30pm: Jonathan Bushman (jonathan.d.bushman@gmail.com)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84329748317?pwd=Q2lpcHdtRFFQU3hzbGFBMmZCSTdUZz09>

Fri eve – 8pm. St John's Choir: Stephen Davies (01256) 764574

Notices and News

Visiting Speaker - International China Concern, Sun 21st February 10am

Judy Elliott, Director ICC UK, will be speaking at our 10.00 am service. ICC is the international charity supported by St John's in 2021. Judy's talk will help us understand the context in which the organisation works and the challenges faced by those it helps. **Please note:** the talk will not be recorded or included on the Benefice website due to issues of potential political sensitivity.

Lent - Living His Story Study Groups

We have two groups for Lent study, Thurs night and Mon afternoon (starting 22nd Feb). Marion has some small booklets for personal daily use (£2) and the Lent Book (£10). This season is a great one to encourage each other to take time out with God, and for stillness and reflection. We are still at home: perhaps we can take time for this. Our Whatsapp prayer group can pray for you! See the website:

<https://www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk/whatson/small-groups/>

Living in Love and Faith – Church of England

The Church of England is offering us the opportunity to listen, learn and journey together reflecting on relationships and sexuality. "Living in Love and Faith" is a plan for us to journey together: book, course, materials to download and watch on a web page. All are invited to join a small group to discuss. Please contact Marion and Shona (back page).

Resources on the website: www.churchofengland.org/LLF

Pancake Party on Zoom

Many thanks to all who came to the Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday. Was well supported. The theme was "God is with us", like he was with Jesus in the wilderness he is with us in difficult times too. We had lots of fun. Children made Pancake Puppets, took part in a Pancake flipping game and made Rainbows to remind us of God's promise that he is always with us. Photos are on the website. Thank you to all those who helped make it possible.

Messy Church on Zoom, Fri 19th February 4-5pm

Theme: **Jesus calls his disciples to be 'Fishers of people'**. Families across the benefice are welcome. Zoom code will be on the website or contact Jennie Martin - 07803 505265.

Additional Dates for your diary:

March 19th Prepare for Easter. One activity will be to create an Easter Garden.
April 16th The Resurrection of Jesus. Where do we see Jesus in others?
May 21st New Life and the Holy Spirit.

Hart Food Bank Latest Requests for this Week

Please deliver items to the Life Church (our own churches are closed). Tinned meat meals - pies, curries, casseroles, stewed steak, chilli etc, Tinned veg - carrots, green beans, sweetcorn, mushrooms etc, UHT Semi skimmed milk and washing tablets.

Thank you so much. Joyce Baldock <http://www.hart.foodbank.org.uk/>

Whitewater Churches Pastoral Care for our Neighbour

Hook Pastoral care team met on Fri 19th Feb: thankful for the care in our churches.

World Day of Prayer, Live Streamed, Sacred Heart Hook, Fri 5th March 2pm

A women-led, global, ecumenical movement. Prayer service prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu. Click on <http://www.sacredhearthook.org/> to access livestream. A booklet is needed to take part, which can be obtained through Catriona Terrell through church office email with name and address. The booklet will be delivered. The women of Vanuatu have asked us to provide a small stone/pebble for each attendee. During our lockdown, we cannot provide these, could you decorate your own pebble/stone and keep it as a memento of the service. Booklet contains an offering envelope. Please hand envelope with offering to Catriona by Fri 12th March. Alternatively, donations online at www.wwdp.org.uk.

Thank You for Donations to our Churches

Thank you to everyone for your donations and support for our ministry and mission. Please check our website <https://whitewaterchurches.co.uk/giving> for different ways to contribute including online donations to either PCC. We are so grateful.

Treasurers: please do contact our treasurers: For Hook PCC: Caroline Bushman email: hooktreasurer@whitewaterchurches.co.uk (01256) 959699. For Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick, PCC: John Platt, johnplatt1@gmail.com (01256) 762243. Also, you can donate by card online: to Hook PCC at <https://tinyurl.com/stjohndonation> and to HMR PCC at <https://tinyurl.com/hmrdonation> Could you consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme, which allows you to set up a regular donation, with the Gift Aid sorted by the scheme, and is a great help to our Treasurers? Contact tel 0333 002 1260 to set up your membership over the phone. You will need your own bank details plus the parish code: Hook is 416005121 and for Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick is 416005081.

Prayers For Today And The Coming Weeks

See: <https://www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk/resources/prayers/>

Prayers for us to work with the Lord to bring hope and comfort to all around us.

Those in need of prayer: John Clements, Nicky, Ivor and Cathy Williams, David and Lynda, Lorna Nodder, Joyce Baldock, Melanie, her niece, Joan Mandry, Trevor Owen, Derek Martin, Anne Hallows, Peter Allen, Gilly O'Keeffe, Ray Thomason

Those who have recently died: Sheila Lyddon (Hook), John Bromham (Juliette's Father in law), Paul Johnson (HMR), Nicky Cottrell (HMR), Sheila Clague (Nicky's mother in law)

We love to pray for people who ask for prayer, but please do ask Marion first, so that we understand the situation, and we know that the person in need has given their permission to publish their name here. We shall continue to pray for people in our Years' Mind for 2 years after their passing, and then request that their family confirm with us that you would like us to continue. Thanks so much.

Contact Us

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