

## NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER, JERSEY

Issue 1, Mothering Sunday, 22 Mar 2020

Dear All,

Welcome to the **first issue** of our Weekly Newsletter! I hope this will help us all. It is important to maintain our close links with each other during the current emergency. I hope it will be especially useful to all those who live alone and/or those who are ill.

### Services and Spiritual Matters:

In line with the policy of the Church of England issued *a few days ago* sadly, very sadly, there will **not be any public services in Church** for the foreseeable future.

Secondly though, also in line with the policy of the Church of England, the Church **needs to be open and available to people** for private prayer, particularly during this difficult and distressing period, so that our spiritual lives can be healthily maintained and enhanced.

We have a complication at St Peter's, because of the works which are being undertaken on an intermittent basis. In the light of this new policy however, I have already made arrangements for the Lady Chapel to be made far more secure, so that children cannot get in and hurt themselves climbing the scaffolding etc, (thank you Ollie for carrying out this work!). This will be completed by Sunday. This has cost a bit, but in the light of the present emergency it will be helping everyone. If active work is at any time being undertaken, obviously the church, at particular times, might need to be closed.

**From Sunday 22 Mar**, the Parish Church of St Peter, will again be **OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 1000-1600** for private prayer, meditation and reflection: many will undoubtedly want to light a candle for a multitude of different reasons, but especially for loved ones in Jersey and beyond our shores, both living and departed. The Statue of Our Lady and sand-tray for **candles** is near the Sanctuary of the Church.

During Lent the **Stations of the Cross** are in sequence around the walls of the Church reminding us of God's identification, through Jesus, with the suffering of the world: He is with us in all things and circumstances. These can be looked at as a spiritual focus for silent prayers, thoughts, meditations, reflections and devotions: feel free to walk around and look at them or sit as you wish. I think you will feel the very presence of God as you do this, as I did this week in using them.

Another way to nourish your spiritual life is to buy, take home and use this year's Church of England **Lent Booklets**: they really are excellent.

If you come to church at any time, **please straight away use the hand gel or the wipes provided and if the latter drop them in the nearby bin.**

Also, very importantly, **sit or walk at least two yards** (I refuse to say metres!!!) away from anyone else to prevent the spread of the virus.

**Enjoy the SILENT TIME ALONE WITH GOD, and may he bless you,**

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## **WAYS TO WORSHIP IN YOUR OWN HOME:**

### **SUNDAYS on CHURCH WEBSITE:**

**1030 Mass from St Peter's** on the theme of the day.

Go on [www.stpeterschurch.org.je](http://www.stpeterschurch.org.je) and click on the Church Facebook page. The service can be viewed at any time for seven days from then.

### **SUNDAYS Radio & TV:**

**0800** Each Sunday during the emergency there will be a Service on **Radio Jersey** linked in with the national UK radio: this week's service will be led by The Archbishop of Canterbury.

**1315** Songs of Praise (BBC 2, TV)

**1500** As always, *every week of the year* on **Radio 3** listen to the glories of **Choral Evensong** from a different Cathedral or Abbey each week which is a repeat from the previous Wednesday 1530 broadcast. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound.

### **SUNDAYS: 1900 - LIGHT A CANDLE AND PLACE IT IN A WINDOW VISIBLE FROM YOUR STREET**

This simple initiative is from the Archbishop of Canterbury: it will help you and others to know that God, through Jesus, is the light of the world and is always with us. Beware of curtains!! Electric candles are best, if you have them. Please leave them lit for at least an hour, but preferably all evening. Look at the candle: think about what some are already going through and pray for them.

### **WEDNESDAYS on Radio 3**

**1530** As always, *every week of the year* on **Radio 3**, listen to the glories of **Choral Evensong** from a different Cathedral or Abbey each week, repeated on the following Sunday at 1500. Available for 30 days on BBC Sound.

### **EVERYDAY: LENT BOOKLETS**

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### **CROSS, PALM CROSS, CRUCIFIX, ICON**

Use these as a focus for your prayers in your own home

### **THE ANGELUS BELL: THIS WILL RING AT 0955, 1155 & 1555 EACH SUNDAY**

Listen out! You will hear this, in the ringing sequence 3-3-3-9: between each of those numbers prayers are said for all by the ringer (see next page for the words and join in at home), which will usually be me. Know that you are being prayed for.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Suzette Bradshaw; Dave; Elis; Donald English; Audrey Gem; Peggy Harrison; Jonathan Harvey; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jack Johns; Robin Mallet; Stephan Mauger; John Le Riche; Riley.

**PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED:** Bill Harrison; Colin Le Marquand; Edna Sumner; Bob Touzel

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS:**

If you pop into the church there will be posies of flowers (which were to have been given out in the service) in a vase at the Candlestand by the statue of Our Lady, in the Chancel. Please help yourself, and either give them to your Mum or put them by her photo in your home and pray for her.

## The Angelus

***Please pray for all those affected by the virus and their families, as well as for your loved ones and yourself.***

**V.** The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,  
**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

*V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

**R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.**

*V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

**R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

**V.** And the Word was made flesh,  
**R. And dwelt among us.**

*V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

**R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**V.** We beseech You, O Lord, to pour your grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His and + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

***The Angelus Bell will ring out from the Church Spire, sounding across the village at 0955, 1155 and 1555: do use this sheet and say the prayer when you hear the Bell.***

***(It should be rung at 10, 12 & 1600, but can't be because of the clock chiming)***

At this time of great uncertainty, it is only right that the Church in Jersey follows the advice of the Church of England and also the authorities here on the island with respect to health and wellbeing of all those who attend services in our churches.

This is so in St Peter, however one of the most significant issues which we need to consider during the present situation is that the way the congregation gives to support the church in St Peter will need to change, if only for a temporary period.

As everybody is aware the Jersey Deanery is self-supporting, it receives no financial support from the Diocese in Canterbury and apart from a small contribution toward admin and safeguarding costs, the Deanery does not pay anything to the Diocese, all funds raised in Jersey are used to pay the costs of running the Jersey Deanery.

It must also be remembered that our trust fund which currently contributes over 10% of our share may well be affected by the turmoil in the stock market, added to this many of our annual fund raising events may well be cancelled due to the restrictions caused by the virus.

It is therefore critical that the Anglican Churches in Jersey pay their 'Share'. The current share for a parish church in Jersey with a full-time priest is £72,000. St Peter currently receives support from other Churches due to historical events. Therefore for 2020 St Peter is being asked to pay £36,000, (half the share of others). This is money the congregation are asked to give/raise: it is not for the Parish to give this money, as they so generously do with the maintenance of the building.

For the foreseeable future the congregation will not be able to contribute on a weekly basis via the collection and so I feel I must ask you all how we are going to fulfil our giving. Currently there are three ways:

- 1 On a weekly / monthly basis send a cheque payable to St Peters Church, for your giving, addressed to The Treasurer c/o The Rectory, La Rue due Presbytere, St Peter, JE3 7ZH...or...
- 2 Write a letter to your bank asking them to pay a monthly sum direct into the St Peters Church, Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60-12-03 account number 66609739...or...
- 3 For those who have online access, use the account above to set up a standing order, pay a regular monthly amount, or make periodic lump sum payments.

With the unprecedented position the world finds itself in, I in no way wish to add to the anxiety of any member of the congregation, however **I am sure you will appreciate it is far better we plan now, continuing to give robustly, so the Parish Church of St Peter, will come out this, financially secure and more importantly spiritually closer than before.**

Howard Buesnel.

Treasurer.

## Parish of St Peter: Message from the Constable - Coronavirus Update

I thought it important to write to all Parishioners to reassure them that both myself and the Parish Hall staff are here to support you all during the Coronavirus outbreak and to assist with the challenges that may arise.

The Parish Hall will continue to operate but I would ask Parishioners to contact us by telephone or eMail rather than visiting in person in order to limit the potential to spread the virus, the doors will remain closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

We have a group of volunteers who will assist with shopping, collection of prescriptions, a visit or call to an elderly friend or relative, and other tasks. If you are unable to leave your home and do not have family or friends who can assist please contact us.

It is important to remember:

- Always follow the latest Coronavirus advice from the Government of Jersey which will be released via the media, alternatively you can obtain the latest advice on-line at **gov.je/coronavirus**
- If you are told you should self-isolate please do so both for your protection and that of others.
- The Parish are available to provide general advice and more importantly for those of you who need assistance, they will take your details and arrange for one of our volunteers to assist. Please Contact the Parish Hall during on **01534 481236** between 09.00 and 16.00 or by eMail at [StPeter@posp.gov.je](mailto:StPeter@posp.gov.je).
- After Hours there is an Emergency Mobile number **07797 787355** which will be held by one of our volunteers every day until 8.00pm including weekends.
- Medical queries should not be directed to the Parish Hall or Emergency Mobile number please call the Central Government Coronavirus Helpline on **01534 445566**.
- If you are living alone and would like someone to contact you from time to time our volunteers will be happy to do this. Simply contact the Parish Hall and provide your details.

### **Parish Events, Clubs and Administration - Update**

It is with some regret that we have had to cancel all our Liberation 75 Celebrations. I know many of you were looking forward to these events and I thank the team that had already undertaken considerable work towards the celebrations.

We will have to make next year even more special and if the later in the year the Coronavirus outbreak is no longer a threat perhaps we should consider a parish celebration as we are allowed to return to normality.

- All meetings of the Senior Citizens clubs are postponed until further notice
- St. Peters Youth Club will be closed until further notice. Please follow the @jerseyyouthservice Facebook and Instagram page for current updates, information and guidance.
- The Parish Pre-School has closed although the Tea Room will remain open for as long as we are permitted to do so.
- Refuse Collections will continue on the normal day, but collections are likely to take place earlier. Please put out your bins as early as possible. **Richard Vibert**