

Becoming lifelong followers of Jesus Christ

We hope that you find this slightly different format of notices useful at this time. Bear with us as the situation changes fast.



Collect for the **Fourth Sunday of Lent; Mothering Sunday**

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's readings

Isaiah 49: 13-18 (p737)
Luke 2.33-35 (p1028)



Please pray for those who are unwell including:

Kevin Evans, Angela Henery.

Do pray also:

- Emily Peachey, working in Cambodia with Tearfund.
- for all who are currently ill with the virus, and the many who are feeling vulnerable at this time.
- for those in the caring professions who are needing to work additional hours to make up for their colleagues who are ill / self-isolating.

World Church Prayer Focus.

This week we pray for Thomas Parkin half way through his gap year teaching in the Solomon Islands. His life has been enriched by the kindness and generosity of the Islanders and fellow volunteers; please pray for their safety during the current cyclone season and severe flooding. Pray that his Islander band fundraiser gigs raise enough money to make a village water pump feasible.

Worship at home

The Church of England has posted links to some recorded services on its website, that you might like to use as a substitute for our coming together 'until we meet again'. <https://www.churchofengland.org/> This includes #LiveLent daily reflections, prayer for the day audio and text and Alexa and Google Home smart speaker apps.

You can watch live (or later) streams of services from a range of churches that you can find under Digital resources down the page: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>



The archbishops have joined other church leaders in calling for a day of prayer and action this Sunday (Mothering Sunday) particularly remembering those who are sick or anxious and all involved in health and emergency services.

There is also a call to put a lit candle (safely!) in a window in your home at **7pm on Sunday**.

"At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

Therefore, at 7pm (GMT) this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer."

There is a special **Mothering Sunday service on BBCI Songs of Praise at 13:15**. Katherine Jenkins joins members of Mothers' Union in Worthing Hospital learning about their work providing emergency bags for new mums in the maternity unit.



You can also listen to BBC radio daily service recordings, both recent and live each day at 09.45.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

BBC local radio is planning to run a virtual church service each Sunday morning.

BBC Radio 3 always broadcasts a choral evensong service on Weds afternoons at 15:30, repeated or another evensong on Sunday afternoon at

Radio 4 broadcasts 'Thought for the day' at around 07.48



16:00.
am each day.

If you would simply like to hear some bell ringing, try
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006sgsh>

Richard Trethewey, now at All Saints' Newtown Linford – is actively publishing daily prayers and other resources. You can find them on that church's Facebook or web page.

News Headlines

Message from the Vicar, Geoff Lanham

Dear friends,

We have been trying hard to keep abreast of developments in national Church of England policy around the coronavirus pandemic. Apologies for previous communications now being out of date, but the latest advice today from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York is that "public worship is suspended until further notice." The national church has obviously reflected hard on the implications of yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister and decided to put public worship on hold. **This means that all our mid-week and Sunday services are cancelled pending future review at some point. We will continue to open the church as a place where people can go and pray in the week should they choose to.** The staff at KPC will also meet as a small group on a Sunday morning to pray and say a daily office together. We will be worshipping in the church on your behalf.



We are currently devising a **pastoral system for keeping in contact with the over 70s who are self-isolating**. Home group leaders are being asked to phone members of their own groups in this situation. For people not in home groups, we will be setting up a designated mobile number to ring to ask for help or indicate that you would like regular phone contact. **David Pickering has agreed to co-ordinate a team of people who will keep in touch via phone.**

The staff will be considering how to provide spiritual support and input via the web, both for the KPC family but also our wider community. Bear with us in these first few days while we work out what's possible. It is our hope that sermons may still be recorded and placed on the website.

I know that the prospect of being out of contact with your normal networks and support systems might seem daunting and frightening for many of you. We will be providing ideas and guidance for how to embrace this enforced time alone and grow through the experience. It will be a challenge, but by God's grace we will be enabled to meet it. As the Archbishops have said, "Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day." May we learn how to pray more deeply, for ourselves, our community, nation and world.

God bless you all and keep following the advice of government.

Pastoral Support for over 70's who are self-isolating

Further to Geoff Lanham's message yesterday, here are details of the pastoral system for keeping in contact with the over 70s who are self-isolating. As Geoff said, home group leaders are being asked to phone members of their own groups in this situation. Where they have contact details David Todman and Judy Cooper will be contacting members of Friendship Club directly. We hope that members of other groups such as the Choir may be able to look out for each other.

For people not in groups, or where those groups are not able to meet all the needs, we have set up a designated mobile number to ring to ask for help or to indicate that you would like regular phone contact.

That number is: **07942 758290**.

Initially David and Annette Pickering and James and Mary Thorne will staff the phone line for half a week each, and will pass on requests to other volunteers who will provide practical or telephone support.

If you would like to volunteer to help meet the practical needs that are raised (e.g. shopping, collecting prescriptions), please could you email davidpickering84@gmail.com, who will add you to the support team list. Many thanks.

David Pickering, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator KPC

Closures

In line with ongoing Church of England and Government Corona virus guidance, in essence to avoid gatherings, crowded places and non-essential travel, we consider it wise to **postpone all church organised meetings and activities for the time being, including church services as announced above**. Please watch this space for further details, especially about the forthcoming Annual Meeting. Our postponed meetings and activities include home groups and other events, whether on church premises or otherwise.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** due on Wednesday 25th March 2020 is postponed.

We would like to maintain contact with our **Cobbles** customers especially those that need help shopping etc. Contact Michael Coulson 07789 023095 or Roger Kennedy 07803 668081.

Other News

Church Finance – please be considering your response to the Stewardship last week, seeking “room to grow” Steve Mort, Treasurer.

Noticeboard



British Summer Time commences next Sunday 29 March. Remember to put your clocks forward on Saturday night; however this year for once, you need not fear turning up late to the services!

Spring Harvest has been cancelled, so please do **not** now deliver cartons nor transit vans to the office for Sarah!



A **Parish Magazine** Distributor is required for the Willowbank Rd area to deliver 15 magazines. If you are able to help, please contact Bryan and Gail Langford. Tel 01564 776370

Christian Aid Plant Sale

When sowing seeds in house or greenhouse for your garden this year please prepare some for the Plant Sale in May. Cuttings from your perennials also welcome.

Youth Team Notices.

Lit Residential: There are limited places available on the summer ROCK UK Youth Residential (August 22-26). Please email Paul for more details.

All items for inclusion in the notice sheet – in writing and not more than 50 words – should reach the Parish Office by 9.15am on Wednesday at the latest.

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