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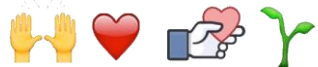


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Notes & News



Sunday 22 March 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent
MOTHERING SUNDAY



WELCOME to this new phase of parish life during this unprecedented time in our nation's history when we are unable to hold public services of worship and have had to suspend all group activities. It is a very unsettling time for everyone with the future so uncertain, schools shut, jobs at risk, supermarket shelves empty, many of you self-isolating and very little open. Many are fearful of catching Covid 19 and feeling very lonely.

As Christians this is a time where we really need to trust in the Lord, seek him more closely in prayer and reading the Bible and show what church is really about by encouraging each other and helping out as we can as well as accepting help, which many are not good at.

Although there will be no services in church we are far from closed. St Peter's and All Souls' will be open for private prayer, we will be livestreaming services every Sunday morning via our website, there will be opportunities to join in with daily morning prayer either by video link or, we hope, by ordinary telephone.

We are offering a *Shop and Drop* service to any of you or your neighbours who are self-isolating and need someone to get things for them, there will be *Church in a Bag*, which can be delivered to you with activities for all ages to do. Details can be found elsewhere in *Notes and News* or at www.stpeterwoking.org/howcanwehelp.

Please contact any of the ministry team or pastoral assistants if you want prayer or a chat or are offering to help in any way; we would love to hear from you. Details are on the back of *Notes and News*.

One of my favourite passages in times of uncertainty is Jesus' words to his disciples in John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

I pray that this may be a time of growth for us as we trust in Jesus who has overcome this world, as we seek Jesus more deeply and as we support each other in new ways.

Jonathan

Sunday 22 March – Fourth Sunday in Lent

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.00am – Livestream Service from St Peter's

Sunday Live

We are planning on recording and premiering our Sunday Service at 10.00am this Sunday on YouTube. To access this service and (all going well) ongoing services please visit www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive where you will find further instructions.

This will be a great chance for us all to gather together, worship together and chat (there is a live chat!). If you can't make the start time of the service it will still be available to watch afterwards.

So please do join us. Any problems contact Robin.

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| <u>Hymns</u> | 473 | <i>My hope is built on nothing less</i> |
| | 1008 | <i>The Lord's my shepherd</i> |
| | 225 | <i>He's got the whole world in his hands</i> |

Reading Luke 18: 1-8 (The words will be on the screen during the livestream)

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

We will continue to have Morning Prayer every day of the week apart from Sunday at 9.00am. This will be led by the Ministry Team. We are also offering a live video stream for any that wish to join in. If you are interested, please let me know and I will send you a link via email or text explaining how you can join. All you need is an App called 'Zoom' on any of your devices.

If they wish to follow Morning Prayer, people are welcome to pick up a Lent Morning Prayer service sheet at St Peter's or All Souls' when they are open. (9.00am – 6.00pm, St Peter's every day, All Souls on Tues and Suns.

Bible Readings

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| Mon | Psalm 70, | Exodus 2.11-22 | Tue | Psalm 54, | Exodus 2.23-3.20 |
| Wed | Psalm 111 | 1 Samuel 2.1-10 | Thur | Psalm 53 | Exodus 4.27-6.1 |
| Fri | Psalm 102 | Exodus 6.2-13 | Sat | Psalm 32 | Exodus 7.8-25 |

If you are unable to join in this way, you can still send prayer requests to my email or my mobile number below. I also invite you, if and where you can, to join in with the parish to pause and pray every day at 6.00pm, for whatever God is putting on your heart and mind to pray for.

We are all in this together, but most importantly, God is in this with us, let us make our prayers and requests known to Him.

Rev Sam, Curate curate@stpeterwoking.org 07923 331108

* COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT *

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

* A PRAYER TO USE WITH CHILDREN *

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**



Sunday 29 March – Fifth Sunday in Lent

CMS MISSION SUNDAY

11.00am – Livestream Service from St Mark's

Our livestream service next Sunday will be from St Mark's at 11.00am and will feature a CMS speaker and details about our new CMS Mission Partner Malcolm Pritchard. You can give to support his ministry by going to <https://www.kindlink.com/charity/parish-of-stpeter-woking/opportunities>, also available from our website, or by putting money in a Mission Partner brown envelope available at St Peter's and dropping it in at the Parish Office.

* SHOP AND DROP *

If you are self-isolating, our *Shop & Drop* service is here to help you! We are offering help with shopping, urgent supplies, posting mail and other errands, dog walking, a friendly phone call, or prayer. If there is anything you need, please do email shopanddrop@stpeterwoking.org or phone 01483 852560. We are also producing *How can we help you?* cards for you to deliver to your neighbours and anyone you know who may need our help. You can collect these from St Peter's (open every day) or All Souls' (open Tuesdays & Sundays).



* SOCIAL MEDIA *

In a time when it is much more difficult for us to meet together in person, social media is a wonderful tool to keep us connected. We will be sharing updates on things we are doing, how we can help you, useful resources, and ways to connect with each other. Please do come and find us on: **Facebook:** @stmarkswestfield, @stpetersoldwoking, @allsoulssuttongreen, and on **Instagram:** @stpeterwoking.

* CHURCH IN A BAG *

Whilst we cannot be together for our Sunday services, we are putting together goody bags full of tools to help you do church at home, including readings, prayers, activities and more. These can be for families or individuals. Please email cfm@stpeterwoking.org or phone 01483 852560 if you would like to receive the next bag!



* BELLRINGING SUCCESS! *



Last Saturday a team from Old Woking took part in the Guildford Diocesan Guild 6 bell striking competition at Puttenham and were victorious – for the first time in living memory! Congratulations to Caroline, Rachel, Ian, Eliot, Ruth and Richard.

Sadly the bells are silenced for the time being but if you miss them and would like to find out more about ringing do come and have a look once we are allowed to socialise. We look forward to being able to ring out the good news that the church is open again in due course.

Rachel

* GIVING TO THE CHURCH *

During this period when there are no services we will be financially affected by no giving through blue envelopes or cash in the collection. If you usually give this way could you either put your regular amount you give aside,



somewhere safe, to be given at a later date or else do one of the following:

1. Join the Parish Giving Scheme, a great way to give regularly which is really helpful for the church. Forms explaining the scheme and how to join are available in each church which remains open or contact the parish office and Helen will send one to you.
2. Set up a standing order to pay monthly or quarterly. Forms are available in each church or from the Parish Office.

One-off gifts can be made at www.stpeterwoking.org/giving

* BRITISH SUMMER TIME *



Don't forget that you will need to put your clocks forward by one hour next Saturday evening. (For once you won't have to worry about oversleeping, having lost an hour's sleep!)

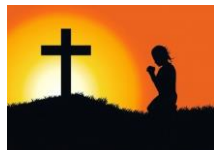
"VOLUNTEERS DON'T GET PAID, NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE WORTHLESS, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS."

"VOLUNTEERS ARE LOVE IN MOTION"

(Quotes from 'A Bundle of Laughs' by J John and Mark Stibbe)

* WORLD DAY OF PRAYER *

I'm sure it goes without saying but the World Day of Prayer follow up prayer meeting on 23 March is now cancelled (they were at pains to make sure this information was passed on). Rachel



* CONCERT AND CAKE *

A big Thank You to everyone who had volunteered to help at Concert & Cake. Sadly, this event has been postponed and we hope to re-arrange it for later in the year – although do feel free to make cake listen to some lovely music yourselves!

* HEARING AID CLINIC *

The Diocese in conjunction with the Royal Surrey Hospital audiology department have agreed that for the time being all hearing aid clinics should be suspended due to the risk to the volunteers and the patients.

Patients should contact the hospital that they got their aids from by phone or email to request supplies or to speak with an audiologist. Supplies will be sent out in the post (batteries and tubes etc, and in the case of a broken hearing aid a new one will be sent out).

Please note: David does not have phone numbers or email addresses for the Audiology Departments at Royal Surrey and St Peter's Ashford hospitals.

* SURREY HALF MARATHON – SPONSORSHIP PLEASE *-



Congratulations to Sam, Jonathan, Andy, Chris, Sarah and Michael for completing the Surrey Half Marathon on 8 March. Some photos of the event can be seen on our website under **Church Life/Latest Events and News**.

Thank you to all who sponsored us and to all who have given their sponsorship money in. If you have not yet paid please either go to the website link above to pay online or else put the money in an envelope and pop it in at the Vicarage or Rectory. If you are self-isolating let Jonathan know and he will arrange a doorstep pickup.

* ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE *

Our Annual Meetings and deadline for the revised Electoral Roll have been postponed until the autumn due to the effect of Coronavirus. New dates will be given nearer the time.

St Peter's will be open every day for prayer from 9.00am until 6.00pm.

All Souls' will be open for prayer on Tuesdays and Sundays from 9.00am until 6.00pm

There will be prayer stations in both churches to help you pray.

* NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TODAY *

The Archbishop of Canterbury, together with major church leaders from all denominations in the UK, have called for a National Day of Prayer today to pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus Covid-19 so please set aside time to pray with thousands of others across the nation.

You are encouraged to light a candle and pray at 7.00pm. Use the prayer below:

A Prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**



* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ... *

the family and friends of Sir Andrew Leggatt, aged 89, of Church Street and the family and friends of Laura Marsden, aged 83, of Horsell.

Please also pray for all in the parish and those we know who are self-isolating and any who are infected with Coronavirus.

MICK'S MUSINGS

On Mothering Sunday we show that we appreciate Mothers. At church services the question is often asked "What do mothers do for us? A very long list follows, which shows that mothers are very good at multi-tasking. What may be forgotten though is the influence mothers have on their children.

I have just read a biography of Susanna Wesley. In it an extract from a letter written by the father of her children is included. "You Know", he wrote, "what you owe to the best of mothers often reflect on the tender peculiar love which your dear mother has always expressed towards you." Although this was written to her eldest son, all her children remained close to her and regarded her with great affection. She was also a very clear example as a Christian.

It is therefore no wonder that one of her sons, John, became one of the best evangelists of all time and founded the Methodist Church and her youngest child, Charles, wrote many magnificent hymns. We see in them a mother's influence, which still spreads even today. Mick

PS There is an excellent biography of Susanna written by Marion Field, who incidentally comes from Woking.