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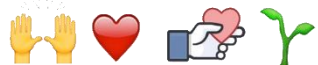


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Notes & News

Sunday 4 April 2020 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins today and is a special time for all Christians as we join with millions throughout the world remembering the highs and lows leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection which changed history forever.



Jesus knows what it is to feel fear and suffer, so he can identify with us during this troubling time for so many, but ultimately Holy Week shows us that God knows what he is doing and that his wonderful purposes will be realised in His way and in His time.

Whilst Holy Week will be different for us as a parish this year, most of our regular services will take place, just in a different format via the internet. However, many will also be available to listen to and participate in by telephone to make it accessible to all so please give it a go. Details of how to join in are explained later.

We are very aware that many of you do not have internet access so we have tried to produce written resources with and in Notes & News to help you pray and join in as well as providing this telephone option to participate in most services and events. We now have to post Notes & News to all who don't have email, as we can't hand deliver them. Unfortunately last week's edition took many days to arrive via Royal Mail who are affected by staffing issues, so didn't get to most of you before Sunday's service. We have brought forward production this week so we hope it will arrive in time, but if not, our apologies.

During this Coronavirus period we can feel very helpless, but there are plenty of ways we can all help:

1. **Pray** – prayer makes a difference. Pray on your own or join in with Morning Prayer, but pray for the nation, the world, your family and friends and persist.
2. **Give** – our church, individuals, and many charities are adversely affected financially at this time with loss of income which may cause great hardship. If you are not affected you can consider giving some of what you might have spent going out, going on holiday, or shopping for luxuries to those in need. See separate piece for how to do this.
3. **Phone** – many people are lonely at this time of isolation. Don't wait for people to call you, phone them, they will love to hear from you and have a good chat.
4. **Join in** – most of our church services and events are accessible to all, so join in. Your presence is valued whether by video or telephone and you'll feel uplifted. If you have any technical problems call the parish office who will get someone to help you. If you have time you can help with our **Shop and Drop** service or the Foodbank, details of which are elsewhere.

I pray that this Holy Week will bring unexpected blessings to us all. Jonathan

Sunday 5 April – PALM SUNDAY 10.00am – Livestream Service

Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew and have a candle ready to light together at the beginning of the service and a large piece of foliage to use during the service.

HYMNS Praise is rising
10,000 Reasons
We want to see Jesus lifted high

READINGS Luke 19: 28-41

*** ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES *** You can access our *YouTube* services each Sunday and on other occasions (e.g Good Friday) as follows:

- via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube and other information about the service. If you have any problem or need technical help, please contact Robin on 01483 852560 or Mark on 01483 771094.
- subscribe to the **Parish of St Peter Woking YouTube** channel (click the **Subscribe** button below the video) to get direct access from *YouTube* without needing to go via the website
- listen via **telephone** for those without internet access. It is simple so please give it a try. Just before the service call 0330 0885830 (sorry the wrong number was given out last week), enter the meeting id as 585531880 when prompted, then press #, then when asked for a participant id press # again and you will be able to listen to the service. It is a local call cost which is free for most people.

For those watching live via *YouTube* use the chat facility to talk to one another before, during and after the service. If you can't watch it live, it will be available online afterwards, but not by phone.

Please tell friends and family about it, many who don't usually worship with us have said how much our services have blessed them.

*** FAMILIES @ 4 ***

Whilst we have sadly had to pause our 'Church in a Bag' idea, over the past couple of weeks we have been bringing the families in our churches together through 'Church in an Email' including a story, some fun activities, and a creative prayer idea. We have then been meeting together via Zoom each Sunday at 4.00pm to go through the story, explore it together, and to catch up! If any more families would like to join us, please do contact Robin – cfm@stpeterwoking.org Children of all ages, along with their parents, are very welcome to take part, even if it's just to wave hello!

*** THIS WEEK INSIDE ***

During this time, when we're all staying safe inside our homes, we want to stay connected to one another and share all of the wonderful things that we have been doing. On Facebook, as well as a public page for each church, we also have a private group which you can find by searching 'Parish of St Peter Woking'. Over the coming weeks, we want to encourage you to use this group to share what you have been up to 'This Week Inside'. So please join the group, see what others have been up to and share yourself whether it's a nice walk, crochet or cooking we want to know.

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

It's been really encouraging to see many join us for Morning Prayer via Zoom these past two weeks. If you still haven't and would wish to, please let me know and I will get back to you with details of how you can join. We meet at 9.00am for Bible study and prayer on Mondays to Saturdays for half an hour. You do not have to be a 'prayer warrior' or required to pray out loud, just your presence is valued.

Next week's Bible readings

Monday	<i>Psalm 41</i>	<i>Luke 22: 1-23</i>
Tuesday	<i>Psalm 27</i>	<i>Luke 22: 24-53</i>
Wednesday	<i>Psalm 102</i>	<i>Luke 22: 54-71</i>
Thursday	<i>Psalm 42</i>	<i>Luke 23: 1-25</i>
Friday	<i>Psalm 69</i>	<i>Hebrews 10: 1-10</i>
Saturday	<i>Psalm 142</i>	<i>John 2: 18-22</i>



EVENING PRAYER

We (the Parish) are continuing to pause and pray for a few minutes every six o'clock in the evening. Praying for this parish, for those affected by the coronavirus and all those doing all they can to combat this virus. If it helps, we are encouraging you to light a candle at this time, inviting the light of Christ in this situation.

Rev Sam, Curate curate@stpeterwoking.org 07923 331108

WINTERSHALL PASSION PLAY ON GOOD FRIDAY

In recent years this has been performed in Trafalgar Square to thousands and repeated in Guildford High Street. For a real experience this year go to www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay on Good Friday.

*** COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY ***

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 ***

Dear God, my friends and I are not allowed to go to school or meet to play.
I'm sad because I miss my friends.
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.
Please be close to them.

If they are ill, please help them to get better and to know that you love them.
Please be with the people who are looking after them. **Amen**



Next Sunday 12 April

EASTER DAY

10.00am – Livestream All-Age Service for Easter

*** 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.

Robin and Jenny

*** 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. Jenny

*** SOUTH WOKING FOODBANK ***

The demand for our local foodbank has increased so if you are able to support it please drop produce off in the basket at Sainsburys Local at Kingfield.

If you are interested in helping buy fresh food, pack or deliver food parcels please contact Jonathan who will pass your details on.

*** SPRING HARVEST 2020 – FREE FOR ALL! ***

Have you always wanted to try Spring Harvest but it's never felt like quite the right time? Have you been concerned about the cost/the travel/the accommodation? Well, now you can try attending the event but from the comfort of your own home – and for FREE! Along with many other big events, Spring Harvest at Skegness, Minehead and Harrogate had to be cancelled for 2020.

Disappointing though this was for those who were planning to go, it has given an opportunity for many more people to experience the Bible teaching, live worship, specialist seminars and workshops that the event excels at. "Spring Harvest Home" will be running from 13 (Easter Monday) to 17 April and available online via *YouTube*. More information can be found at <https://springharvest.org/spring-harvest-home/> including a short video explaining the plans and this year's theme "Unleashed – The Acts Church Today". I've been going to Spring Harvest for most years since 1989's *Deckchairs on the Titanic* and, though this is going to be very different, I'm excited by the chance everyone will have to see how special an event it is (at zero cost), and hopefully you'll be encouraged to join us when we book for 2021.

If you would like to join in a daily virtual coffee and chat that week on what we have seen and heard via Zoom please contact Caroline on clho1@tiscali.co.uk who will give you details.

*** HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS ***

Whilst Holy Week will be quite different this year, there will still be the following going on which most people will be able to engage with.

Tuesday 7 April at 7.30pm – Parish Prayer Meeting

At this time it's more important than ever to pray so please do join our Holy Week parish prayer meeting via Zoom. We will spend some time listening to God by meditating on scripture and also pray for our mission partners. You can join the meeting using the link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/498905544> or by telephone. For more information please contact Rachel on (rachel.e.johnson@sky.com), or 01483 740702)

Thursday 9 April at 7.00pm – Maundy Thursday Last Supper

Join us as we re-enact the Last Supper together as a church family around our dining room tables via Zoom. This will be really special, will last just 30 minutes, and will be suitable for all ages and perfect for families.

Please email or call Jonathan (vicar@stpeterwoking.org, 01483 762707) if you wish to join in, whether via video or phone. It is accessible to all and he will send you details of how to prepare. Don't miss it!

Friday 10 April at 11.00am – Good Friday Reflection

Sam will be leading us in a quiet reflective *YouTube* service, suitable for all ages. It can be accessed by *YouTube* and by phone in the same way as our Palm Sunday service explained earlier. For those of you receiving N&N by post it will be accompanied with a reflection for Good Friday which will be available on our website as well.

Sunday 12 April at 6.00am – Easter Sunrise Service

Although we can't go to Newlands Corner this year there is no excuse not to get up early! Peter Clifford will lead us through the journey and excitement of that first Easter Day via Zoom video link. Contact Peter (outlawpete65@gmail.com) for details of how to participate and don't forget to have your own cooked breakfast ready for afterwards!

All-Age Easter Sunday Celebration at 10.00am

Our Easter service will be full of joy as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and accessible in the same way as our other *YouTube* services. We would love to show short [video or audio clips](#) of families or individuals wishing the church family a Happy Easter, so please email them to Robin (cfm@stpeterwoking.org) by Wednesday 8 April. There will also be a virtual Easter Egg Hunt.

*** TV AND RADIO CHURCH SERVICES ***

Sundays	Radio Surrey	5.30am – Hymns Half Hour, also available on iPlayer
	Radio 4	8.10am – Sunday Worship, also available on iPlayer
	BBC One	11.45am Sunday Worship, also available on iPlayer

Weekdays	Radio 4 (LW)	10.45am – The Daily Service, also on BBC Sounds
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*** PASTORAL SUPPORT ***

Everyone who attends our services has been assigned a Link Person who will keep in touch with you by phone or email. If you have not heard from your Link Person or would like any form of pastoral support please contact our Pastoral Assistant Brenda Cox on 01483 770997 or brendaatn07@gmail.com.

* FINANCIAL GIVING *

As mentioned in my welcome this is a time when many individuals and charities, including this parish, need support. We appreciate that many are not in a financial position to give any more currently, but for those who are, consider blessing one of these financially:

Malcolm Pritchard – If you were planning to give to our Mission Partner last week and didn't get round to it (not many have yet) then please either:

- go to <https://donate.kindlink.com/parish-of-stpeter-woking/2191>
- Send a cheque made payable to "The Parish of St Peter Woking", with CMS Gift Day marked on the back, to St Peter's Parish Office, Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JF or
- Put money aside now in a box to bring in later

Parish of St Peter Woking – our income has dropped due to no cash collections on a Sunday and no lettings in our halls at present. If able to please consider a temporary increase in your giving. If you don't currently give regularly please contact the Parish Office for details of how to give by Standing Order or the Parish Giving scheme.

Charities – many Christian and other charities such as Woking Hospice are struggling financially now due to being unable to fundraise, so please consider giving to them online or by cheque.

Coronavirus Support Fund – recognising there will be people in our churches and parish who will have lost jobs or who are facing a severe reduction in income we are launching a Coronavirus Support Fund. If you would like to contribute to that fund then please either send a cheque made payable to "The Parish of St Peter Woking" to the Parish Office (Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JF) or online at <https://donate.kindlink.com/parish-of-stpeter-woking/2909>.

* MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA *

Many were inspired by the video in our *YouTube* service last Sunday and the piece in Notes & News from our new CMS Mission Partner, Malcolm Pritchard, giving us a little glimpse of life in Northern Uganda and his role and calling in that place.

One of the excitements about this partnership (apart from praying for and financially supporting Malcolm) is the opportunity to make a proposed mission trip to Uganda, hopefully sometime in Spring 2021, possibly in a school holiday. Amongst other things we would visit Malcolm to witness first hand his mission and be a part of it.

With my connections with Uganda as well, we think this would be a great opportunity to connect with both my and Malcolm's home churches in Uganda and be involved in mission and of course some sightseeing on this trip.

I am wanting to gather interest, from both adults and young people, who may want to be a part of this trip. The practicalities of this trip are:

- A 7-10 day stay in Uganda
- £500-650 return air ticket (+ Ugandan visa costs approx. £40)
- Accommodation and food provided by hosts, so few extra costs.

If this is something that interests you, please let me know; there is no commitment at this stage. God willing, if there is enough interest, we can begin finding a suitable date and making plans on the other side of Covid-19. **Sam**

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ... *

the family and friends of John Collins, aged 78, of Balfour Avenue and the family and friends of Alice Waller, aged 96, of Byfleet and for those who are unwell – Peter and Eileen Bliss, Zoe Squillaci, Trevor Lloyd, Naomi Etheridge, Bob Baker, Joan Deacon and Sarah and Mark Grubb.

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

A Prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

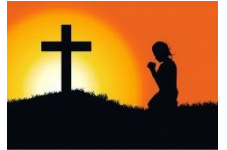
Sustain and support the anxious,

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.**



A prayer for hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience

to all who are caring for the sick,

and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,

that through their work many will be restored to health;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

* NEW WEEKLY VIDEO LOG *

Every Thursday a member of the Ministry Team will be sharing an online video reflection at www.stpeterwoking.org/howcanwehelp, starting with Sam this week.

VICAR'S VIEW

Like many of us I have taken to spending more time in the garden in the last two weeks. We have decided to create a small vegetable patch, so here I am turning the soil over having dug up the turf and created a border.

Jesus used farming and gardening images in many of his parables and teachings because they are so accessible to us and relate so well to the Kingdom of God. As I was digging the ground ready to be used for something different I was reflecting on the frustrations of any sort of change: how much hard work is involved which is physically and emotionally draining, how it always takes longer than you planned, how you always come across unexpected obstacles that are difficult to remove, but how great you feel when it has been accomplished and how fruitful the change can be.

At this time of radical change for most of us in our lifestyles which is difficult in so many ways, let's be aware that God can use this to bring about good change in us and in our society. We're already seeing it in lower pollution levels, more time spent with those we live with, a slower pace of life, more time praying and reading our Bibles etc.

I pray that the painful changes we are being forced to make will bear fruit (and vegetables!) in us and our society that will last.

Jonathan

