

WHAT'S NOT ON THIS WEEK AND THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE

Monday		Peal on open bells
		Music group practice in church
		Ringin' centre
Tuesday		Prayers at 4 Townsend Way
		Lunch club
		Tuesday club
		Housegroup at 72 St. Andrews Road
Wednesday		Tots @ Ten
	19.30	Housegroup at 2 Watton Gardens will meet 'on-line'
		'Pilgrim' at St. John's
Thursday		'Pilgrim' at St. Mary's, Bridport
Friday		Music group instrumentalists practice
		Lent lunches

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[The church sound reproduction system is digital. There is an easy access toilet which has a baby nappy changing unit.]

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Holy Trinity Bradpole

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22nd March 2020
 Mothering Sunday

We are not stopping church, we are not closing anything, we ARE saying 'Church is Changing'

These are the words of The Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, who has written to clergy and churches in the Diocese in light of the latest guidance that all public worship should be suspended. He explained that the headline is that public worship will have to stop for the time being. Church is changing.

Our usual pattern of Sunday services and other midweek gatherings must be put on hold. This is with immediate effect.

Our Churches will, however, remain open for prayer - buildings can stay open. Weddings and funerals can go ahead where it is possible to observe social distancing (2 metres) based on common sense applied locally in buildings that are usually capable of accommodating this.

The Bishop encouraged everyone to join in the **National Day of Prayer** on Sunday, to place a lighted candle in their window and acknowledged that Mothering Sunday was a good day to give thanks for the source of our life and care of one another. *(Resources are being made available for people to use at home).*

Wherever you are this Sunday please do join in the DAY OF PRAYER remembering especially those who are sick or anxious and all involved in our Health Service. As one action, whether you are part of Bridport Team Ministry or not, consider placing a lighted candle in your window at 7pm, if it is safe to do so, as a sign of solidarity and...

hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

TEAM NEWS

The Archbishops of Canterbury & York, following government advice, have suspended all church services. they wrote.
“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.
“Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead,”
Please pray for each other during this time.
We hope that church buildings may, where practical, remain open as places of prayer for the community, whilst observing social distancing recommendations.

NATIONAL CALL FOR PRAYER – THE CORONAVIRUS

“Light a ‘Candle of Hope’ tonight at 7pm in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of Life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.
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.
Wherever you are in the world, we invite you to join with us in prayer to see an end to the Coronavirus pandemic.”

An excerpt from a letter issued by the Presidents of the Churches Together in England.

READINGS

Colossians 3:12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19: 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE

Please pray for

- **those who can no longer get to church and those who worship at home**
- **those who are ill or in need and those who care for them** including Chloe, Tony, Amelia and Chris
- **those who mourn the loss of loved ones** especially the family and friends of The Revd. Alan Searle, Coral’s brother
- **our clergy** Ann, Dan, Deb, Janis, Kay, Lorna, Philip, Pete, and Richard
- **our LLMs and LWL** Coral, Graham, Martin, Peter, Phil, and Valerie
- **our Churchwardens** Lyn and John and our **DCC**
- **our friends abroad** including Kate and Mary Tolhurst in Uganda

NEWS, NOTICES AND MESSAGES

Village Hall

The special meeting which was to have been held on Monday 23rd March has been postponed for public health safety reasons. The meeting was to discuss the future of the hall. The hall is held in trust for the benefit of residents of the area, but the current team of trustees has diminished in numbers and are no longer able to continue to manage it. The Charity Commission has advised that if sufficient managing trustees cannot be found then hall closure must be considered. That would mean that ownership would revert to the Commissioners who might sell it.

Those people who have already expressed an interest will be contacted directly. If anyone else wishes to add their name, please write to:

bradpole@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or phone 01308 422140

The church uses the hall for a number of activities and it would be a great loss if it was not available.