

Dear All

We hope you have had a good week and are managing to keep well. Welcome to KIT 2 which we hope will be of interest to you all. Several of our congregation are not 'online' so if you know someone who might like these messages then please consider printing this update and giving it to them. Due to GDPR restrictions we cannot openly show the email addresses we are sending this to but if you are speaking to someone from our congregation (or anyone in the village for that matter) do ask if they receive it and if not let them know how to get onto our list.

Well, so much has happened in the last week! We are all now living under a lockdown and only travelling out for essential journeys such as shopping, collecting medicines or as key workers. This time last week we had already informed everyone that, as per the Bishop of Chichester's instructions, **St Mary's** would remain locked as we could not provide handwashing facilities. Later in the week that advice was altered and arrangements were made for the church to be open again! Now of course, once again, it is firmly locked and will remain so.

You will find attached our **pewslip** with readings for the week. We hope you will find these helpful in these uncertain times. As usual our thanks to Stephen Johnson for compiling this. Within the pewslip you will see a very kind offer from Denise Bowerman to tidy the gravestones of loved ones where you are unable to do this yourselves. We are very grateful to Denise for this kind offer so please do contact her if this is something that would be of help and comfort to you.

You will find attached information regarding the local **Community Support Group**. Please pass this on to anyone you know who may need their help.

Last Sunday morning there was a national broadcast on BBC local radio of a service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. If you listened to this you joined millions across the country. The Church of England will continue to provide a national weekly service which will be broadcast online each Sunday. This week's service will be led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, and will be found on the Church of England's [Facebook page](#) at 0900. Hopefully this link will take you there:

https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland?mc_cid=b4eba0e812&mc_eid=721f51ddb8

For full details of other online worship resources offered by the Church of England visit its [website](#) and also check the Chichester Cathedral website for all they are offering.

The **April Parish Magazine** has been printed and is ready for distribution. As we said last week we will do our very best to get this to you over the next week. Obviously, it went to print some time before any of the current restrictions, cancellations and closures but we hope you still enjoy its content. A huge thank you to all of those who will be delivering it to you. For those of you who normally collect from St Mary's, it may not be possible to deliver yours but we will do our very best. Do send some stamps to Carol Vigor 21, Deeside Avenue, Fishbourne, PO19 3QF to guarantee delivery.

Next Sunday, 4th April, is **Palm Sunday**. Obviously, you will not be able to receive a palm cross from a service. However, it is intended to thread some **palm crosses** into the wire on the doors of the porch of St Mary's on Saturday. If you would like one and can go to St Mary's for your one form of exercise, or in the car (ensuring to keep to social distancing rules), please take one. Remember to wash your hands for 20 seconds after collecting it.

Our light-hearted bit!

Did you have a go at the mystery objects quiz we sent last week? The answers are attached.

You will also find a new puzzle to hopefully amuse you. You will need to identify the meals from the puzzles set.

Finally some **prayers** for these uncertain times:

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.

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Amen.

Do please send us feedback about these KIT messages so that we know if they are of interest.

Best wishes to you all and God Bless you

Carol & Willem