

## PARISH NOTICES

also see [www.chidhamandhambrook.info](http://www.chidhamandhambrook.info)

All church meetings and events are cancelled unless you hear to the contrary

The Foodbank

At this stressful time, the local foodbank especially needs your donations.

They particularly need :

Tinned Vegetables, Instant Mash/tinned Potatoes, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding/custard, Cleaning Products, Toilet Rolls.

Please leave your donations at your Supermarket - Waitrose, Tesco, Sainsbury's have facilities. Alternatively you can make a donation at

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/>

Keeping gravestones tidy.

Denise Bowerman has kindly offered, on request, to tidy up gravestones or memorial stones in Chidham churchyards for people who cannot visit at the present time. If you would like Denise's help, please 'phone her on 576981.

Oberammergau

The Oberammergau Passion Play has been postponed and has now been rescheduled to the summer of 2022. The local village group trip has been cancelled for this summer. The intention is that the trip will go ahead in 2022.

Chichester Cathedral - a message from the Dean.

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/news/chichester-cathedral-has-closed-until-further-notice>

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and keep in touch with the Cathedral peregrines - have they started nesting?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pzv8KHdwsr0>

If you have something for the pewslip, contact Stephen Johnson Tel 572059

or email [pskjohnson2000@gmail.com](mailto:pskjohnson2000@gmail.com)

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The readings for Sunday April 5th	Palm Sunday
First Reading Isaiah 4-9a	
Psalm 31	
Second Reading Philippians 2.5-11	
Gospel Reading Matthew 26.14-27-end OR John 12.12-16;23; 31-37	

## THE PARISH OF CHIDHAM

March 29th, 2020



### The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

The Weekly Pew Slip

## There will be no Church services until further notice.

St Mary's will also be shut and locked for the time being

We hope you would like to follow the weekly prayers and Bible readings

Psalm for the week:

### Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; ♦ let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦ O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦ so that you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦ in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, ♦ more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦ for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦ and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Parish is currently in Vacancy

During the Vacancy please contact the Churchwarden,  
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Tel 07960305427

Church Warden :Willem van Niekerk  
Church Warden and Treasurer : Carol Vigor

**Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

**First Reading****Ezekiel 37.1-14**

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'" So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

**Second Reading****Romans 8.6-11**

If your sinful nature controls your mind, it will lead to death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to god, it never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all). Since Christ lives within you, even though your body will die because of your sin, your spirit is alive, because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And, just as he raised Christ from the dead, he will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you.

**The Gospel****John 11.1-45**

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they

said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.