

# **The Benefice of Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney**

## **Palm Sunday - Sunday 28th March 2021**

### **Daily Reading Sunday 28th March to Saturday 3rd April**

#### **Sunday 28th March - 6th Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)**

**Isaiah 5: 4 – 9a**

The servant of the Lord suffers unjust punishment without protest, knowing that ultimately God's justice will triumph.

**Philippians 2: 5 - 11**

Christ is exalted on the other side of humiliation and death.

**Mark 15: 1-39**

The painful truth.

#### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Psalm 41, Lamentations 1:1-12a, Luke 22:1-23

#### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Psalm 27, Lamentations 3:1-18, Luke 22:[24-38] 39-53

#### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Psalm 102, Jeremiah 11:18-20, Luke 22:54-end

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)**

Psalm 42, Leviticus 16:2-24, Luke 23:1-25

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Good Friday)**

Psalm 69, Genesis 22:1-18, Hebrews 10:1-10

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Psalm 142, Hosea 6:1-6, John 2:18-22

**Next Sunday will celebrate: EASTER DAY**



#### **Collect**

True and humble King,  
the crowd hailed you as Messiah  
then turned against you:  
may our praise last longer than a day;  
may we be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

May God's will be done in us during Holy Week and always.

All continuing to provide spiritual and pastoral care to our parishes and those within the wider community during this period of COVID-19.

All our Church, Messy Church and Youth Alpha families that they may continue to deepen their faith.

Those serving God, here and abroad: Nick Parish training for ordination, Sarah Attwood as she continues her ministry with the church in Bosnia.

Those in need of long-term prayerful support: Andrew Pitchford, Lynn Wells, Ian Tennant, Samantha Taylor, Ted Weston, Alf Booth, Kay Howard, Claire Rose, Audrey Morris, Joan Taylor, Robin Nelson, Carl Baker, Shirley Wells, Lorna Griffiths, Karen Perks, Wendy Baker.

Prayer requests: Nazanin for an end to her sentence and for her family awaiting that day; all affected by the coronavirus and all seeking to contain & combat this pandemic.

Those who have recently died and those known to us, R.I.P., Jean Middleton, Duncan Hay; for their families and friends who mourn them, that they find comfort and strength in God's presence.

May the Place of Memorial in St Wystan's churchyard provide a quiet space to know God's peace as loved ones are remembered.

## **BENEFICE SERVICES AT ST WYSTAN'S**

**Are normally at 10.00 on Sundays**

**HOWEVER WE ARE PLANNING**

**GOOD FRIDAY at 2.00pm** an online Service following the **Stations of the Cross** through to Jesus' Crucifixion at 3.00pm.

### **EASTER DAY**

**9.00 Easter Communion** – this will be streamed and a 'said' service

**10.30 An outdoor service for Easter Day**

### **PLEASE NOTE LIVE-STREAMING WILL BE ON ZOOM**

These are the instructions for joining

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7855049461>

Meeting ID: 785 504 9461

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

Enter the Meeting ID: 785 504 9461 when prompted. There is no password required.

The service will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook afterwards.

### **NOTE NEW!!! OPENING TIMES - OUR CHURCHES CONTINUE TO BE OPEN FOR PRAYER**

**ST MARY'S [EVERY DAY] 10.00 – 4.00pm.**

**ST WYSTAN'S [WEEK DAYS] 8.00 - 6.00pm**

**St Wystan's is open on Saturdays 8.00 – 3.00pm** then it will be cleaned and set up ready for Sunday.

**On Sundays** the church will be cleaned after the service and then open for prayer until **6.00pm**.

### **DAILY PRAYER – A small group of us continue to say Morning Prayer each weekday from 9.00 – 9.30am**

We use a Service Order from Iona Abbey. We 'meet' on Zoom and the telephone link works for this as well. If you wish to join us, then you are most welcome. Please ask Rebecca for a copy of the service order and a Zoom link.

### **REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES – A PLACE OF MEMORIAL**

As Covid continues so many more of us have been unable to attend a funeral of a loved one or a friend. Others will have been unable to grieve in a variety of ways because of the guidelines enforced at the moment. Many can't visit the graves of loved ones because of travel restrictions.

Many have come from within and outside our Benefice to St Wystan's in Repton to light a candle and say a prayer, but we felt that for others, perhaps you, a family member or a friend, that might not be enough or that going into church might feel awkward.

**Until mid-April** we have set aside an area near the Lychgate in St Wystan's Churchyard in Repton as a Place of Memorial. A low fence encloses an area of grass and the first yew tree. On one side there is a Cross made out of the Christmas Trees used in Church this last December.

**Anyone is most welcome** to come and place flowers, photos, momentos, or any item with special significance on the ground either under the tree or around the Cross. If you wish to hang a prayer, photo, ribbon or lightweight memento from the tree you are most welcome to do so. *[We know that Churchyard regulations don't allow such things but this is a special one off event in a defined area so we are turning a blind eye for 7 weeks].*

All we ask is that you don't leave anything made from glass, or which is dangerous or easily breakable, and please, do not hang things from the tree over the path. We reserve the right to remove items that are not 'safe'.

The Place of Memorial will continue through Easter [our Christian Festival marking the death of Jesus and Celebrating His Resurrection] another time when many people also remember loved ones by visiting graves and so on. At our services on Mothering Sunday and Easter a special prayer will be said for all our loved ones.

We plan to clear the area later in April so would ask if you wish to retrieve a memento you do so before

**Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>.** We do pray continually for all those who die and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones – may you know God's peace if you are mourning at this time. Martin the Vicar

**MARIE CURIE DAY OF REFLECTION.** A group of people gathered at the Place of Memorial last Tuesday to mark the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the original lockdown. We heard a poem and prayers before the church clock struck 12.00noon. We stood in silence for one minute, honouring all those who have died of Coronavirus and holding before God those who mourned. The one minute silence was closed with a tolling of a church bell.

#### **DAILYHOPE PHONE LINE**

DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone.



A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.

**"With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are."**

*Archbishop Justin Welby*

#### **BETTER THAN A GYM WORK OUT [and cheaper!!]**

We REALLY NEED some more volunteers to join the rota to cut areas of St Wystan's Churchyard grass. If you could help out then please contact the Vicar or Simon Mann.

#### **DIOCESAN VISION**

Last Tuesday evening members of our three PCC's met to consider the new Diocesan Vision. What follows was prepared by Ruth Attwood from Diocesan sources to help PCC members prepare for the meeting

Bishop Libby expresses the vision in these terms –

**"We are called to proclaim afresh, in this generation, the good news of the Kingdom of God.**

That call means being open to renewal, which renewal will lead to reformation – it always does – and, so renewed and reformed, we pray for revival. We honour the saving work of God that we inherit, and which has been at work in us but, learning from and building on the faithful, fruitful mission and ministry already in place, we are called to proclaim afresh – in this generation.

Our Vocation is to the **Kingdom of God which is Good News for all.**

And our Vision aims to see that Kingdom translated into **Transformed lives: seen in growing Church and building community.**

These aims are driven by our values of **generous faith, courageous hope and live-giving love."**

**How do we intend to change our approach to achieve these Aims?** *(discussed at December 2020 Diocesan Synod)*

These are the intentional changes we wish to take, and are already experiencing, that underpin our approach to meet the three aims –

#### **Transformed Lives –**

- By opening ourselves to the transformation of our own lives first, through prayer and the renewing work of the Holy Spirit
- By rediscovering a renewed hope in our calling to live out our faith every day, in every place, and share the love of God intentionally with those we encounter
- By interweaving our lives with those of others in our homes, workplaces, schools and communities, extending the vision of transformed lives to those not yet aware of the life God has for them.

## Grow Church –

- By reaching more of those currently not in our churches, growing younger, more diverse, and into the most socially deprived communities
- By seeking growth in number through –
  - Offering relevant, faithful and creative worship
  - Being committed to community engagement
  - Utilising sensitive and appropriate evangelism that reaches all ages in all contexts
  - Ensuring engaging and accessible teaching and formation in faith
- By growing in ecumenical relationships, collaboration and shared working
- By recognising that time-honoured church is likely to look and feel very different, and by instituting planning and pioneering initiatives
- By recognising that growth means change, and may mean endings

## Build Community –

- By renewing our commitment to one another and the places and spaces we call home
- By embracing and including those people and places that are unfamiliar and challenging
- By joining with the work of the Spirit beyond our buildings and congregations, realising that we do not hold the monopoly on God's Kingdom

The first steps in order to realise this vision calls us to ***equip people*** for the task of mission; ***adapt structures*** that can hold and enable the growth and missional change we seek; and so to organise and ***sustain our resources*** in such a way as to continue our common mission.

Two of the key outcomes which are being developed are –

- Archdeaconry re-organisation, and
- Deployment, including that of clergy

Conversation about these outcomes is continuing. Some Deanery events have been held and more will take place and time and space to develop plans will be allowed. More material will be produced shortly to help churches to engage with the vision. Discussion and feedback is invited at all levels.

There are clearly budgetary implications, and recognition that Diocesan finances are not going to be as healthy as they were pre-Covid, but the desire is that the Vision is not to be driven by the budget but the budget is to serve the vision. Paid (stipendiary) Clergy will be working alongside self-supporting ministers (SSMs) and lay people to achieve the vision. Clergy roles will include equipping and enabling those in their parishes to share in mission. Incumbents will be deployed to 'primary contexts' which will have a number of other worshipping communities related to them, such as:

- Cultural and heritage centres e.g. places of social, cultural or visitor interest
- Geographical hub churches with a strong core (financial, numerical, vocational, spiritual)
- Centres of opportunity and growth e.g. new communities with unreached people groups
- Churches of greater growth potential – larger strong churches which have a wider impact
- Population targeted churches i.e. where there is greater population density, maybe church schools.
- Estate churches – on significant estates where the church is currently absent
- Areas of significant deprivation – to 'proclaim good news to the poor'

The diocese is starting to develop key posts, such as Ordained and Lay Ministry Development Officers to give support to clergy and laity to work out the implications of their locally appropriate mission.

Re-organisation of the archdeaconries involves adding a third archdeacon in the Diocese. The aim is to provide for better local support with archdeacons having a smaller geographical focus and jurisdiction over fewer deaneries, so able to spend more time in parishes to help develop and deliver their mission locally. The three archdeaconries will reflect the three major social and economic settings in the diocese –

- Rural and Market Town – Peak, Carsington, Dove and Derwent deaneries
- Developing Industrial – N.E. Derbyshire, Hardwick and S.E. Derbyshire deaneries
- City and Urban – Derby City and Mercia deaneries

***If you have questions or comments please email the Vicar with them. Thank you.***