

SUNDAY 22 MARCH
MOTHERING SUNDAY

Dear friends,

On Thursday H.M. The Queen issued a message to us as we face these unprecedented times. In it she reminded us;

"At times such as these, I am reminded that our nation's history has been forged by people and communities coming together to work as one, concentrating our combined efforts with a focus on the common goal."

She added: "Many of us will need to find new ways of staying in touch with each other and making sure that loved ones are safe. I am certain we are up to that challenge. You can be assured that my family and I stand ready to play our part."

As we look to the example of Jesus and seek to support one another through these difficult times; we do need to find new ways of staying in touch.

I hope that this slightly altered format of our usual Sunday Notes will be one way of keeping in touch and informing you of ways we can support one another.

Keeping in Touch We are working with the Refresh *Keep in Touch* scheme to provide a support network where those who are self-isolating can receive assistance with practical things such as shopping and prescriptions. Further details of this are to be listed below. My heartfelt thanks to those who have volunteered to help with this.

Our Worship We will create a system whereby those with internet access can log in to share in simple acts of worship. The first live stream service will be led by the Archbishop of Canterbury from Lambeth Palace chapel at 8am on Sunday morning. This will be broadcast on 39 local BBC Radio stations so do

join us as we tune in to share in this. Details will be provided shortly on how to access our local round of prayer through virtual means.

A variety of resources are available to aid us in our prayer during this time which I hope you may find useful. They can be accessed on <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Our churches at Upwey, Bincombe and Broadwey will remain open every day to provide a quiet space for prayer and reflection. Buckland Ripers, due to its isolated location, will remain shut. I am aware that some of you will be self-isolating but we hope our ancient churches may continue to serve as a beacon of hope and a reminder of God's love in the challenging times ahead.

Daily Prayer which has been the backbone of the life of the Church will continue to be offered daily in our churches. These will not be public acts of worship but will be prayed daily in church in and on behalf of our community.

Day of Prayer The Archbishops have called for a **National Day of Prayer and Action this Sunday**. From 8.00am – 8.30am the Archbishop of Canterbury will be taking a service in Lambeth Palace chapel broadcast across the country on local radio. Do join him.

Resources available to support the National Day of Prayer and we are all encouraged to light a candle at 7.00pm and put it in our windows. <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/latest-news/coronavirus-archbishops-call-national-day-prayer-and-action>

And finally You may be hearing from me over the next days as I will, understandably, have more time at my desk than usual so please do keep in touch via the phone or email. We hope to keep you updated with news and events via various media across our churches as time goes on. My thoughts are with you all as we venture on together as a community and with God and I pray for God's blessing on you all.

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Kalendar

22 March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

The Collect 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.

Gospel for today St John 19: 25b - 27

In our Prayers

Wimborne Minster and the Northern Villages
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui ++Paul Kwong

23 March **Feria of Lent**

Gospel for today St John 4: 43 - end

In our Prayers: Verwood Emmanuel CE VA Middle School

24 March **Oscar Romero, Archbishop, Martyr, 1980**

Gospel for today St Matthew 16: 24 - 26

In our Prayers: Mothers' Union - Rosie Stiven (Pres), Jenny Harrison (Sec)

25 March **THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Gospel for Today St Luke 1: 6 - 38

In our Prayers: Poole & North Bournemouth Deanery

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: +Thomas, Bishop of Ayod.

26 March **Shute Barrington, Bishop of Sarum, 1826**

Gospel for Today St John 21: 15 - 17

In our Prayers: Branksome Park All Saints

27 March **Feria of Lent**

Gospel for Today St John 7: 1 – 2, 10, 25 - 30

In our Prayers: Branksome St Aldhelm

28 March **Feria of Lent**

Gospel for Today St John 7: 40 – 52

In our Prayers: Branksome St Clement

For those who have asked for our prayers: Jina Juviler, Eleanor Dymott, Hartley Georges, Harriet Damen, Andrew Scott, Matthew Roper, Amie George, Win, Lynn Barrell-Brand, Marjorie Peat, Michael Manning, The Winkle family, Caroline Smith

DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND?

Are you stuck at home and need a pint of milk or some shopping?
Worried about what to do and need a friend to chat with?
Need a prescription collected from the pharmacy?
Run out of something essential?

WE CAN HELP!

If you are safely at home because of the concern around Coronavirus; worried about being out but need a helping hand or someone to talk to? Just call **KEEP IN TOUCH** and one of our friendly volunteers will help you out. After all, that's what neighbours are for!

We can deliver food, do a shop, drop and collect medicine or even walk your dog.
**CALL US ON 07514 114 680 BETWEEN 10am AND 3pm
MONDAY TO THURSDAY**