



Wareham's Church of England Family

Weekly Update 4th April 2021

Easter Day

This is the day on which our faith stands or falls. Without the resurrection Good Friday is just another senseless execution of a 'wannabe' Messiah or miscreant. But, Easter Day authenticates the life and teaching of Jesus and establishes him as Lord and Saviour of the World. Alleluia!

The Collect for today

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bible Reading(s)

Acts 10: 34-43 and John 20:1-18



Verse of the Week –

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins...If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. 1 Corinthians 15:17, 19,20



Services in the Parish this week;

6.30am Dawn Holy Communion, East Holme Priory

9.30am Easter Sandford All Age Service also online Zoom

10.00am Easter Holy Communion at The Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.00am Easter Holy Communion at St John the Evangelist Church, East Holme

10.30am Parish Online Service - YouTube Watch here:

<https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

you can listen to the service by dialing: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

4.00pm Informal All-age Outdoor Easter Celebration, School playground, Sandford

Wednesday 7th April at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – St Martin-on-the-Walls



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- his mighty power, which raised Jesus from the dead, at work in us
- our church family and the technology which enables many of us to keep in touch
- the covid vaccinations which are enabling lockdown to be eased

We pray to God for:

- opportunities and words to share our faith in the risen Jesus
- those working hard in the NHS
- peace in Myanmar

Those asking for prayer:

Nikki Bashford, Carolyn Jarman, Edna Farley, Anne King, Libby and Matthew Richter, Lily Brough, Lottie Bugler, The Reverend Ann Ashcroft, Margaret Wason

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Fred Chadwick, Margaret Wickham

Our Mission Prayer:

Pray for the work of Tearfund, working around the world to end poverty. Keep praying for peace in northern Mozambique where violence is escalating. Tearfund is working with the Christian Council of Mozambique on long-term peacebuilding plans and are providing urgent assistance to those in need. Pray for people's safety – especially women and children who are extremely vulnerable. And pray that Tearfund will be able to continue to work safely with local churches to reach people in need.

Tuesday weekly prayer Zoom meeting

Our weekly Zoom prayer meeting will start at 7.30pm. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, please contact Debs or Stuart. All are welcome to join us to pray online.



Homegroups

Did you enjoy joining a Lent Group? Now that they have finished would you like to join a homegroup? We have groups meeting on Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings, Thursday evenings and Friday mornings, mostly currently on zoom until we are able to meet in person. If you would like to join a group, please email Helen Williams for more details.

Wearing of Face Masks

Now the worst of the recent virus is seemingly over, can we urge you to bring your own mask to wear in church. This will save the church financially and will decrease waste. Thank you for your continued support in keeping us safe.

Timing of elections for the PCC and Church Committees:

This is a formal notice informing parishioners of the date **Sunday 11th April 2021** of the forthcoming elections to the PCC and Church Committees. Submission of nomination papers should be sent into the Parish Office by **Friday 9th April 2021**.

The voting paper, is in three parts, for each church will then be drawn up showing:

- a. those wishing to be considered as the Local Warden/ main point of contact with the PCC
- b. those wishing to be considered for the remaining places on the PCC
- c. those wishing to be considered for the remaining places on their local church committee.

For LSM, it is proposed that these elections should take place after the service on the particular Sunday, with ballot papers put in a sealed box, and then counted later in the day. **Details of vacancies and nomination forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or your local church.**

FOOD BANK



Wareham food bank, people can continue to donate items using the collection points in Sainsbury's and Co-op. In particular they require tinned meat and tinned veg, also pasta and rice, so if you can donate when you go shopping, that would be much

appreciated. In order to try to meet demand, Wareham food bank is also purchasing food to be given away, so another way we can support them is by making financial donations. This can be done using the following bank details:

Account name: Purbeck Gateway Church Sort Code: 60-22-45 Account no: 72115440 If using online banking, please use this reference: **Account 2 – foodbank**

Virtual Coffee after the Service!



Please join us for online 'virtual coffee' and fellowship after our Sunday services. Just put on the kettle and **join us on Zoom at 11.15am**. The link will be sent in an email by Debs (please contact 01929 550905 if you don't receive this, and if you need technical help to use Zoom, please contact Simon or Stuart). All are welcome!

'GREEN TIP' from Helen Williams

It is now possible to recycle the blister packs that pills and tablets come in. They can be recycled at certain chemists of which our nearest are Superdrug in Dorchester, Holdenhurst Pharmacy in Boscombe or Superdrug in Winton. They can be recycled into a range of products: more details are available from https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/about-terracycle/how_we_solve.

Perhaps if you regularly go near one of these shops you could ask friends and neighbours to collect empty blister packs for you to take for recycling?



PASTORAL VISITING AND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE VULNERABLE

In some extreme cases Clergy are able to carry out home visits, please contact the Team Rector or Team Vicar if required.

Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

*Indicates Festival

| | Psalm (s) | Old Testament | New Testament |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Monday 5th April | 111 , 117, 146 | Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7 | Mark 16:1-8 |
| Tuesday 6th April | 112 , 147:1-12 | Song of Solomon 2:8-end | Luke 24:1-12 |
| Wednesday 7th April | 113 , 147:13-end | Song of Solomon 3 | Matthew 28:16-end |
| Thursday 8th April | 114 , 148 | Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3 | Luke 7:11-17 |
| Friday 9th April | 115 , 149 | Song of Solomon 7:10-8-4 | Luke 8:41-end |
| Saturday 10th April | 116 , 150 | Song of Solomon 8:5-7 | John 11:17-44 |

Parish Office

The Parish Office is now closed due to the new Covid-19 restrictions but is able to answer all telephone and email enquiries Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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