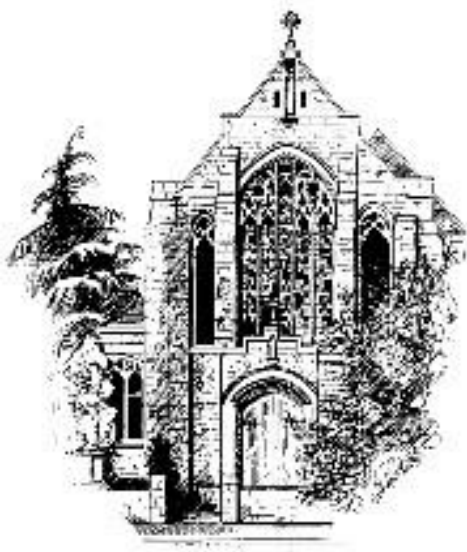


5th March 2021



Dear All

A message from Sharon about upcoming worship:

I know we are hugely looking forward to the time when we can meet together again in church for Sunday worship. The Team ministry is keen for this to happen as soon as possible, in the light of the latest Government and Diocesan advice. We will be following closely the latest Government, Church of England and Diocese of Oxford guidelines and the roadmap for easing out of lockdown restrictions, with all dates contingent on the medical data continuing to look favourable.

This, then, is our current plan:

During March We will continue live streaming our main 10am Sunday service for the whole team from St Mary's, with weekly Family Sunday videos on YouTube.

Holy week: Monday 29 March – Saturday 3 April We will feature a range of recorded and live streamed services from across the Team. We will send out full details of these as they are finalised.

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April We will offer a range of options to celebrate Easter Sunday and, contingent upon any guidelines or steer we receive from the Government or Diocese between now and then, we aim to offer a 10am service in St Michael's (with carefully limited numbers) plus informal services outdoors and online too.

Sunday 11th April - Annual Church Meeting by Zoom Details to follow but see the Electoral Roll details under. No in-church worship this week.

We hope to be able to continue to gather at St Michael's and in the other churches across the Team for shared worship from 18th April onwards. The dates and times of services will be confirmed nearer the time.

Ongoing and long term concerns for infection rates and transmission mean we need to remain cautious and our services in church may not be able to be exactly as they have been in the past. We aim to use all that we have learned from the experiences of the lockdown periods to ensure that we can worship together safely in person and online, we will continue to live stream Sunday services from St Mary's, and we will always encourage and include pre-recorded contributions including readings and intercessions.

It has been a long and difficult journey - and its not quite over yet, of course. Small baby steps should help us stay safe and keep up moving forwards into a new reality of being together and worshipping together - and staying that way! May God give us the patience for this final stretch, and the joy of Eastertide after what, in many ways, feels like a year-long Lenten wilderness journey.

love and prayers, Sharon.

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK -The Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

READINGS THIS WEEK:

Exodus 20.1-17 Moses receives the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. More than a set of rules, they are a sign of the covenant between God and the people of Israel.

John 2.13-22 In John's account Jesus enters the Temple at the beginning of his ministry, rather than at the end, as in the other Gospels. The challenge to the Temple sets the tone for what follows.

Our Team on line services this Sunday, 7th March.....

10am livestreamed from St Mary's, led by Margot, with Cathy presiding and Sharon preaching <http://youtube.com/c/BeaconsfieldTeamMinistry>

Family Sunday – available anytime – YouTube link as above. Don't miss this short fun worship for young families!

Also, the Oxford Diocese continues to offer its online "Service at Home" at 10am [Livestream \(anglican.org\)](http://anglican.org)

.. and this coming week

Monday - Friday 9am – Morning Prayer via Zoom. The ID is 896 7420 8565 and the password Prayer.

Lent Reflections - each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Lent at **7pm** and available for catch up via the YouTube link above. A time of simple prayer, with a short reflection on the theme of "What Lent Means to Me" offered by different members of our three churches.



Family resources and activities for Lent The #showthelove campaign was showcased in our online family worship and will be a continuing focus during Lent (available on the YouTube link above if you missed it). Run by the climate coalition, it encourages us to think about small changes we can make individually to help care for our planet, with an activity you can do every day to connect with God through our world.

Other family resources are:

allwecan.org.uk/lent_2021 - activities, reflections and prayers related to some of the world's poorest communities

A generosity wall chart from Stewardship.org.uk is attached below with 40 acts of kindness to do through Lent.

'Meals with Jesus' by Ed Drew - a book of devotions based on the Gospel of Luke for family meal times.

A Good Read for Lent A selection of titles Cathy Smith has compiled as suggestions for Lent reading. They are all available from Amazon (of course) and Waterstones and Church House Bookshop, and most from Blackwells. Previews are available from Google Books and Amazon:

Rooted in Love Sarah Mullally ISBN-13: 9780281084883

Alongside Henry Martin ISBN-13 : 978-0232534641

Living His Story Hannah Steele (Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book) ISBN-13 : 978-0281085170

Walking The Way of the Cross Stephen Cottrell, Paula Gooder, Philip North ISBN-13 : 978-0715123447

A Cross in the Heart of God Samuel Wells ISBN-13 : 978-1786222930

Thy Will Be Done Stephen Cherry ISBN-13 : 978-1472978257

Bishop Steven of Oxford shares his second "Come and See" video, exploring who Jesus is - and can be - for us. Do watch the video and share the link with others you know who may be exploring the Christian faith.

[I believe in Jesus Christ - YouTube](#)

Electoral Roll The annual review of the Electoral Roll will take place between 14th - 27th March. During this time amendments can be made to current entries. Please let me know if you would like your name to be added or deleted from the list. Hamish Broom 01494 670869.



Mothering Sunday
14th March

Our Mothering Sunday service will be
livestreamed on Youtube, and we will be blessing
flowers as usual

**Please do come to
collect a posy for
yourself and your
loved ones**

In all three
churches
from noon

Beaconsfield Team Ministry
St Mary
St Michael
St Thomas

BEACONSFIELD TREASURE TRAIL

Take part in the treasure trail challenge
and make a child's dream come true.

Walk 6 km
Discover Beaconsfield
Win prizes from local businesses
Support children's charity

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To take part, visit:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beaconsfield-treasure-trail



World Vision

In aid of World Vision UK
a charity registered in England (no. 285908)

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beaconsfield-treasure-trail>

From Zoe Cook

I have a few packs of dried herbs from last summer which I would



like to sell for St. Michael's funds at 50p per pack.

They are: SAGE, CORIANDER, ROSEMARY and LEMON VERBENA (great for lemon tea).

If you would like a pack could you please phone ZOE COOK on 01494 672949

so I can arrange collection. Many thanks ZOE-C

the DOVE café

Things are hotting up for the Café team as we await the return of tenders for the building works. We expect to have them all by the end of March and will then know how accurate our estimates have been. We are in regular contact with the Diocese and expect to have the full Faculty in place by April. The Public Notice has been posted on our notice boards and we are assembling an information pack detailing our final plans. It will be in the back of each church shortly so watch out for it. Donations are still coming in – it is never too late so if you have not yet supported us, please think prayerfully about doing so now via <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheDoveatStThomas>. Most of all thank you for your support, encouragement and your prayers. With love and gratitude, Alison Hart on behalf of The Dove café project team.

Our thoughtless wasting - Chris Polhill



For heat blasting in open doorways
For lights burning in empty rooms
for homes basking in t-shirt warmth
forgive our thoughtless wasting

for leaving windows draughty
for lagging left undone
for lofts uninsulated
forgive our thoughtless wasting

for cars that guzzle petrol
for driving little journeys
for cheaper fares on planes
forgive our thoughtless wasting

God grant us clear thinking, right action, and a gentle lifestyle. Amen



Thank you for supporting the One Can Trust foodbank.

Here's a list of the current items needed. Donations may be left when you are shopping in –
Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M & S Food and Jungs.

Also, in The Beaconsfield School, St Mary's Church north porch 9-4.30,

St Michael's Buggy Park Wednesdays 1-4pm,

St Thomas's Church Wednesdays 3- 5pm (or anytime that the church is open).



Eggs

Fresh fruit and vegetables

(esp. broccoli, bananas, onions and carrots)

Cooking sauce (not pasta sauce)

Baked beans

Sugar

Halal meat

Tinned mixed veg

Tinned fruit

Tinned meat meals and hotdogs

Pasta

Biscuits

Toothbrushes

Deodorant

Shampoo and conditioner



Soup

Fish

Peas and sweetcorn

Crisps and confectionery

Tea

Homemade food

Toothpaste

Nappies

Sanitary towels

Alcohol

*Thank you but we either currently
have plenty of these items or don't collect
them*

One Can Mindful March - please see attached for ways you can support a family this month **Mindful**



**We are looking for
Street Heroes!**



The One Can Trust foodbank is supporting over 500 people per week with weekly food parcels. Demand is rising and we are looking for more Street Heroes to help us meet the increasing demand. Could you be a Street Hero and have a tub outside your home to collect food from friends and neighbours on behalf of One Can? Please contact One Can on 01494 512277 or email office@onecantrust.org.uk for more information. Thank you.



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To read the March edition of the magazine, please click [here](#)

COVID-19- VACCINATION ASSISTANCE

There are two organisations in Beaconsfield which offer **free-of-charge** lifts for people to attend COVID-19 vaccination centre appointments.

1. The Beaconsfield Advisory Centre. Their contact details are:
www.beaconsfieldadvisorycentre.org.uk

01494 672987

They provide a manned telephone service some of the time but pick-up messages quickly from their answerphone. They also respond to emails.

2. Chiltern Dial-a-ride. Their contact details are: **07923 591 955**

Some information we can share with those in need:

Need a Listening Ear? If you need someone to talk to, for whatever reason, we have listeners ready to help. Call: 01494 919 232 or: betterconnectedbeaconsfield.org.uk.

Can we top up your weekly food shop? If you need help getting by, phone 01494 919 232 or go to betterconnectedbeaconsfield.org.uk

Shout A 24/7 text service free on all major mobile networks for anyone in crisis at that time, anywhere. It is a place to go if you are struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85285. <https://giveusashout.org/>

Samaritans telephone 116123 (24 hours a day, free to call)