

Team News

The latest guidance from the Church of England to churches during the coronavirus has been to stop all public services until further notice.

We will also be updating guidance as we receive it on our website [www.whtministry.org.uk], our Facebook pages and the Westbury Parish e-newsletter. [See below.]

If you have to self isolate and you would like us to stay in touch please leave your e mail address and contact details on the form that can be found in the churches or contact one of the clergy team listed below

The **Coffee Morning** due to be held on 28th March at 11 Cheyney Walk has been postponed until further notice.

Little Saints, held on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall has been cancelled until further notice.

Schools Experience Easter has been cancelled by the schools. Let us look forward to Experience Pentecost 8-12th June.

Stations of the Cross—Come, walk and pray through the last days of Jesus' journey to the cross. Monday and Friday at 5.30pm at All Saints Church. Open to all

Joint Churches Together Evening Service Sunday 29th March at 6.00 pm All Saints On the fifth Sunday of Lent, we shall be hosting the Churches Together evening service at All Saints. We are planning this service in the style of worship in the Taizé community.

Please pray for the Clergy team during their Morning Prayer in the White Horse Team on

Monday at All Saints Westbury at 9.00 am

Tuesday at All Saints Westbury at 9.00 am

Wednesday at Holy Trinity Dilton Marsh at 8.30 am

Thursday at Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh at 8.30 am.

Prayer Groups

Westbury Prayer Network. Telephone requests in confidence to Lynette Weekley (858361).

WHT Ministry e-prayer Group. If you would like prayers of thanksgiving or help, for yourself or others, please contact Prayer chain co-ordinator Sue Stanley on suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com or 01373 229618 for details

All Saints Church News

The Electoral Roll has to be renewed between the 29th March and the 12th April. Please can you make sure you are on the Electoral Roll before this date, especially if you wish to vote at the APCM (26th April). Please return forms to Debbie McEntee by the 12th April, after which no new names can be added to the Electoral Roll. Debbie McEntee's number is 07763323475.

Easter lilies may be bought in memory of a loved one and will be used in the Easter Flower arrangements. The cost will be £2.50 per name and names and money should be given to Lynne Vercoe in the Team Office or to Diane Perrett.

Westbury Parish E-Newsletter Our first e-newsletter was published this week. If you would like to receive this occasional update with news and information about All Saints', Holy Saviour and the wider team, please email wcv@whtministry.org.uk or fill out the sign up page on our website www.whtministry.org.uk for your name to be added to the list. You will be able to 'unsubscribe' at any time if you change your mind and no longer wish to receive it

Have you looked at our web site

www.whtministry.org.uk

There you will find the weekly pew sheet and much more.

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WHITE HORSE TEAM MINISTRY

**Notices for the week:
22nd—28th March 2020**

Welcome to Worship

There is some provision for children at each of our churches, please feel free to make use of the facilities provided.

Sunday—Mothering Sunday

All Saints will be open for private prayer 8am—4.30pm

Holy Trinity National Day of Prayer—Open all day for private prayer and for collecting flowers and bulbs for Mothering Sunday gifts

Please maintain social distance when in church with others. 2 metres apart,

Monday:

9.00am

Clergy Morning Prayer—A/S

Tuesday:

9.00am

Clergy Morning Prayer—A/S

Wednesday:

8.30am

Clergy Morning Prayer—H/T

Thursday:

8.30am

Clergy Morning Prayer—H/S

NB The Team Office will be closed on Friday 20th and Monday 23rd March. It will open again on Friday 27th

Key: A/S - All Saints, Westbury

B/W - All Saints, Brokerswood

H/S - Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh

H/T - Holy Trinity, Dilton Marsh

4th Sunday of Lent— 22nd March 2020

Collect

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.

Psalm 34. 11-20

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the broken hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained

and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bul l, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." She left him there for the LORD.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: John 19. 25-27

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

VICES AND VIRTUES

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Last week we thought about the cleansing of the temple, and how every so often we also need to do a regular spring-clean of our hearts and consciences. This week we think about Christ and love: Jesus' love for us, God's love for us in Jesus, and the act of sending Jesus into the world to die for all of us.

It is often said that there is no greater love than what a mother has for her child. If we think about our own mothers, our wives, or our children, what thoughts, words and actions can we think of that show just how much love there is in our relationships?

Now think about how self-sacrificial that love often is: those times when we've gone without, so that others can have in our stead, or those times when we've regularly put others first, even sometimes to our own detriment. That is but a mere glimpse of the love that God has for us – for every single one of us, from royalty to homeless heroin-addict; we are all made in God's image, and we are all loved.

This week, read and reflect on 1 John 4:7-10, 2 Chronicles 6:14, Galatians 2:20, John 3:16, and John 14:21

**All readings are taken from NRSV
Readings for next week**

Psalm 130

Reading: Ezekiel 37. 1-14

Gospel: John 11. 1-45