

As a church we are making sure that each member of the electoral role will have newsletters in the coming weeks to update and keep you informed. Our pastoral care team has been extended to include a wider group of people who will phone and offer support where needed but also just offer the comfort of a telephone conversation. If you have real worries and concerns please phone me as I will mainly in the foreseeable future be working at home. You will be able to contact me directly on 626921 I am hopefully going to add sermons past and into the future on the web page. Rod Broad has already put resources from the Church of England on the site for you to browse. There are opportunities to follow morning and night time prayers as well as other helpful resources.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked churches to try to find ways to worship together even if not gathered. We will be looking into these to see if we can offer some opportunities to pray together. Those of you on the internet can follow the Church of England information by going to the web-site. Also please use our web-site as a resource.

Finally let us keep in touch with words of encouragement and prayer.

Keep us, good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
Be with those who care for the sick,
And lift up all who are brought low;
That we may find comfort
Knowing that nothing can separate us
From your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OTHER NOTICES

Planned Giving

Thank you to all those who support the work and mission of All Saints Church through planned giving. If your tax status has changed in the last year, please will you let me know so that I can amend our gift aid records accordingly. If you do not support All Saints by planned giving and would like to join one of our schemes, please will you email me, sastannett@gmail.com for further information. By committing your giving on a regular basis, it allows the financial team to fund the smooth running of the church and to plan for all eventualities. Many thanks.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL Sunday 22nd March 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Amen.

O T READING

Exodus 2: 1—10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

GOSPEL

John 19: 25b – 27

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.

Father Jeremy's Notes COVID 19

'In the light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.' Following this statement the Church of England is encouraging its clergy to open the doors of our churches for private prayer. I will be opening the church on Sundays from 9.00am until 12 noon for people to come to pray.

I would also like to bring to your attention 'Thy Kingdom Come' and A National Call To Prayer' on Sunday 22nd March at 7.00pm. This is called 'Light a Candle of Hope'. The Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a joint letter and in an excerpt, they wrote:

'At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. Therefore, at 7.00pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.' It might be a good practice for all of us each Sunday at 7.00pm in our homes to light a candle and pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic.