

Prayer Diary – 22nd March 2020

The Collect for today – Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may by your grace and mercy be spared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: The Gideons and Peter & Julie Fraser (Bible Encounter Trust).

our local schools:

- Hartford Manor Primary School & Nursery, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For Christian pupils who dare to be known as Christians in school; that they would know God's presence and strength amid the ridicule that accompanies this stand.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 22nd March 2020

In accordance with Church of England Guidance, we are unable to hold any Sunday services until further notice.

A 'virtual church service' will be available via the homepage of the church website. By Saturday afternoon, you should find links to songs chosen by Alec, a talk by Mike on Matthew 6.25-34 ("Do not worry ..."), some prayers written by Paul and Annabelle Bundle and a children's activity prepared by Teresa.

Please make every effort to engage with God through this at some point on the Lord's Day.

Church Holiday 27th-29th March

Inevitably, Swanwick have asked us to postpone our Church Holiday which was scheduled for 27th-29th March. We have asked them to suggest some new dates from the autumn and we will come back to you once we have some news. Our deposit is non-refundable but will be transferred to the new date. In terms of monies you have paid above the deposit amount, we will assume you are happy for us to keep that in the church account to be used at the later date unless you ask for it to be returned. *Mike.*

Art at St John's - New Workshop - Interwoven

Due to the government advice regarding Coronavirus, the expressive arts workshop 'Interwoven' will now be postponed. Please be assured that those who have shown an interest will be the first people to be contacted and offered the new dates when everything settles down. If anyone else would like to be added to the list, please let me know. *Dee.*

Electoral Roll revision

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll but would like to be included, you must: have been baptised, be at least 16 years old and either resident in the parish or have worshipped here regularly for at least 6 months. Forms (available from the Church Office) need to be completed and returned by Wednesday 1st April for inclusion on the roll. If any of your details have changed, you should also inform the Church Office or Pippa Wood by the same date. After Wednesday 1st April, the roll will be closed until after the AGM (subject to cancellation) and only people who are already on the roll will be entitled to vote at that meeting.

Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers Association

Friday 8th May will mark the 75th anniversary of V-E Day. The nation will be celebrating the peace achieved at such a great price but SASRA also want to help people celebrate the glorious and eternal victory over death won by Jesus at Calvary. They have produced a daily devotional for 1st April – 10th May, called '40 Days to Peace'. Each day has a Bible reading, some thoughts on the passage and prayers for our military personnel. If you are concerned for the gospel and our service personnel, and would like a copy of this devotional, please contact the Church Office.

Can you help to get sites ready for 2020 Keswick Convention?

Work is underway for the Keswick Convention, taking place on the Pencil Factory and Rawnsley sites, this summer. They're making good progress but there's still lots of preparation to be done. Would you like to be part of making it happen? They're looking to take on volunteers, over the next few months, with basic skills or building and carpentry skills to help on site. If you'd like to get involved, are you available for any of the following dates: 16 March - 9 April or 14 April – 1 May? Accommodation will be provided at the Skiddaw Street Centre. For more information, please call Ruth Lawrie (01768 780075 (ext. 2)).

Logos Hope visit to Liverpool 2020

OM's ship, Logos Hope, is coming to Liverpool from 9th to 21st December 2020. They are looking for people to help in the planning stage, in the run up to the ship arriving and to volunteer on board once the ship is in port. If you would like to offer your services, please contact Steve Chedgzoy at OM (01691 773388). If you would just like to stay up to date with the progress of this visit of Logos Hope, you can sign up on the OM website.

Real Easter Eggs

Would you like to share the real meaning of Easter when you give your children, grandchildren or neighbour's children an Easter egg this year? The Real Easter Egg is made from Fairtrade chocolate and is palm oil free, with plastic free packaging. Each egg has a 24 page Easter story-activity book, and there are milk or dark chocolate versions available. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.

Snowdon climb for charity

On Saturday 16th May, Wang (Lowansa) Moore is climbing Snowdon to raise money for Northwich in Need. This is a local charity that has done lots of good work in helping the homeless of Northwich. If you would like to donate something, please speak to Wang or search for her page (Lowansa Moore) on the JustGiving website.

Diary – 22nd March 2020

Monday 23rd March *Readings: Exodus 34, John 13, Proverbs 10, Ephesians 3*

9.30am-5pm Church Office open in the Church Centre (Monday-Thursday)

10am Staff meeting

Tuesday 24th March *Readings: Exodus 35, John 14, Proverbs 11, Ephesians 4*

Wednesday 25th March *Readings: Exodus 36, John 15, Proverbs 12, Ephesians 5*

Thursday 26th March *Readings: Exodus 37, John 16, Proverbs 13, Ephesians 6*

Friday 27th March *Readings: Exodus 38, John 17, Proverbs 14, Philippians 1*

Mike's day off

10.30am-3pm Church Office open for phone calls

Saturday 28th March *Readings: Exodus 39, John 18, Proverbs 15, Philippians 2*

Sunday 29th March *Readings: Exodus 40, John 19, Proverbs 16, Philippians 3*

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For more details about the daily Bible reading plan, including online readings, please visit our website.