

The Church in Warden Hill

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

We want to thank you for the ministry you are exercising and for the creative and imaginative ways in which you are responding to the crisis and showing the love and care of Christ to the communities we serve, particularly to the most vulnerable in our society. As we move towards Passiontide, focussing on what Jesus did for us on the cross, more than ever this is brought into stark focus.

We want to reiterate the advice we have already sent. The government is asking us to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives. We call upon all our churches and church leaders, clergy and lay, to follow this advice. We are in a time of great fearfulness. The numbers of those becoming seriously ill and dying is increasing. It therefore remains very important that our churches remain closed for public worship and private prayer. Therefore, for a season, the centre for the liturgical life of the church must be the home, not the church building.

The decision to close church buildings and to prevent them being used for streaming has been a very difficult one. Some government advice suggests that we should be able to allow streaming from church buildings. Our advice, however, is that we should go the extra mile in following the clear public health advice and guidance which is to stay at home and to stay safe. The government guidelines also continue to assert that funerals can take place in church buildings. The medical, epidemiological and public health advice we have received clearly indicates that this represents an additional layer of risk that we don't need to take. Cleaning a church building after a funeral is much harder to do than a crematorium chapel. Consequently, we are continuing to ask clergy to conduct funerals at the graveside or in a crematorium chapel.

It is hugely encouraging to hear stories of how our prayers and loving actions are blessing our communities and reaching out beyond our usual congregations. Similarly it is wonderful to hear stories of innovative pastoral practice and spiritual care being undertaken in new ways. Thank you for this. We are very aware of how quickly events are changing and we will keep under review all our advice and guidance. If Government guidance changes we will consider our own guidance. Our priority is to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives. Our prayers are with you all; let us all support one another.

With every blessing, + Justin Cantaur and +Sentamu Ebor

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with any one of the Clergy.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

Without your information we are unable to provide pastoral care.

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to

Edna Willox (grapevine@tcivh.org.uk Tel 510773) by early Wednesday evening



The Church in Warden Hill
(Anglican & URC)

Welcome



**THE GRAPEVINE 5th APRIL 2020
PALM SUNDAY**

A Message from Revd Gary

Lent is a time of preparation, through words of love and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. On Palm Sunday we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

This Week

There will be a Sunday morning live-stream at 10am on our Facebook page or here: www.stpetersleck.org

There will also be a daily reflection each evening at 9pm during Holy Week and a live-stream of the Final Hour on Good Friday at 2pm with Revd Gary.

Palm Sunday Readings:

Matt 21.1-11 (Palms) ; Luke 23.1-56 (Passion)

Devotional Bible Readings for the coming Week

A good way to stay connected is to read the Bible and see what scripture is saying to you each day, and what you might want to pray about

Monday

Psalm 41

Lamentations 1.1-12a

Luke 22.1-22

Tuesday

Psalm 27

Lamentations 3.1-18

Luke 22.39-53

Wednesday

Psalm 102

Jeremiah 11.18-20

Luke 22.54-71

Thursday

Psalm 42, 43

Leviticus 16.2-24

Luke 23.1-25

Friday

Psalm 69

Genesis 22.1-18

John 18 & 19

Saturday

Psalm 142

Hosea 6.1-6

John 2.18-22

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ALL CHURCH SERVICES, GROUPS AND MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, SO THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES IN EITHER BUILDING FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE

THIS SUNDAYS SERVICE will also be available live-stream via our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheChurchinWardenHill/> and from www.stpetersleck.org if you don't use facebook

MIDWEEK PRAYER Nick will be leading Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday 9am) and Night Prayer (Monday to Thursday 9pm). This will be live on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/pipandjims and on their website <http://www.pipandjims.org.uk/services/online/>

PLEASE NOTE All places of worship are now closed because of the Coronavirus Lockdown.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS The Bishop of Gloucester has issued C of E guidance that Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) can be delayed until **31st October 2020**. There will be no changes in ECC membership until our Annual Meetings take place.

PLEASE NOTE: GRANDVILLES of Salisbury Avenue are now offering to supply and deliver groceries to those needing help at this time with the contact being Tina at 231700. They have reverted to selling more general supplies, bread, milk, fruit, vegetables, groceries etc instead of sandwiches and food to go. **email grandvillesdeli@gmail.com** for stock list.

PICKING UP THE PHONE We all need to stay in touch. Someone might welcome a call from you today? So many people are having to self isolate due to the coronavirus It can be uplifting to hear a voice and have a little chat, or even a message if you are "online".

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Iolamphe Lisa Eileen Kelly	5th
Arphe Gwyn Sidney Kelly	3rd
Maisie Jane Hopkins	3rd
Harry Anthony Hopkins	3rd

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PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR our world as it confronts COVID 19, especially our NHS, carers, those who deliver goods and those who have to work to keep society functioning.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR governments and leaders throughout the world as they tackle the spread of the virus; those who are sick; those who are worried and those who have died.

Weekly Prayer Focus

5th	Young people's groups	9th	Youth Worker
6th	Maintenance & Office staff	10th	Messy Church
7th	Housebound & lonely	11th	All with mental health problems
8th	St. Andrew's, Ramallah	12th	Playgroup

YEMEN Whereabouts in the world is Yemen? Why is there a war there? Why do they desperately need our support? Answers to these questions are pinned up in the Prayer Corner, or put 'Lyce Doucet Yemen crisis' in your search engine and there are graphic details and pictures. In a few words: the conflict has its roots in the Arab Spring of 2011 and is between 1) the Shia Muslims, the Houthis backed by Iran, and 2) the Sunni Muslims backed by Saudi Arabia who were then supported by US, UK and France in 2015 against the Houthis. As ever it is the ordinary people who suffer from the snipers, landmines and shells resulting in severe acute malnutrition of 400,000 children under 5, plus a cholera epidemic, no clean water, no medicines, no homes, no aid getting in as the Saudis are blocking the entry port of Hodaydah. They desperately need our help.