

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the last week of Lent! This Sunday we'll be celebrating Palm Sunday, before entering the events of Holy Week in the run up to Easter. Thank you for all the encouraging feedback to these emails, and the offers of help which came in last week. If you can offer to shop, collect prescriptions or phone someone up, please do let me or Caroline (St Peters) know, and if you need help in any of those ways please ask, many folk would love to help!

If you missed it, Sundays worship and sermon can be found on our Youtube channel <https://tinyurl.com/wgkrpcq>. The worship has had 232 views, which is way more than our combined Sunday congregations! Please pray that it reaches people beyond the walls of our church and brings them hope and love.

Home Worship resource

Attached is a 'worship at home' booklet which we're sending out to everyone in the church. Those not on email, or without other family members in the church, will get one delivered to their home. You'll find orders of service for daily prayer (morning and night), plus some other things which we hope you'll find useful. This is also the service booklet we'll be using on Sundays.

If you have family members who are members of St James or St Peters, please print out a copy for them. I've sent it in 2 formats, in case one of them doesn't work! If you don't have a printer, please shout and we'll print and deliver one to you.

Coming Up

This Sunday - *Palm Sunday* live worship 10.30am from Youtube. Find a cross in your home, or make one (wood, wool, playdough, wire, bread....) and have it ready for blessing!

Holy Week reflections - will be posted daily from Monday of Holy Week, on the Youtube channel and links will be posted on the church Facebook pages as well. There will be an evening reflection on Maunday Thursday, and a 3pm vigil on Good Friday including a reading of the passion narrative.

Easter Sunday - we will celebrate Communion at 10.30am from the Youtube channel, so please have some bread and wine (or grape juice, or

grapes) ready in your home. We'll also do a Book of Common Prayer communion that day for those who value the traditional CofE liturgy.

Activity packs - we have a batch of Easter-themed crafts, so we're going to make up some activity packs for families with pre- and primary school aged children. These will go out to church families, Messy Church families, and there may be others we can give away if there are families you know who'd appreciate them - let us know!

Other news

- If you have any requests for prayer, or answers to prayer, please do send them to the clergy, churchwardens, or to Mark Felstead. Mark has setup a Virtual Prayer Room for Yeovil, so if you're on Facebook, it's a great way to join with others in prayer for our town and its people.

- St Peters Community Centre is going to be used by a Community Midwife service for 2-3 hours a day starting from today. They aren't able to use GP services or the hospital, so it's fantastic that we are able to give them a home. The Centre remains closed to all other groups.

- Ruth and I are looking at setting up a 'church social' on the website Zoom. Zoom is a video conferencing site, its very easy to sign up (email and password), and a great way to have face to face chats with other people, including larger groups (e.g. cell groups). We'll send you a link when it's ready so that you can join in!

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11, from Sundays reading)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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