

Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you in good health and holding on to the Easter hope of resurrection and new life. Thank you for all the positive comments and feedback on the Holy Week services and reflections on the YouTube channel, and to everyone who contributed to them.

A few bits of news:

- Please keep in your prayers Caroline Turner and Elaine Beard, who have both been in hospital with a broken hip. Please could you also pray for the staff at West Abbey and Helen Colaço, the manager. As you'll appreciate, a care home is a very challenging environment at the moment.

- Both church AGM's have been postponed until further notice, but in the interim, Annie Nixon has been appointed as Assistant Warden at St Peter's, we're delighted to welcome her into the leadership team there.

- The new St Peter's Community Centre is still in use - a group of Community Midwives has moved in as the sole user, and are there 5 days a week, and it seems to be working well. Praise God that we have been able to offer this and make it work. The St Peter's collection for the Lord's Larder has moved from the church to the nearby Co-op, and is already working very well.

- This Thursday, Ruth will be running a quiz on the YouTube channel at 6.30 pm. Get your nibbles and drinks ready, make up a team if you'd like to, and tune in! *<https://tinyurl.com/wgkrcpq>***

- Daily Prayer podcasts continue here: <https://anchor.fm/pjs/>. We're following the 'Daily Bread' bible reading notes, if you would like your own copy of these to follow along, please contact Ruth - we have 5 copies in need of a good home.

- Do keep an eye on the YouTube channel through the week, we'll try to post 2-3 reflections there during the week to help us pray and live through this difficult season. The latest is here: https://youtu.be/n7Gsae0_yek

Through our normal Sunday collections, £15,000 per year is given to our two churches to support our ministry and mission. At the moment, that's down to zero (!) so we'd like to encourage people to do one of two things. Either a) find a jar or a box where you can set aside what you would have given, to bring to church when we're allowed back in. Or b)

If you have a smartphone download the Givt app - this video explains how it works <https://vimeo.com/398878247> . It's secure, easy to use, and allows you to reclaim Gift Aid too.

Finally some sad news - members of St James' may know Jim and Marion Taylor, faithful members of our church for many decades. Marion was a Lay Reader, and Jim a chorister and bellringer, and a few years ago they kindly donated the hymn books which we still use. Marion had been in West Abbey care home for several weeks, and sadly died last week, Jim's health has deteriorated sharply since then, and he died earlier today. Jim's favourite hymn was 'angel voices ever singing round thy throne of light', and we pray that Jim and Marion are together with the glorious chorus of heaven now, around the throne of Jesus.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:25-26)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth