

**CORONA VIRUS** Following instructions from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, that "our usual pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings must be put on hold" our Sunday and weekday Masses are suspended until further notice. This includes church meetings. We know not for how long, but this is likely to include Easter. This is an unprecedented time for us all and the loss of gathering together is painful. There will be a service available on our website (having been recorded on Saturday 21 March), and we hope this will continue during the interim. Resources for prayer on-line are listed elsewhere in the pewleaflet, and the parish will be issuing further resources in hard and soft copy as soon as possible. I am working with the Churchwardens to open the church for private prayer; we are looking for help with that and will be contacting you. If you are in need, especially if you have to self-isolate, please do let me know. We are in the process of getting people together who may be able to offer practical support, including shopping. As we pray for one another, I pray for each of you. *Fr Paul*

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION** The Electoral Roll is being revised in the period Saturday 7 March to Sunday 29 March. This is our official membership list, and you need to be on it in order to be able to vote at the Annual Church Meeting. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like your name to be added, please complete the simple application form, available at the back of the church, or from Keith Bowman. Your name can be added to the Roll if you are baptised and aged 16 or over, and you satisfy some other simple conditions. Please speak to Keith if you have any questions about this and also let him know if your name or address have changed in the past year.

**EASTER FLOWERS** If you would like to contribute towards these please sign the list in church and see Hilary Clare, preferably well before Palm Sunday.

**LENT COLLECTION** If you would like to save loose change for TAB and TARIRO, please collect in your own container (e.g. a jam jar) and bring to church on Easter Day. We should be aware that charities whose regular programme of fund-raising events has to be suspended will face challenging financial situations.

**CIRCLE DANCING** on Thursdays has been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** The visit to CSMV Wantage planned for 31 March to walk their Stations has been cancelled. The convent is closed until the end of April.

**CIA LENT LECTURES** on Mondays 23 and 30 March – 8 pm at St Helen's Church, have been cancelled.

**DEANERY SYNOD.** On Thursday 26 March at 7:45 in the Parish Centre – this has been cancelled.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** is scheduled to take place for Thursday 16 April at 7.00 pm in the Church Room subject to the lifting of the suspension on meetings.

**THE ARCHWAY FOUNDATION** which serves those hurt by loneliness has a vacancy for a Social Groups Co-ordinator/ Team Manager; 25hrs a week. For details see [www.archwayfoundation.org.uk](http://www.archwayfoundation.org.uk) or telephone 01865 790552 or email [office@archwayfoundation.org.uk](mailto:office@archwayfoundation.org.uk) or. Closing Date 31 March. Interviews 6 April.



# St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday**

<b>Team Rector:</b>	<b>The Revd Dr Charles Miller</b>	<b>(520144)</b>
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<b>Bookings*:</b>	Miss Joyce Kelly (as above)	
<b>Parish Office:</b>	Administrator	(520144)
	Monday	10.00 – 13.00
	Tuesday	10.00 – 13.00
	Wednesday	10.00 – 13.00
	Friday	10.00 – 13.00
	<a href="mailto:administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk">administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk</a>	
<b>Web site:</b>	<a href="https://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk">https://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk</a>	

***Please join us for coffee or tea after our service today.***

***If you are a visitor to St Michael's and would like us to keep in touch with you please speak to a churchwarden or sidesperson.***

***Please take home copies of this Leaflet for your friends and family who are not in church this weekend.***

***Items for inclusion in the next Leaflet to be sent to***

***David Duce by midday on Tuesday. Telephone 522591,  
[pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk](mailto:pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk)***

***[\*for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals please contact the Parish Office]***

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday**

**No public worship in the parish today**

The Archbishops, with other church leaders, have called for a day of prayer and action this Sunday. As one action, they call on everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at **7.00 p.m.** as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Exodus 2.1-10
<b>Psalm</b>	34.11-20
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	2 Corinthians 1.3-7
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 2.33-35

### **Week Day Services**

**No public worship this week**

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**No public worship in the parish today**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Ezekiel 37.1-14
<b>Psalm</b>	130
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 8.6-11
<b>Gospel</b>	John 11.1-45

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### **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 in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord ... Amen.

### **On-line Resources for Private Worship**

Church of England Daily Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer>

Daily prayer for the current day

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

that page also has links to the CoE Daily Prayer app.

A simple form of Daily Prayer – St Peter’s Church, Earley, Reading

<https://www.earleystpeters.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-Simple-Guide-to-Daily-Prayer.pdf>

### **Please pray for:**

- those affected by the Coronavirus, for those self-isolating;
- the vulnerable, frightened, and the lonely;
- our Government at this difficult and uncertain time;
- for all medical professionals and those in the care sector;
- for those whose livelihoods are threatened and all who are struggling in business at this time;
- people in our parish living in Queen Anne Court, Queen Street, Radley Road and Rawlings Grove.