



Looking forward to the picnic

South Cotswold Team Ministry

St. Mary's Church Fairford

PEW SHEET

Sunday 28th June 2020

3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This is the link to the local Sunday services.

<https://www.chqchurches.net/worship-at-home.html>

From Caroline:

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The weather in these last few days has been amazing, hasn't it? I was one of those who thought we had our summer in April, but it seems the end of June has brought the heat as well. I hope you're all managing well – to have both lockdown and a heatwave at the same time is a lot to handle.

I took an unusual funeral this week. One of the Cirencester Funeral Directors called me and asked me if I would take the service of someone who had lived and died quite some distance away, and certainly outside the South Cotswolds Team. When asked why, it turned out the man had been a Doctor Who fan above all, and the FD had learned of my past life writing a little for the good Doctor. I agreed of course, and the funeral involved plenty of Doctor Who elements – the flowers, the music to enter the crematorium... And my address. The family have given me permission to share it, and I'll do that in a couple of days once I've set up a blog to do so!

I wanted to share it because it speaks of something so important to our Christian faith – the fact that in God's eyes all life has value. Not because of what that person can produce, or do, but simply because we are his children, and he loves us. That message is strongly present in Doctor Who as well – that life has value just as it is. In these days when the nature of the lockdown confronts us with our own limits, there is a danger that we will feel ourselves devalued: that because our age or our health puts us in a certain 'risk category' that we have become less valuable people as a result.

This week, confront that feeling! Confront it with the continuing message from God our Father, to whom everyone is infinitely important and precious. Your value is not in what you can produce, or what you can do, but simply in who you are. Know yourselves loved this week!

Rev Caroline

From Heather:

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Please do phone or email me if you have any queries about anything and I will do my best to answer them.

If you have anything of interest for me to use in the pew sheet do let me have it. Amusing quotes, poems etc etc or your experiences during lockdown!

Some of you have asked me how I am managing to work from home. My office is in my garden room so I am almost outside when the weather is good! It just means I don't have a dining room table!



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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those that are ill: Rev'd David Gray, Jo Williams, Helen Foxall,
Tom Cooper

Those that have died: Betty Cook Paul Blundell

NOTICES

Opening the Church – 12pm to 2pm

Opening Hours: Thanks to some wonderful volunteers stepping forward to help watch over those coming for private prayer in the church, we have been able to extend the hours the church is open during the week.

Monday to Friday the church will be open for private prayer 12pm – 2pm.
Weekends the church will be open for private prayer 1pm – 2pm.

If you feel you'd like to help out to help us open longer at the weekend, and perhaps through the week, please do contact Rev Caroline.

As always, please do be aware that there are risks involved with being in proximity with visitors, and the advice is that if you are currently shielding due to age or health conditions, you should not volunteer for this kind of duty. If you would like to discuss this, please either call or email Rev'd Caroline.

Sunday Blue Reading Sheet

This is attached.

Online Prayer and Worship

Caroline's morning prayer every day except Friday from 9.00 am, and 10am on Sunday: www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford

Blue Collection Envelopes

If anyone would like to donate money towards the church upkeep during lockdown. Mike Godsal (713101) has blue envelopes available.

Daily Hope from the Church of England

It is a free phone number where you have the option of the prayer for today, hymn for today and reflections. It was created for people that can't access the internet for services. But also a nice thing to listen to for anyone. Telephone 0800 804 8044

Sent by Andrena Miles.

Food bank

There is now a box in the church porch for all donations to the Food Bank. Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The Diocese of Gloucester together with the **Long Table of Stroud** have created the 5000 project in response to the coronavirus crisis. Partnering with kitchens across the county including the Royal Agriculture college in Cirencester they have delivered over 10,000 meals in five weeks. This includes NHS staff in our hospitals, homeless young people in the county and food bank referrals. If you would like to donate go to the Diocesan website
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12553#!/DonationDetails>

A message from the Treasurer

I thought it might be helpful to update parishioners on the current financial position of the PCC now the Church is open and that there has not been an APCM.

During lockdown we have continued to pay from our cash reserves the Parish share and normal bills to maintain the church, churchyard and run the office .

We have 'lost' about £8000 of income from collections, visitor donations and postcard/guide book sales during the last 3 months.

May I encourage you and any visitors to use the Gift aid terminal on the steward's desk. This can take card donations of between £5 and £45 to help restore our income.

Many thanks

Jonathan Stebbing
Treasurer

Messy Church at home

“Messy Church at Home” this weekend is following the account of Paul's journey to Damascus when he met Jesus on the way. The activities involve bright lights, a blindfold challenge and a suggestion to build a model of a Damascus style house. Sounds fun! For more details or to join our mailing list please contact Sarah Bottomley on 01285712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com

Kitchen Prayer

Lord of pots and pans and things since I've no time to be
a saint by doing lovely things or watching late with thee,
or dreaming in the dawn light, or storming heaven's gates.....make me a
saint by getting meals and washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind, and when I
black the boots and shoes, thy sandals Lord I find.
I think of how they trod the earth each time I scrub the floor, please
accept my meditation Lord.... I haven't time for more!

From Ann Nicholls

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same
everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you
tomorrow and every day.

St Francis de Sales

The Lord himself will lead you and be with you. He will not fail you or
abandon you, so do not lose courage or be afraid.

Deuteronomy 31:8

Holy Spirit, be my teacher so I can discern the difference between
falsehood and truth.

Be my comforter so I can share peace not brokenness wherever I go.

Be my nurture so I understand the needs of others.

Be my inspiration so I am alert to new ideas.

And be my guide, so that in seeing life through you, I discover the
closeness of God.

Within the veil, I now would come, into the holy place to look upon thy
face,
I see such beauty there, no other can compare, I worship you my Lord
within the
veil.

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Ruth Dryden



Two delightful photos taken by Ingrid of a Little Egret and an 'upside down world'



Alexander Finlayson-Brown

Alexander Finlayson-Brown age 15 an ex chorister of King's college, Cambridge and a Music scholar is while off school raising money for NHS charities. Everyday he plays a different hymn together with a short history of the composer and the words also appearing. At present, Wednesday, he is on hymn number 77.

One can get it on You tube or Twitter

https://Twitter.com/brown_finlayson

or #HymnsForHeroes

Hope you enjoy listening!

From Janet Edwards



Bible Verses Cross

