



South Cotswold Team Ministry

St. Mary's Church Fairford

PEW SHEET

Sunday 29th March 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

From Caroline:

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Week 2 of lockdown, and I don't know about you, but the sun shining and the clear signs of spring on the way are helping raise my spirits as we face down this global challenge. I have been moved and encouraged by the immediate response from our community to draw together and offer support to one another. Love and care are alive and well here in Fairford, now more than ever. Jesus taught us that the world will know we are his disciples in that we show love to one another. Please keep doing so, and especially ask for help if you need it. Our strength is in Jesus and in each other – no single part of the Body of Christ operates on its own, but all together. There's no call for stoicism here!

Staying in touch is vital. If you have an email and would like to receive emails about next steps in drawing together as a community in prayer and study and support, please contact me. Similarly, if you are ill, if you know someone who is ill, please let us know so we can pray for them.

Jane Kidd has started a Whatsapp Bible study group, focusing on a section of 1 Peter twice a week and encouraging questions and discussion. Would you like to join? Please contact me and I'll put you in contact.

Stay at home, wash your hands, stay safe, and in the uncertainty of these times, trust in the power of God and his loving purpose. Even in the darkness, there is hope.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
(John 1.5)

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. I can also pick up office emails

Caroline is co-ordinating with the Town Council for volunteers to help with spiritual guidance and to offer help to the vulnerable and elderly. If you would like to join the group please contact Caroline or the Town Council 01285 712344/7133426

Email: clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk. I gather they have had a wonderful response but I am sure they would still welcome volunteers.

This pew sheet is coming to you via email on A4 format so that you can all pick it up. I don't have everyone's email address but I am relying on you all to forward it to anyone you think may be interested. Quite a few of you did come up with new email addresses thank you.

If anyone would like to contribute a prayer or a piece of poetry or anything that might be of interest to our readers it would be very welcome.

A Lovely surprise – plants delivered for Mothering Sunday

Thank you to Sarah and all her team for organising this. It was a lovely thought and really appreciated by all who received them.

Sunday Blue Reading Sheet

Redemptorist who print the sheets are now making it available to download for church congregations. I am afraid I haven't received this weeks reading sheet.

Parish News

The April edition will come to you by email. It should be with you in a few days time. If you know of someone who has it delivered could you make sure we have their email address. I already have over 100 addresses but there are several people that I am unable to contact as I don't have their telephone numbers.

Wendy Graham has sent us her "musings"

Radio 4 Thought For The Day.

The first cup of tea to wake and refresh

Then the news and the views and the experts whose words can alarm or dismay.

Unable to hug a loved one or friend

Wondering how it's all going to end...

But it will, and our world could possibly be the better, the kinder, the wiser by far

If we all bind together, and care for each other....and trust in the God that we know will be there.

Prayer for a Pandemic (sent in by Ann Nicholls)

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those who are most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between their health and making ends meet. May we have the flexibility to care for our children when the schools close. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the turmoil of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country let us choose love.

During this time we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbour.

AMEN

Cameron Bellm

Uplifting message from David Hockney "You can't cancel Spring"

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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those that are ill: Rev'd David Gray Audrey Johnson Jo Williams

Helen Foxhall Jenny Hicks Tom Cooper

Those that have died: Pat Harwood Janet Cloutman Jim Warren

Geoff Bishop –10.30am Private Crematorium at Kingsdown

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