

# ALL SAINTS MESSENGER



## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

**10.30am All Age Service**

**6.00pm Easter Laid Bare – An Easter reflection through songs and time for personal reflection**

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2020

**10.30am Holy Communion**

A very warm welcome to All Saints. If you are a visitor, we do extend a particularly warm welcome to you. If you would like any help or more information about the church or the services, then please speak to one of the welcome team. Back Supports and large print copies of hymns are available, as well as in induction hearing loop – please ask for details of how to make use of this. Toilets & baby changing facilities are located at the back of the church under the bell tower. Children are very welcome at all our services and there are activities available for them. If you have young children, please ask for a 'pew bag' which contains some specific toys/activities for them or please make use of the children's area. Please check the notices for children's activities.

## REGULAR SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

### MONDAYS

**MORNING PRAYER 8.00am**

### WEDNESDAYS

**THE JOLLY TEAPOT 11am -1.00pm**

You'll see this sign hanging on the gate of All Saints every Wednesday morning, when the Church is open from 11.00am until 1.00pm. Come in for a chat and coffee and cake, (or tea). It's also a good opportunity for visitors to look round the Church and avail themselves of the printed guides, or for people to bring food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Some people may just want to sit quietly. All will be welcome. Donations for coffee go to All Saints Church Funds.

**HOLY COMMUNION 10.30am**

Midweek Holy Communion – Every Wednesday, in Church, preceding The Jolly Teapot. Join for coffee afterwards.

**FIRST STEPS 2pm -3pm (in term time)**

For pre-schooler's & their parents/grandparents/carers – Stories, Songs, Craft, Activities, Refreshments. All Welcome

**MOTHERS' UNION 2pm – 3pm**

Held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Evelyn Hutchinson's, 3 Stanwell Lea. Everyone welcome.

### THURSDAYS

**LADIES QUEST DISCUSSION GROUP 8pm-9.30pm**

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month during Term Time, further details from Jane Bullock on 711 531

**BELL RINGING 6.00pm – 7.00pm**

Church Bellingring practice every Thursday, please contact Richard Solesbury-Timms on 07456716031 for details.

### FRIDAYS

**EVENING PRAYER 5.30pm**

**PRAYER** - If you have an urgent prayer request you can activate the prayer chain at any time. Please call or text either Di (01295 713838 or 07711 237 389) or Mary (07842 162 795) *All requests treated with confidentiality.*

### ELECTORAL ROLL 2020

The Roll is being updated ahead of the 2020 APCM, the deadline for applying to join is 27 March. Forms can be found near the south door of the church, please return forms to the Electoral Roll Officer Sue Thompson by dropping them in at Church Cottage, 12 Church Lane. If you are already on the Roll there is no need to take any action.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

The Middleton Cheney Singers will be singing the musical *Joseph and his Multi-coloured Dream Coat*, raising money for our church building maintenance. There will be two performances in church, **Friday 24 April at 7.30pm and Saturday 25 April at 2.30pm.**

#### CONFIRMATION

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – please see Nick or Carolyn if you are interested

#### CHRISTIAN AID FUN WALK

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

### FUN WALK FOR CHRISTIAN AID SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY

Christian Aid helps families around the world to overcome poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest. In support of this charity a gentle fun walk is being planned around Middleton Cheney village and local footpaths (including a couple of fields) on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, meet at All Saints Church at 2pm and return at around 3.45pm to enjoy yummy cakes and refreshments (non-walkers will be very welcome to join in this bit!). A suggested donation of £2.00 per walker / £6.00 per family is requested please. You may like to ask your friends and family to sponsor your walk – forms available soon. Look out for more details nearer to the day, on posters, Facebook and All Saints Website [www.allsaints-mc.church](http://www.allsaints-mc.church)

# COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS: TEMPORARY REGULATIONS

From Bishop Donald

11 March 2020



Last month I issued instructions and guidance for hygiene at Holy Communion. Those have permanent effect. This notice concerns the current covid-19 coronavirus outbreak. These are instructions which the clergy and churchwardens must implement, but they are temporary, and will be lifted when life returns to normal.

- Those giving out books or papers as people enter church, must have hygienically clean hands, in the same way as the ministers of Communion. Only the minimum necessary items should be given out.
- Greetings at the door, at the peace, and after the service, should not involve touching or very close contact. The peace can be shared with a nod, a smile, appropriate words, or in other ways, but without touching. This will be easier if people stay in their places, turning and looking around, rather than crowding into narrow spaces.
- No touching also means no laying on of hands or other touching for those receiving a blessing rather than Communion. Words, with the sign of the cross from a short distance, must suffice.
- The wine will not be shared at Holy Communion. The priest (or minister at Communion by Extension), will drink a small amount, saying aloud something like “The blood of Christ, shed for us all”, but only the bread will be offered to communicants. As they introduce this practice, the clergy will make clear that all the benefits of Communion are received when only bread is shared.
- Refreshments can continue to be served, but with sensible hygiene precautions, and without people crowding together too closely.
- Pastoral care will be very important during this outbreak. Clergy and others should make sure that the needs of the lonely and the isolated are met as far as possible. However, if clergy or lay ministers are told to self-isolate, they must do so, and if parishioners are self-isolating the clergy must not visit them but should be in contact by phone or electronic media. Hospital visits should follow any advice or instructions given by hospital staff.

Please pray for all those affected in any way by this outbreak.

With all good wishes

+ Donald

## **CHURCHYARD IN SPRING**

The bad news is that around 300 snowdrops have failed to come up around the Holly tree, the probable cause is the bulbs drying out during the hot summer, as this is a particularly dry location. In addition, many of the early tall daffodils were snapped off at ground level by the February gales. The good news is that there was no damage caused to the plant life by the roof scaffolding.

We now have a substantial colony of pretty pale-yellow wild primroses developing on the Southside. Buttercup yellow winter aconites, planted as bulbs in the green in January, near the flowering Cherry tree have taken root aided by all the rain. You should notice them next year, flowering at around the same time as the snowdrops. Their symmetrical ruffs of bright green foliage have earned them the English nickname of ‘Choirboys’. In the external noticeboard flower bed one of the short varieties of white Agapanthus (polar Ice) has just been planted, popular with bees they should start to flower in July.

Notices should be submitted to Heidi Fowler by e-mail to [h.fowler@wg-plc.com](mailto:h.fowler@wg-plc.com), or to 18 Astrop Road. Items for inclusion should be received by 5pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion for the coming Sunday.

**Contacts - Church Wardens: Bridget Robb 710192 & Mike Wilks 711516.**

**For Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms please contact; Rector - Rev. Nick Leggett: 07925 419068**

**Email: [leggett1uwe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leggett1uwe@yahoo.co.uk) Associate Priest – Rev. Carolyn Oley: 01280701311 Email: [Carolyn.oley@btinternet.com](mailto:Carolyn.oley@btinternet.com)**

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