

# Welcome - BCD Churches

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Passiontide

### 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#### BCD WORSHIP

BCD Churches remain closed for the time being for normal services to further reduce the risks we all face at the moment. **Durley Church** will be open for **private prayer** from 10.00am – 4.00pm on Saturdays and 10.00am -12.30pm on Sundays every weekend from the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March onwards. You are very welcome.

We will continue to hold virtual worship. However, if you know people who do not have access to the internet or, who do not feel confident enough to use Zoom, please invite them to consider joining us for worship by telephone. The facility is straightforward and is greatly valued by those who already use it. Please let Karen know the names of anyone who wishes to join by telephone on 01489 782445 or email [office@bcd-churches.org.uk](mailto:office@bcd-churches.org.uk) .

The work of the church continues through many selfless acts of kindness, compassion and generosity. The Food Banks remain busy and we will continue to collect donations for them. In addition to your prayerful concern for the world and those less fortunate than ourselves, I encourage you to continue to demonstrate love for your neighbours: a phone call, delivering a news sheet, shopping, posting a letter on your daily walk – all while remaining socially distant. **Gregg**

#### Coronavirus

Please look at the BCD website for updates. Also, the booklet required for Online worship at 10.00am for Sunday. All information can be found on the BCD Churches website under the FAITH DURING LOCKDOWN tab: [www.bcd-churches.org.uk/faith](http://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/faith) Also, the BCD Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BCDChurches](http://www.facebook.com/BCDChurches)

#### Sunday readings:

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 8.1-11

#### BCD Church Finances and plate offerings

If you are able to help support the church by making your usual offering by bank transfer, this would be much appreciated. Kindly add in the “reference” box “**Weekly offering**”.

Church	Account Name	Sort Code	Account number
All Saints' Botley	All Saints' PCC Botley	08.92.99	65623477
St Peter's Curdridge	PCC of Curdridge	30.90.85	00633120
Holy Cross Durley	PCC Durley	30.90.85	00047280

Many thanks for your continued support.

## FOOD BANK

Many thanks for the continued donations of food and toiletries which are still being gratefully received. The boxes for collection are outside each church for donations and will be collected in due course.

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## Window Cross

The window cross at All Saints', Botley is being sponsored by Anne Davies for March in appreciation of all the kindness and care shown by our fellowship, especially during the last year.

If you would like to sponsor the beautiful window cross, there is now only space left in **August 2021**. Please contact Karen in the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor it.



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## Give thanks for your Covid vaccination!

Have you or your loved ones received the vaccination? Please give thanks by donating online to help protect some of the most vulnerable people worldwide. Visit [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) to donate.

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## Census 2021 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

A reminder that it is Census Day. Faith is captured in the Census, so please do take part and be counted.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember all NHS staff in your prayers, doctors, nurses, carers, support staff and all key workers. Also, all staff and people in care homes, especially our local ones.

Our headteachers, Kirstie, Sally, Tamsin and Joe and all school staff.

## RIP

Bill Wright, Melvin Moore, Ralph Spreckley & Wilf Briggs.

## The sick

Christopher Browne, Godfrey White, Catherine McClurg, Nora Martin, Wendy Lewis, Jenny Lowater, Bishop Peter Hancock, Jill Hutchings, Hazel Tardif, Chloe Horn, Richard Smith, Lena, Don, Richard Montieth, Joan & Stan Hoare, Jeanette Collett and Rod.

## Housebound

David Williamson, Jean Wakeford, Beryl Cook, Ron Chilcott, Donald Taylor, Geoff Gamblin, Mary Walsh & John Cooper.

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## National Day of Reflection – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

This will mark precisely one year since the start of the first Covid lockdown. The Church of England is joining Marie Curie, Hope UK, Care for the Family, Ataloss and many other charities and organisations that day, to take a minute to reflect, pause for a minute at midday and take a moment to connect with those who have been bereaved.

The idea is that we don't just remember those who have died of Covid, but also those who have died of other causes, but had restricted numbers at funerals; those who have been ill or separated from family members, etc.

### **Sleep Easy Event – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

YMCA is the largest voluntary provider of supported housing for young people helping for many reasons - domestic abuse, family breakdown, leaving the care system or through losing their job and their home, YMCA has more than 8,800 beds each night should a young person need one. Since 2010, Sleep Easy has seen more than 7,000 people sleep rough to raise over £1.5m for local YMCA services to help young people rebuild their lives with the aim being that they can live independently. Typically, Sleep Easy involves experiencing the harsh realities of life on the streets. But this year, due to the pandemic, we are asking you to spend the night on your sofas, floors or, if you are able to brace the weather in tents in your garden, raising what money you can for our vital work in the process.

We have produced a pack for participants and a family one to help parents and little ones get involved should they wish. To sign up, please visit [ymca.org.uk/sleepeasy](http://ymca.org.uk/sleepeasy).

### **Annual Lent Lectures – via Zoom**

St John the Baptist, Shedfield are hosting the final lecture on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. This year's theme is "Perspectives on the pandemic: global, local, personal". To register and to obtain the Zoom link please go to:

[www.stjohnthebaptistshedfield.org.uk](http://www.stjohnthebaptistshedfield.org.uk)

### **Children and Young People**

If you would like to be invited to a Zoom gathering for Children and Young People for the Sundays in Lent, please email the Church Office so I can send you more details. The Gathering will be for roughly 25 minutes, ending at 9.55 am, in time for 10.00 am Worship. **Janet Clarke**

### **Botley Porch Scene**

Julia Hayes has now installed the next part of her Lenten display in the Church Porch - The Burning Bush through which Moses encountered the holiness of God. Please drop off a pair of your shoes in a bag with your name inside (they don't have to be your best ones!) at the Rectory (no. 46) opposite the church. They will be placed by the burning bush as a sign of our trying to remain close to God during Lent. For all ages. They can be collected at Easter as we resume our Christian pilgrimage.

### **Bishop's Lent Appeal 2021**

God's Creation: his world and his people. The 2020 Appeal focused on the Environment and our God-given responsibility for the care and sustaining of the world, its resources and its people. We will be continuing that focus on the Environment with this year's Lent Appeal. This year we will again support A Rocha, the international charity and specifically their project in Ghana to educate, preserve and reinstate environmental damage that has already occurred, and a local charity making a difference in our neighbourhood.

### **I AM MARK – Stefan Smart**

I have purchased a Digital copy of this, a dramatisation of St. Mark, which is the Lectionary Gospel for the Church's Year 2020-2021. If you would like to see one, two, three or all four readings, please email the Parish Office in the first instance. I will then email you directly to arrange showing times of 30-45 minutes, via Zoom, during Lent. Up to 19 people can join to meet license requirements.

### **Janet Clarke**

'Peter did not feel very brave; indeed, he felt he was going to be sick. But that made no difference to what he had to do.'

**C S Lewis – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

**The 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting of each parish will be held on the following dates:**

**All Saints' Botley**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

**St Peter's Curdrige**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 at 6.30pm

**Holy Cross Durley**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 5.00pm

With these Meetings approaching, eligible members of the congregation who are not registered on the electoral roll of their parish have an opportunity to become so.

Those wishing to apply to be included on the roll of their parish should contact the church office, or the relevant electoral roll officers to whom completed forms should be returned as follows:

**All Saints' Botley:** Anthony Gosden email: [anthony.gosden@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.gosden@gmail.com)

**St Peter's Curdrige:** Dorothy Bellchambers [dot\\_bellchambers@talktalk.net](mailto:dot_bellchambers@talktalk.net)

**Holy Cross Durley:** Carolyn Campbell email: [carolyncampbell@btinternet.com](mailto:carolyncampbell@btinternet.com)

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**Date for your diary – Durley Church Fete**

Due to the uncertainty over the lifting of the lockdown, Durley Church Fete has been postponed to Saturday 4th September.

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**A message from Lynn Gosden, Botley Parish Secretary for 'The Children's Society'.**

You can read more in April's Parish Magazines. *"The pandemic has plunged families into poverty, left children isolated and scared about their future. Help us to fight back for their hopes, their ambitions and their whole generation". The Children's Society website.* My attention has been drawn to an inspiring 6-minute YouTube video by Mark Russell, CEO of the Society, setting out his vision for the future of all young people and set firmly within his own Christian faith. Do take a look:

<https://vimeo.com/501682834>

Let me know what you think. Ask me what more you could do.

[lynn.gosden51@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.gosden51@gmail.com)

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**Helen Keller**

She,  
In the dark,  
Found light  
Brighter than many ever see.

She,  
Within herself,  
Found loveliness,  
Through the soul's own mastery.

And now the world receives  
From her dower:  
The message of the strength  
Of inner power.

**Langston Hughes**