



Welcome - BCD Churches Palm Sunday – Holy Week 28th 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. We will continue to hold virtual worship.

Durley Church will be open for private prayer from 10.00am – 4.00pm on Saturdays and 10.00am -12.30pm on Sundays every weekend.

Durley Church will also be having an **Open Air Dawn Service at 6.30am on Easter Sunday**. If you will be attending, you are welcome to bring a folding chair, torch and flask.

Botley Church will be open for private prayer on **Easter Sunday from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Help needed please!**

Would you please be able to help, either by cleaning the church this Friday morning 26th March or, by being a steward on Easter Sunday?

If you can help, please contact Karen in the Parish Office by email office@bcd-churches.org.uk or telephone 01489 782445. Many thanks.

Sunday readings:

Mark 11.1-11 Palm Gospel

Mark 14.1 - 15.end

Isaiah 50.4-9a

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.

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.



Vaccines in developing countries

A campaign primarily run by Unicef, is being launched called 'Vaccinaid' with the slogan 'Give the World a Shot'. This aims for two billion doses of vaccines to be shared between 190 countries by the end of 2021. It has input from government departments, the NHS and faith groups. It helps us to show our gratitude for our vaccines by making a small donation to a fund to help people in low- and middle-income countries to receive one. Donations can be made on this website:

crowdfunder.co.uk/unicef.

Christian Aid are also running a similar scheme to enable people to 'twin' their vaccine with someone in a developing country, to help the poorest people around the globe.

Visit www.christianaid.org.uk to donate.

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

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.

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.

'If a man thinks he is not conceited, he is very conceited indeed.'

C S Lewis – Mere Christianity



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Friday 9 April at 7.30pm

Are you counting the days until you can begin to meet friends and family again? Are you dreaming of the opportunity to enjoy a drink or a meal out once more? Then help the time pass more quickly by joining us from the comfort of your own home for our:

5th ZOOMTASTIC QUIZ

Friday 9th April 7.30pm

All Saints' Social Team invites you to prepare your drinks and nibbles and join them for another fun and fund-raising social event on Zoom. Access to the Internet is all you need. A link to click on will be sent to you in advance of the Quiz.

We are suggesting a donation of £7.50 per household to take part. Any further donations to All Saints' Church would be most appreciated. Thank you so much to all of you who have participated in quizzes 1-4. Your donations have really made a difference. On your own at home? No problem, as teams will be created randomly on the night, so you will soon be discussing your answers with some team-mates. Keep your own score if you wish and join in your team's score at the end.

To take part, please e-mail Steph or Lynn at socialallsaintsbotley@gmail.com by Thursday 8th April. We will register your e-mail address and send you details about how to take part in the Quiz and how to send your donation.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Children and Young People

If you would like to be invited to a Zoom gathering for Children and Young People for the last Sunday 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**

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.

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Current Vacancies

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Key Stage 2: Primary Teacher - Full or part time. One year contract

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Key Stage 1: Primary Teacher - Mornings only
Starting: September 2021

Closing date: Monday 19th April 2021

For more information and an application form please email Margaret Walker

m.walker@thekingsschool.org.uk

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

All Saints' Botley

Sunday 25th April 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

St Peter's Curdridge

Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 6.30pm

Holy Cross Durley

Sunday 18th April 2021

at the new time of 11.00am

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

St Peter's Curdridge: Dorothy Bellchambers dot_bellchambers@talktalk.net

Holy Cross Durley: Carolyn Campbell email: carolyncampbell@btinternet.com

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.

What Have We Learned?

They shouted with praises, reaching the sky,
Pushing and shoving to see Jesus pass by.
Crying, 'Hosanna, hosanna, glory to the King!
He comes to us today, great joy He doth bring.'

They threw down palm leaves,
Covering the way,
Clearing the way for His entrance that day.
Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,
The day had come,
God answered their prayer!

But, in a short time they changed their chant,
From joyful noise to a mob's hate-filled rant.
From Hosanna, hosanna,
As when He was praised;
To crucify Him! Crucify Him,
As their anger blazed!

In disbelief we might question why they turned?
But maybe the question is,
'What have we learned?'

Loyd C Taylor, SR

