



Welcome BCD Churches The 2nd Sunday of Easter 11th April 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.

Curdridge Church will be open for private prayer on Tuesdays from 1 – 3pm and Thursdays from 10am to midday.

Durley Church will be open for private prayer from 10am – 4pm on Saturdays and 10am -12.30pm on Sundays every weekend.

Sunday readings:

Acts 4.32-35

John 20.19-end

BCD Church Finances and plate offerings

Many thanks if you are helping to support the church by making your usual offering by bank transfer, it is 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

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 Di Townsend for April, giving thanks for Eastertide and Springtime and the hope they both bring.



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 & David Richards.

The sick

Christopher Browne, Godfrey White, Wendy Lewis, Richard Smith, Lena, Don, Richard Montieth, Joan & Stan Hoare, Jeanette Collett, Tony Higham, Len Davies, Jane & Chris.

Housebound

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

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2021

God's Creation: his world and his people. We will be continuing the focus on the Environment and our God-given responsibility for the care and sustaining of the world, its resources and its people as we did in 2020. 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.

'It is safe to tell the pure in heart that they shall see God, for only the pure in heart want to.' **C S Lewis – The Problem of Pain**

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



Current Vacancies

A unique opportunity to shape the lives of young people in a Christian environment.

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

Key Stage 2: Primary Music Teacher - Two afternoons a week

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

Closing date: Monday 19th April 2021

A further vacancy has also become available.

Key Stage 3 & 4: Spanish Teacher - Full or Part Time.

Closing date: Monday 26th April 2021

For more information and an application form please email Margaret Walker m.walker@thekingsschool.org.uk

Many thanks to the All Saints' Social Team for organising another Zoomtastic Quiz and to all those who supported it.

Botley Porch Scene – Shoes for Collection

Thank you to everyone who left a pair of shoes which were displayed in the foyer at Botley as part of the Lenten scene. The shoes will be bagged up and left outside the front door of the church for collection from this Thursday 8th April.

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.

These Things did Thomas Count as Real

These things did Thomas count as real:
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

The vision of his sceptic mind
Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act
Too large for his small world of fact.

His reasoned certainties denied
That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like Braille
The marking of the spear and nail.

May we, O God, by grace believe
And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

Thomas H. Troeger