

Welcome

BCD Churches

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

18th April 2021

BCD WORSHIP

BCD Churches remain closed for the time being for normal services. We will continue to hold virtual worship.

However, from Sunday 2nd May BCD churches will reopen for public worship on a weekly rotational basis, starting with **Botley** followed by Curdridge and Durley. The service will take place at 11.30am each week whilst the zoom service continues each week at 10.00am. We will use the service booklet that we use for the Zoom service. It will not be a service of Holy Communion and neither will there be singing.

There will be a maximum of 20 people allowed to attend. Please contact Karen in the Parish office by **TELEPHONE ONLY** on 01489 782445 to let us know that you wish to attend. 5 of the places will need to remain open for those who turn up on the day. Please remember that if you have not arrived by 11.30am, your place may be given to anyone waiting to come in who has not booked.

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 3.12-19

Luke 24.36b-48

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, Joan & Stan Hoare, Lena, Jeanette Collett, Tony Higham, Len Davies & Jane.

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.

'God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.'

C S Lewis – Mere Christianity

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.

Please contact the Church Office if you would like the details to join the meeting via Zoom.

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

If you would be prepared to become a member of any of the BCD PCCs, please contact Karen in the Church Office by telephone on 01489 782445 or by email office@bcd-churches.org.uk



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.

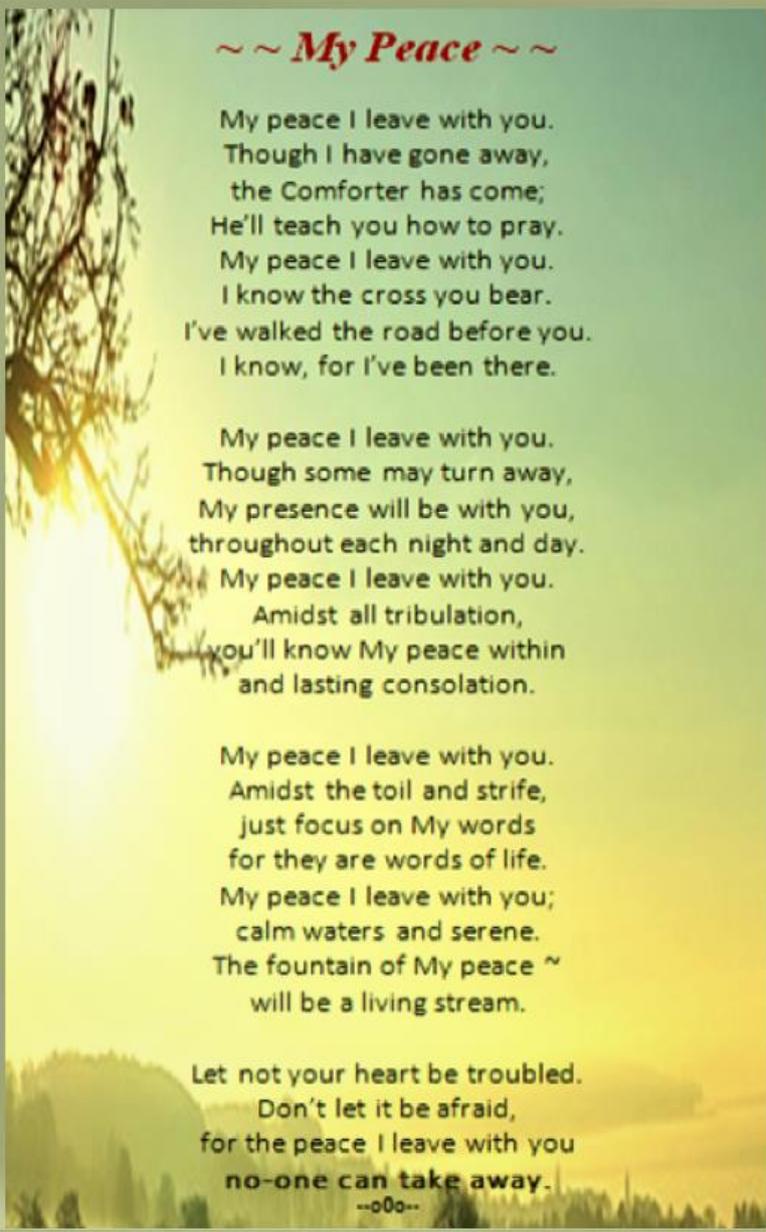
Key Stage 3 & 4: Spanish Teacher - Full or Part Time.

Closing date: Monday 26th April 2021

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

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.



~ ~ *My Peace* ~ ~

My peace I leave with you.
Though I have gone away,
the Comforter has come;
He'll teach you how to pray.
My peace I leave with you.
I know the cross you bear.
I've walked the road before you.
I know, for I've been there.

My peace I leave with you.
Though some may turn away,
My presence will be with you,
throughout each night and day.
My peace I leave with you.
Amidst all tribulation,
you'll know My peace within
and lasting consolation.

My peace I leave with you.
Amidst the toil and strife,
just focus on My words
for they are words of life.
My peace I leave with you;
calm waters and serene.
The fountain of My peace ~
will be a living stream.

Let not your heart be troubled.
Don't let it be afraid,
for the peace I leave with you
no-one can take away.

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Christine V Mitchell

Based on the words of Jesus in John 14:27, John 16:33 & Matthew 28:20.