

# Welcome

## BCD Churches

### The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### BCD WORSHIP

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

**From Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** is open for private prayer on Tuesdays from 1 – 3pm and Thursdays from 10am to midday.

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

#### Sunday readings:

Acts 4.5-12

John 10.11-18

#### 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

If you are able to help by making donations, please do as the food banks are still in great demand. Any donations of food and toiletries are 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 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](https://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](https://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

### The sick

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

### Housebound

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

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## 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.

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'We know nothing of religion here: we only think of Christ.'

**C S Lewis – The Great Divorce**

## The Watering Hole

### Your invitation to drink from the Scriptures

This is the strapline for the Bible Society's new Bible Course, presented by Dr Andrew Ollerton. Within the Bible Series you will find a Youth series, a Spoken Word series, a Testimony series and Sermon videos. There is even a Bible Trek, visiting key locations found in the Old and New Testaments, from Hezekiah's tunnel to Jesus' hometown.

To find out more visit:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

or contact Janet Clarke through the Church Office.

The Bible Society also offers a devotional subscription, posted through your door every two months, containing "creative resources"...to "help you grow deep spiritual roots so you can flourish in your walk with God."

This is for a £10 monthly donation which, if you do not want to receive it, you could gift to a family member, friend or neighbour. For more information: [biblesociety.org.uk/rooted](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/rooted).

Interested in volunteering to take part in a Bible Digitisation Project? If you are "patient, accurate and can use a computer to copy older [Bible] translations word by word..." then this is for you. Email Volunteer Enquiries: [volunteers@missionassist.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@missionassist.org.uk)

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### Current Vacancies

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

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

**Closing date:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

For more information and an application form please email Margaret Walker [m.walker@thekingsschool.org.uk](mailto:m.walker@thekingsschool.org.uk)

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**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.

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

#### St Peter's Curdridge

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

#### Holy Cross Durley

(Took place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

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](mailto:office@bcd-churches.org.uk)

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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.

## **Let Us Be Kind**

Let us be kind;  
The way is long and lonely,  
And human hearts are asking for this blessing only—  
That we be kind.  
We cannot know the grief that men may borrow,  
We cannot see the souls storm-swept by sorrow,  
But love can shine upon the way to-day, to-morrow—  
Let us be kind.

Let us be kind;  
This is a wealth that has no measure,  
This is of Heaven and earth the highest treasure—  
Let us be kind.  
A tender word, a smile of love in meeting,  
A song of hope and victory to those retreating,  
A glimpse of God and brotherhood while life is fleeting—  
Let us be kind.

Let us be kind;  
Around the world the tears of time are falling,  
And for the loved and lost these human hearts are calling—  
Let us be kind.  
To age and youth let gracious words be spoken;  
Upon the wheel of pain so many lives are broken,  
We live in vain who give no tender token—  
Let us be kind.

Let us be kind;  
The sunset tints will soon be in the west,  
Too late the flowers are laid then on the quiet breast—  
Let us be kind.  
And when the angel guides have sought and found us,  
Their hands shall link the broken ties of earth that bound us,  
And Heaven and home shall brighten all around us—  
Let us be kind.

**W. Lomax Childress**