

Home Activities

Over the coming weeks we will try to provide resources and stimulus, so our faith continues to grow despite missing out on corporate worship and fellowship and specifically activities for children and young people.

Christ Church Cathedral and various churches in Oxford like St Ebbe's or St Aldates will be live streaming a Sunday service and sermon so you may wish to make use of that opportunity. I will be writing a letter each week for the time being.

Please don't feel alone at this time and do reach out if you need to. I, with my colleagues, am praying for you all and for the needs of our parish, the nation and the world.

Digital resources

The Church of England has many digital resources you can use on, www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches

They also have a page created for Prayer and liturgy for coronavirus. www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturgy-and-prayer-resources

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The health and healing of Sue Duff, Martin Walkley, May Piggott, June Hedges, Norah Johnson, Barbara Boulter, John Hudson, Derek Cousins, Roland Bustany, Oliver Baxe, Mikayla Beames, Steve West, Pam Tranter, Derrick Allen, Bev Rolls, Philip Coldwell, Jayne & Nick Davison, Stan Mills, Tom Gledhill, Peter Rumsey, Janet Causer, Marie Betteridge, John Butter, Pat Hudson, Khim Moss, Nick Holt, Steven Meadows, Anthony Bowler, Linda Winter, Bob Bulpitt, Margaret Dodd, Sally Wilson and Dick Douglas.

Friends and Family mourning for Nora Cripps, Margaret Gill, Ernest Wilfrid Oxley and Sally Wilson

Please pray for our Churchwardens, Stuart, Chris, Anne, Terry, Ruth and Linda and for those who might replace Anne and Chris who are stepping down as well as for someone to be a Churchwarden at Denchworth.

Those living at Wayland Road, Cane Lane and Vicarage Close in Grove; Field Gardens and St Nicholas School in East Challow; Circourt Road in Denchworth.

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 29th March 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

For the time being we have been told to stop gathering for public worship

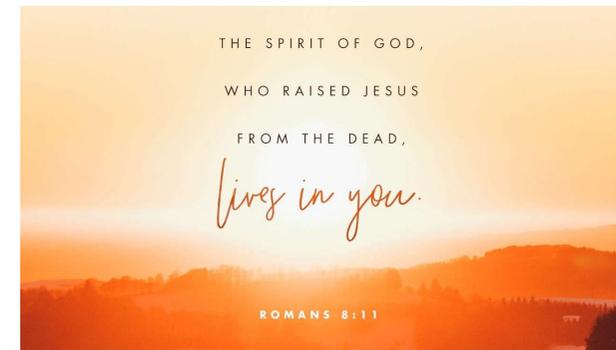
As clocks forward may I remind you that the Lord's timing though often confusing is ultimately for our best.

Psalms 31 says **My times are in your hands**

As we consider the suffering that Jesus went through let us remember all who are suffering at this time.

As Christians may I encourage you to offer help to your neighbours or suggest someone who will benefit from support. See the back page for more details on loving actions.

For your information the letter from the Archbishops may be found here www.groveparishchurch.org.uk/coronavirus-update/



HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR FAITH WHEN THE OPTIONS OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP ARE DENIED TO US:

- Continue to read the bible and pray daily in your private devotions.
- Search the Internet for Live streaming of sermons, prayers and activities. For example: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
- Use your artistic gifts to create areas of beauty and reflection
- Seek to be a good neighbour in offering help to the vulnerable
- Encourage others by suggesting other ways
- Keep in contact with other people

CHANGE OF CLOCKS the clocks go forward this Sunday 29th March

FOODBANK FOOD NEEDED Thank you for your continued generosity. As you can imagine some supplies are running low. We understand there are restrictions on quantities you can buy and availability, but if you can spare any of the following, that would be wonderful: UHT milk, fruit juice, (packet or tinned potatoes, veg, fruit), instant hot chocolate, Pulses, Coffee, Jam, sugar, savoury rice. Cornerstone & the Kings Centre are closed, please drop off in Sainsbury's, Waitrose or D Townsends house: 28 Warmans Close. Many thanks again.

THE HANNEY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM have organised a single point of contact for both volunteers and those in need. The phone number is: 07385 583000 and the email is: hanneycovid19@gmail.com

OPEN THE BOOK resources are available for families to use in the style of Open the Book. Please contact the office.

CHURCHWARDENS Thank you for your prayers about Churchwardens at Grove, Hanney and Denchworth I am pleased today at least one person has agreed to stand at Grove. The type of person we are looking for will love their church and want it to grow, be prepared to give a few hours a week and communicate well with the clergy. A Churchwarden shares the responsibility with the Vicar to ensure the effective running of the church's life and mission including the property, but what each one does depend on their gifts, time and the needs of each church. So please keep praying that the Lord calls other right people to this important role.

GROVE ELECTORAL ROLL Anyone wishing to join the Electoral Role for the 1st time or to amend details, please contact the Benefice Office to get a form delivered to you. Everyone who completed a form last year is already listed. Current Electoral Roll List is up in the foyer at church for when restrictions on church opening is lifted.

AGMS these have been postponed probably until September / October.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES Please send any notices to; news@valebenefice.org.uk by 10pm on a Wednesday. Only include personal information if you consent to it being included and published.

THE BENEFICE OFFICE If you need to contact the Benefice Office, please do so via email. Emails will be checked daily. Please be patient, you may not get an immediate response. If you need the Benefice Office urgently, please call 01235 771479 and the answer machine will give you alternative numbers. Thank you.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 73	Exodus 8.1–19	Jeremiah 21.1–10
Tue	Psalm 35	Exodus 8.20–end	Jeremiah 22.1–5, 13–19
Wed	Psalm 55	Exodus 9.1–12	Jeremiah 22.20–23.8
Thu	Psalm 40	Exodus 9.13–end	Jeremiah 23.9–32
Fri	Psalm 22	Exodus 10	Jeremiah 24
Sat	Psalm 23	Exodus 11	Jeremiah 25.1–14

Loving Action

Prayer Groups

We have set up a number of telephone prayer support groups. Small groups of people with a nominated leader/ facilitator who are ringing one another and staying in touch. They will be able to share prayer needs and where needed highlight any emergency needs people may have. If you would like to be a part of this, then please do let the Church Office know.

Practical Support

We have also gathered together a list of people who are willing to help with people's emergency practical needs. There is a wide range of support available, so please do get in touch with the Church Office where you identify a need and we will link someone to offer the necessary support.

Please also take note of the following two excellent support groups set up in Wantage & the Surrounding Area...

Wantage & Surrounding Area CORONAVIRUS Support Group

STAY CALM! STAY SAFE! STAY HOME!

Wash your hands with soap and water (if available) for at least 20 seconds

Do not shake hands

Check on your elderly neighbours

Use a trash bin to dispose of tissues or cover your mouth when you cough then throw it away

The Ray Collins Charitable Trust, in conjunction with the Wantage Town Council and Wantage Chamber of Commerce have formed **The Wantage & Surrounding Area CORONAVIRUS support Group**. This local community group aims to offer a range of services to help elderly and vulnerable people and needy families living in isolation or those people/families choosing to self-isolate because they are concerned they have CORONAVIRUS in Wantage and within 5 miles.

MEALS ON WHEELS

SHOPPING COLLECTIONS

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTIONS

DEDICATED PHONE LINE 9AM-7PM

FREE DELIVERY & COLLECTION

If you would like us to help you or if you would like a friendly person to talk to please call **01235 260033** or email info@raycollinstrust.org

Logos for Ray Collins, Cokes & Canapes, Sugar & Spice, and Wantage Chamber of Commerce are visible at the bottom.

AND in Hanney.

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Please do share these details where appropriate and (of course) hygienic.