St Mary’s, Crich and All Saints,
South Wingfield with Wingfield Park

CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020 PALM SUNDAY

Welcome! To a new way of being Church
‘To Know Jesus and for Jesus to be Known’

Welcome #50 This week’s news...
With Coronavirus, our church buildings remain CLOSED. But the church is NOT! We are still out in the community doing what we can where we can and with who we can. In this time of Holy Week which starts with high hopes and expectations and ends in disappointment and despair. We are the church and so now is the time we live it out!

SUNDAY’S BIBLE READINGS
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

At the Parish Church of St Mary’s, Crich
At the Parish Church of All Saints, South Wingfield
The CHURCH is still here just not as a building...
There is a virtual service on YouTube which you can be a part of at CSW Digital Church on FaceBook.
The regular daily prayers are available here for free download/streaming: soundcloud.com/user-629282275

COLLECT PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY
True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.
WORSHIP AT HOME
We have a virtual church service online with youtube at CSW Digital Church
It’s a Morning Service spliced with the readings and prayers for the Sunday.
If you want to follow the service, a ‘virtual service’ sheet is available by email for use at home.

Please remember in your prayers....
Those in need:
Kyle Goodhead, Richard & Bonnie Lane, Iva Henshaw, Eric Straw, Val Clark,
Pamela Hall, Christine and John Hopkinson, Ben, Andrew and Cheryl Porter,
Norman Lee, Pam McCane-Whitney, Andrea Daniel, Wilf & Margaret Fretwell,
Norah Bowler, Jean Stead, Brenda McCartney, James Hancox,
Betty Kennedy, Bryan Sellors, Heather Watson, Gordon and Marjorie Harwood, Ian & Hilary Wellby,
Phil and Bridget Bateman
Sophy and George Barnes - I am so happy to let you know that George and I came home yesterday afternoon.

All who mourn the loss of loved ones:
Betty Nadin, David Howard,
Maureen Bayford
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PRAYER GUIDE
• The Coronavirus Spread, the Cessation of Conflict and the World’s Climate Change
• Our Government, the European Union and the future of our countries
• The Hollow, Crich
• Parks Avenue, South Wingfield
• The Stand & Wingfield Manor
• The Heads and Teachers of our Church Schools still at work and teaching
• The Diocese of Derby, Bishop Libby & Bishop Jan waiting to move to Lichfield,
• CHIKS Project – their work with orphaned children & youth
• Gabriel [Nicaragua] supported through Compassion UK
• Our Hardwick Deanery esp. St Thomas, Somercotes
• Pray for Revd Alex Mann as she is licensed to Health on Monday
• Our Armed Services, Fire, Ambulance, Police, Lifeboat, Mountain, Cave Rescue Services
• All Saints ‘stay & play’ & Crich ‘pop-a-long’ closed - but keep all families in your prayers

Crich Area Covid-19 Mutual Aid
A community network here to help.
01773 447533
Covid19@crichstandard.org

Tom Baptist of the Briars Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service has this really up-beat, relevant and hopeful message for young people. Why not share it with young people you know.
www.youtube.com/ndcyslive

Are you in the Electronic Age? If anyone would like the Church-News by email, please let Ian, the Vicar, know or email: cswvicar@gmail.com and give your email address and GDPR permission.
A THOUGHT: from Lynda

Psalm 100: 3-4
We have the privilege of worshiping the Lord our God.
For he is our Creator and we belong to him.
We are the people of his pleasure.
You can pass through his open gates with the password of praise.
Come right into his presence with thanksgiving.
Come bring your thank offering to him
and affectionately bless his beautiful name!

A Lenten Challenge! Are up to it? Are any of us?
Luke 9:23

Revd Ian writes:
Great Expectations – what the Dickens is happening?

On this Palm Sunday Jesus came into the city with so many expectations riding on his shoulders as he rode on that donkey. There were those who expected the overthrow of the Romans and new physical Kingdom set up with King Jesus. There were those who expected some sort of religious renewal of faith to come sweeping in with Jesus. There were those expecting Jesus to always be around, always have the clever answer, always there with the direct action and always, but always, taking authority. Jesus; Strong and stable leadership.

However in this week we call Holy Week we begin to see the active, passionate, challenging Jesus take on a new form; that of the suffering servant and instead of the one who does things becomes the one who things are done to.

We don’t always like this idea of Jesus; the one not in charge, not in control but in this week, we see the ‘hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrender’. This is the Jesus who disappoints, the one who doesn’t measure up and the one who fails on the cross.

This is the reality of this Holy Week and part of what we are living through in the current situation of the Covid-19. Governments are not doing enough, NHS is struggling, Religion is useless, we are powerless as a we isolate from one another...simply waiting.

If that was the only story of Holy Week then we are facing empty promises, but Holy Week has an ending and it comes through death and disappointment, stunned loss and disbelief.

The reality of Good Friday becomes the new reality of Easter Day!

BUT first there must be the journey to cross, through all the emotions we are currently facing; self-doubts, lack of trust, failing support of friends and supporters disappearing or who are at a distance.

These times may might feel like a desolate FRIDAY but SUNDAY is coming!

May our disappointments be turned to joy, and may our mourning become dancing, but may we never lose sight of the journey we take together.

Be Kind to one another – Support one another
and Love one another... It’s still that simple.
NEXT WEEK 12th APRIL 2020
ST MARY’S, CRICH & ALL SAINTS, SOUTH WINGFIELD
NEXT SUNDAY is EASTER SUNDAY
The DAY of RESURRECTION!
JESUS is ALIVE!

Your clergy and ministers pray every day for you. Pray for them.

We could suggest making your own Palm Cross for this year…
but why not take last years put it on your mirror and remind yourself each day of this Holy Week
WE TRAVEL WITH JESUS!

This week’s readings:

Monday: John 12:1-11
Tuesday: John 12:20-36
Wednesday: John 13:21-32
Thursday: John 13:1-17 31-35
Friday: John 18 and 19
Saturday: Psalm 42:1-14

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Fritchley Congregational 2.30pm 1st Sunday every month Say a prayer for them Fritchley
Quakers 11.00am Every Sunday Say a prayer for them

Dennis our Treasure suggests: with no services our church collections will be affected and although some bills will be reduced [like the Vicars travel expenses and church heating bills] we will still be paying for the regular outgoing of the church especially our contribution to the Common Fund which resources our Vicars. At this time all charities will be struggling, and so can we encourage you to continue with your regular giving however you can. Through the church envelopes stacked up in a tin somewhere ready for when we return or through setting up a Standing Order to the church. Contact the Vicar for details on how to do this.
From Keith Fern for his friends at church:
Please be careful, people are going crazy from being in lock down!
Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee, and all of us agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything, and certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron calmed me down, as she said, everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing......
The bin just kept a lid on it, the blanket covered it up, and the curtains shut themselves in. Tried to speak to the dryer but it took a tumble. The rug was useless, it told me to sweep it under the carpet, and there's No point in talking to the freezer, you'll only get a frosty reception!

The Vicarage received this week a bouquet of flowers from St Mary’s and All Saints churches; this week be the 1st Anniversary of us arriving here and starting our ministry in this place with you. Thank you for welcoming us and for your partnership in the work of Jesus in this place.

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Weddings & Christenings at Crich & South Wingfield - - we are told no Baptisms or Weddings take place at this time but if you want to book in faith contact Joanne above.
Funerals at Crich & South Wingfield: Contact Revd Ian above.
Only close family should consider attending these services
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Jim writes:

Hi everyone,

Just a quick email to keep everyone updated with the online church resources which you may or may not know about.

As a response to the Corona Virus and social distancing/isolation we as a church have had to face some new challenges. And although we aren’t meeting in church we still are church :)

With Rev. Ian’s guidance I setup the CSW Digital Church. Which attempts to be a way of helping anyone pray, and connect the church globally.

I setup a Youtube channel just before the churches were forced to close. The channel is here and we hope in the near future to add more videos to it:  https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxCqvLA_shl10iwJmCGsVkJ

Rev. Ian compiled daily regular prayers and these are read daily and the recordings can be accessed on Soundcloud for free here:  https://soundcloud.com/user-629282275

The prayers in digital format (pdf) are available for download here:

For Worship In Isolation:  https://drive.google.com/open?id=1mPACYKjCdTxh3T-KTqRZaFX_RVRTjWzK

An Order for Evening Prayer:  https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zl_NPaV7BDDCFpjjd1JFCb0vDCHba8Ur/view

If you do not have the technology then please get in touch, and I can make arrangements for the prayers to sent to you on CD or DVD. If you feel you could do with some assistance using the technology then please email me and I will send you a video link with a tutorial if needed.

Most importantly I am looking to develop and involve more of our church community in this project. If you wish to record some intercessions, or a reading, or a sermon on MP3 then please feel free and email the files to me with a short email. If you wish to write something to be shared then please email it to cswsafeguarding@gmail.com, and I will try my best to include it in the recorded prayers.

We are updating our Facebook page daily with information and online streamed services from other churches which can be accessed here:  https://www.facebook.com/CrichSouthWingfieldChurches/

All I ask is that you come and join us as much as you are able to online. If you don’t feel confident then please get in touch no question is a silly question. Please share anything inspirational you find online to me by email: cswsafeguarding@gmail.com and I will put it on our Facebook page. Although this has just started in the last week or so, we have already got followers from the across the world listening to our prayers!! Never has been there been a time in recent church history were we have had to close the church and be church in such different ways!
FOR CHILDREN

The coronavirus lockdown is securely in place and many of us are having to get used to communicating in different ways. Lots of churches are working hard to produce online services and times for prayer and Bible study, so I was keen that we should ensure that resources are available too for children. With this in mind I have changed the Children's page on the Diocese of Derby website into a "Faith at Home" page.

You can visit the page here: https://derby.anglican.org/education/children-2/

There are two main groups of activities here. The first one is called "HOLY WEEK AT HOME" and is designed to allow children together with their carers or families to remember and celebrate the events of the first Easter. The Palm Sunday resource is on the site already, and more will be added as soon as I can complete them!

Secondly there is "FAITH AT HOME". This is a series of Bible activities built around photos of things that you might see on the local walks that we are allowed to have! You will see that I have finished 3 of these so far - more will soon be on their way!

The Diocese writes:

Resources for Holy Week and Easter

The Discipleship, Mission and Ministry team has produced a great guide full of creative ideas for everyone, young and old, to celebrate and participate in Holy Week and Easter this year.

All of us can be a witness to the good news of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. Even though we may be socially distanced from our neighbours, we can still share the significance of Holy Week and the joy of Easter with them.

Download your copy here.
Streaming this weekend

Thank you to everyone who has been seeking and trying new ways to engage with people. As Matt Barnes, director of Discipleship, Mission and Ministry said: “Our church buildings may be closed but the Church has never been so open.” Streaming is one way we are continuing to share in worship, and offer worship for others:

On **Palm Sunday**, we are planning to bring you a number of services that people can watch as we begin Holy Week.

**Revd Duncan Ballard** (Ashbourne St Oswald) will be recording a service which will be available on the diocesan [website homepage](#) and on YouTube. This will be a recorded service that you can watch at any time on Sunday.

The **Diocese of Derby Facebook page** will be restreaming the following live services:
- 9.30am - Palm Sunday service with Archdeacon Carol
- 10.45am - Palm Sunday service from Derby Cathedral
- 4.00pm - Evening Prayer from Crooked Spire, Chesterfield
- 6.00pm - Devotion for the start of Holy Week from Derby Cathedral
- 8.00pm - Palm Sunday Compline from Christ Church, Belper

Many other live streams will be available - please see the list of the ones we know about [here](#).

And do take time to watch and share **Archdeacon Carol’s video for youngsters** which talks a little about Palm Sunday and invites them to join her in making their own palm leaves and crosses.

And Derby Cathedral has joined with 18 other cathedrals to produce a Palm Gospel video, which will be available on our [YouTube channel](#) over the weekend. It’s a great resource for Palm Sunday and Good Friday.
A REFLECTIVE SERVICE:
FOR WORSHIP IN ISOLATION
A Prayer resources for those who are unable to meet together

An action to take in italics:

*Set up a candle or a cross for a focal point for your worship*

Say aloud in bold type:

**We come from scattered lives to meet with God.**

**Let us recognise God’s presence with us now.**

*Keep a short silence, still your heart.*

As God’s people we have gathered;

Let us worship God now together,

Across the distance yet joined together in need.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,

and kindle in us the fire of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves

and confess our sins.

*Keep a short silence and leave your sins at the cross*

Confession:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again, have mercy on us,

bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead

but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Forgiveness:
May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son, and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit all our days. Amen.

Read the bible reading(s) for today
[Sunday Readings will be in the weekly Church News]

Declaring our faith

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.
Therefore, God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
[Taken from Philippians 2.6-11]

We pray for others in the quiet of our hearts.

Lord, meet us in the silence
And hear our prayer.

Silence for prayer is kept:

Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you
Pray for others in their loneliness
Pray for our country
Pray for the world
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep a moment or two of Silence

Faithful God, may we who share in this time of worship
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Our salvation and hope, who reigns as Lord now and forever.
Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;
And as you have fed us with your presence,
so, make us one in heart and mind, In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ending
Let us bless the Lord Thanks be to God!

“For God has said, ‘I will not leave you or forsake you’
so we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will
not fear’.” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you;
he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be
dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Please God, we ask that we can meet together in church again, soon. Amen.
The office of Compline (Night prayer) comes from an ancient practice of daily prayers by Christian monastic communities. It is a good way to end the day in quiet contemplation and reflection upon the past day before commending yourself to God and a peaceful night’s sleep. The office should be said before going to bed in a quiet and calm way; a candle may be lit and you might like to sing a simple hymn.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

The following or another suitable hymn may be said or listened to.

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray That you, with steadfast love, would keep Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight, From fears and terrors of the night; Tread underfoot our deadly foe That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son; And Holy Spirit, by whose breath Our souls are raised to life from death.
The following psalm may be used.

1. Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, (pause) you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
2. Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary (pause) and bless the Lord.
3. The Lord who made heaven and earth (pause) give you blessing out of Zion.

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said:

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The following short lesson or another suitable passage is read:

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22.4,5

Psalm 91
1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
3 Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.
4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
The following responses may be said:

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. • (pause)
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth. • (pause)
I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. • (pause)
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said

Save us, O Lord, while wakeing,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.

1. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
2. My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
3. A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2.29-32
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayers of intercession and thanksgivings may be offered here.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Ending

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen.

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