

The Benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine and Durweston with Bryanston

29th March 2020

Please take this news sheet home with you for reference during the week or view it on the Benefice Website www.psdbenefice.org.uk

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Sunday and Weekday services

On the 17th March 2020, we received notification from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York that public worship was to be suspended until further notice. However, their advice was that Churches should be open where possible for private prayer. It was my intention that St Peter's, Holy Trinity and St Nicholas Churches would remain open during the day. As of 24th March, however, we were advised that all churches are now to be closed.

In the meantime, prayers will continued be said by our Vicar, Belinda every morning and evening at the Vicarage. If there is anything specific you would like her to prayer for please email her on beneficereb@outlook.com or phone her on 0333 0118088

We are currently looking at setting up a virtual prayer group, for example via ZOOM for those who have access to computers, tablet, or a smart phone. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Belinda. For those who are not able to join a virtual group, a copy of the service order for Daily Prayer and Night Prayer has been provided in this week's Pew's News and is also available on the website <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk> along with a list of daily bible readings for personal prayer at home. Copies will also be available in each church porch.

The Church of England website has some useful resources. If you have access to the web the link is www.churchofengland.org

BBC Radio is also a great resource, particularly if you unable to access the websites.

The Daily Service on BBC R4 Longwave Mon - Fri at 09.45, Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 at 08.10 and Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 15.30 and Sundays at 15.00.

The Pews News will be available as normal. A paper copy will be available from Friday afternoon for you to collect from your church porch. Pews News is now available to be downloaded from the benefice website, but if you would like to receive it electronically, please can you contact Judy Jakes at office@psdbenefice.org.uk or if you prefer, I am happy to put one through your letter box. **Please let me know.**

Revd Belinda Marflitt

Sunday's prayer and Readings

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Ezekiel 37.1–14

37 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; •
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, •
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you, •
so that you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; •
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning, •
more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, •
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption •
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

John 11.1–45

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you

ask of him.’ ²³ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ ²⁴ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ ²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ²⁷ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ ³⁷ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Readings for the rest of the Week

Day	Morning	Evening
Monday 30 March 2020	Psalm 73 Exodus 8.1-19 Hebrews 11.17-31	Psalm 26 Jeremiah 21.1-10 John 11.28-44
Tuesday 31 March 2020	Psalm 35 Exodus 8.20-end Hebrews 11.32-12.2	Psalm 61 Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19 John 11.45-end
Wednesday 1 April 2020	Psalm 55 Exodus 9.1-12 Hebrews 12.3-13	Psalm 62 Jeremiah 22.20-23.8 John 12.1-11

Day	Morning	Evening
Thursday 2 April 2020	Psalm 40 Exodus 9.13-end Hebrews 12.14-end	Psalm 43 Jeremiah 23.9-32 John 12.12-19
Friday 3 April 2020	Psalm 22 Exodus 10 Hebrews 13.1-16	Psalm 31 Jeremiah 24 John 12.20-36a
Saturday 4 April 2020	Psalm 23 Exodus 11 Hebrews 13.17-end	Psalm 130 Jeremiah 25.1-14 John 12.36b-end

NOTICES

Used Stamp Appeal and Collection Point for bone cancer research. Please continue to collect your stamps and keep them until the present crisis is over. Every single stamp helps. Thank you everyone, *Jacqui x*

Pimperne After School Craft Club. The children have been making a large Collage for the display board in Church. It is like an Easter Garden with the 'green hill far away' and the tomb with the stone rolled away. It is not finished but please go and see it and use your imagination! We also gave each child a card and a 'Light Catcher' with 'He's Alive' and a picture to colour about Easter to take home. Please continue to pray for these children until we can meet them all again. *Jacqui Torrance and the Craft club team.*

Help being offered to those who are self-isolating or unable to get to the shops;

Pimperne Village – Age Concern Kath Oxlee main office 0798474430
 Stourpaine Village – Age Concern Jackie Arnold 07545 212989
 Chris and Ali – White Horse Inn are keeping the village shop open and will be able to provide basic food provisions eggs, cheese, milk and bread for collection, plus take away meals such as cottage pies. **Meals must be heated before consuming. Contact the White Horse Inn 01258 453535**

The Food Bank

It is really important that we continue to support the food bank at this time, dry goods and tinned food gratefully received. Rather than putting the items in the plastic bins at the back of the church as normal, could I ask that you to save your donated items up, put them in a bag and deliver them to the Vicarage. I will ensure the food bank receives your donation. If you are unable to deliver them to the Vicarage, please contact me. Belinda

Please look after yourself, pray for our community and for the people working on the front line; doctors, nurses, pharmacists, supermarket staff and all those who will be working to ensure that some sense of normality exists in these strange times.

A prayer from St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Revd Belinda

Future items for the news sheet should be forwarded to the Team Administrator by Monday 12.00 midday to office@psdbenefice.org.uk.

Contact Form

If you would like to be kept in contact with what is going on at the Benefice, eg having Pews News emailed to you, then please complete the form below and post this at the Vicarage letter box or send it by post to Belinda at the vicarage.

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Or email the Administrator to: office@psdbenefice.org.uk

Contact Us

Please write very clearly:

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- Reason I would like the Pews News to be emailed to me.
 I would like the service of Daily Prayer to be emailed to me.
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 I would like some help during this time.
 I don't have email; can Pews News/Daily Prayer be delivered