

The Parish of Christchurch



*The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Christchurch
St George, Jumpers • St John at Purewell*

for Sunday 29th March 2020

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we distributed Mothering Sunday flowers and letters to our congregations and Electoral Roll. I begin this week's letter by thanking everyone who organized and helped in that major endeavour. I know from many emails and notes that it was very much appreciated, lifted many spirits, and reminded us that we remain connected. We are still Christ's church.

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones, wherever they may be, are keeping well. If we can support you and yours in our prayers, please get in touch with us on prayerrequest@christchurchpriory.org; the clergy will include those prayer requests in our daily Evening Prayer.

Speaking of daily prayer, the New Testament reading on Thursday morning included these words: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another ..." (Hebrews 10.24-25). How can we do this now?

First, we can pray for one another, as I know many of you are doing. Some of you are joining in Morning Prayer day by day; information on how to do this is on the website. We can keep in touch with one another by phone: if you haven't heard a human voice today, why not become the answer to your own prayer and someone else's, by giving them a call. And if you are on the internet, you can watch the service which is being recorded to go out this Sunday morning, either on the website or via YouTube.

Another way we can be with each other is to be consciously with Christ, day by day, as this Sunday we enter into Passiontide. Here is a short prayer, which I invite us all to pray in the coming days:

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church; give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to walk with Christ on his road to the cross; to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory. By the Saviour's cross and passion, **Lord, save us and help us.**

God bless you all in the coming week and help you to know his presence, his love and his compassion.

Charles Stewart

From our Planned Giving Officer

Those of you who normally make your gift at one of our services, either through the blue envelope scheme or the collection plate, may wonder how you can continue to support the parish financially in these difficult days. You have two options:

- a) Click on the 'Donate' button at the foot of the parish website, www.christchurchpriory.org and donate through PayPal.
- b) Give by bank transfer to: Bank Account: **PCC XCH FREEWILL** sort code: **52-21-34**; account **52428036**

Post or Email

Some of you who have received this by post may have an email address to which we could send future letters, which would be more economical. You also have the option to opt out of receiving these weekly communications in future. In either eventuality, please contact the PCC Secretary with the necessary information on pccsecretary@christchurchpriory.org Thank you.

PTO for important contact information

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Contact information

Phone: During the office shutdown, to contact us by phone please call **01202 800888**. If you wish to speak to one of the clergy about a pastoral matter, please call **0800 048 7463**.

Email: All our usual email addresses are being monitored:

- the main parish email address is parishoffice@christchurchpriory.org
- for practical help please use contact@christchurchpriory.org
- clergy can be contacted via our usual email addresses
- other information and a contact form can be found on the contacts page, by clicking the link at the top right corner of the parish website