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Please Note

Please send any items for the Connect to the Benefice Office by noon on Wednesday
Thank you, Georgina.



Connect

Welcome

to the Benefice of Walton and Trimley
Sunday 22nd March 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Greetings!

Welcome to our first edition of the new-look Connect. While Public Worship have been suspended, we will not be holding services on Wednesdays or Sundays. However, you can *virtually* take part in a service of **Holy Communion at 10am every Sunday**; Rev Paul will be live streaming via Facebook.

Rev Paul will also be streaming **Morning Prayer at 9.30am** Monday to Thursday.

We plan to open the churches each weekday morning for private prayer. If you pop in, please remember to keep your social distance to others.

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

Morning

2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Luke 2: 33-35

Evening

Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9

Dear Church Family,
In accordance with Church of England guidelines, our public acts of worship have currently been suspended but our churches are not closed! Here are some of the things that are happening during this time and ways we can still come together for prayer and worship.

Prayer & Sunday Worship

Rev Paul will be basing himself around the church office at St Mary's more during this time and will be livestreaming morning prayer at 9.30am every day except for Fridays. To join in, please visit and like our Facebook page. During prayer, you can join in and pray by commenting on the video!

Sunday Worship will still happen, but in a different way!

In addition to livestreaming Holy Communion on Sundays at 10am on behalf of the whole benefice church community, Rev Paul and the Vicar from Old Felixstowe, Rev Chris will be hosting a Sunday service via the airwaves! 'The Sunday Service' will broadcast from Felixstowe Radio every Sunday at 5pm. You can find the station on your radio via FM 107.5, via your smart speaker (just ask to listen to Felixstowe Radio) or online via the

Felixstowe Radio. We may well livestream that service as well via Facebook.

Churches

We hope to ensure that the church buildings remain open mornings, during the week for those who need to pop in for quiet prayer. Please keep your social distance!

BASIC Pop Up Shop

Walton's work with the community around St Philips is a top priority and we will be keeping the Pop Up shop running for as long as we possibly can. We have already taken precautions and may need to change the way we run it during this time, but we are determined to support those vulnerable and isolated. For both parishes, please still drop off your donations to the churches, they will be collected/taken each week.

Help & Support

If you know of anybody, or you yourself needs support from the shop please do call or message us via our Facebook page. Details are below. We are trialling lots of different options, including a non-contact delivery service for those in need!

Homegroups

We have taken the decision to suspend all homegroups to protect our church family.

Prayer Chain,

Please consider joining our Prayer Chains, which comes out via email. Email the office if you would like to join or have prayer requests.

Benefice Office

The office will be closed to visitors, but Georgina will be working from home so do still email or call and she will respond to you as soon as she can.

Lent Course

This has also been cancelled.

Connect

This will be emailed out each week for those who are not online hard copies will be available in church for anyone to collect one.

Pastoral Visiting

If you visit someone, please continue by calling them to offer fellowship and prayer in this way.

Giving

If you usually give during Sunday Services, please prayerfully consider donating directly through your bank.

These are anxious and uncertain times with the Coronavirus reminding us that we are not always in control of our lives. In the midst of all of this, one thing we can remain certain of: Jesus is Lord, he is still in control and has won the victory over sin, death, sickness and ultimately Coronavirus. With that in mind, we should be aware but not alarmed, prepared but not panicked.

This doesn't make life any less difficult at this time but provides us with hope; hope that all need to hear. This is our time to give hope to those who are afraid and to hold onto the hope we have.

Rev Paul

Prayer Please

Please pray for the bereaved and for the sick, especially Graham Hedger's son, Andrew Hedger, Bob Curtis, John Miller, Rev Wendy Smith, Mabel Lucas, Joan Davies, Mary, Ann Faiers, Lynda Ham, Lorna Roberts, Gerda and John Bailey and for those who do not want their name to be listed.



Greetings from the Benefice Churches, we hope you remain safe and well.