



Collects for Today:

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

Bible Readings for Today:

1 Samuel 1:20-end

Psalm 34:11-20

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17

John 19:25b-27



Forthcoming Services

All public services are suspended until further notice.

Welcome!

**The church is open
9am – 4pm daily
for prayer**

but please comply with the physical distancing advice.

Please Pray For:



The faithful departed and their families:

Brian Fentum, Joan Beechey.

The frail & those with long term illness:

Anne and Deryk Wills, Phyllis Page, Beryl Foreman, Anne Green, Eleanor Tissingh (née Gough), Mary (Jane Norton's Mum), Linda Lazarus, June Stapleton.

The sick:

Valerie Davis, Robert Gellman, Margaret Winters, Peter Martin, Freda Brookes, Sylvia Lewis, Beryl Starie, Mark Dobson, Elaine Morton, Richard Bartholomew, Thomas Grant, Luke (Anne Parkes' grandson).

Also:

- those who are isolated, particularly those with mental health conditions for whom social isolation is harmful
- Carers and nursing home staff
- NHS and ambulance staff
- Food suppliers, retail staff & drivers
- Police and fire services
- Those who will suffer financially due to job losses and small business closures
- Those trying to work at home whilst looking after their children
- Local and national governance



Fruit & Veg Stall in Oadby

There is a fruit and veg (and eggs) stall on The Parade (by the old Tippetts florist) and the men running it have decided to do their bit for us by being there every day of the week apart from Sunday and Monday. If you are reluctant to go into shops you can visit their stall in the open air. Their fruit and veg is good and not expensive and they won't allow people to bulk buy so there should be enough for everyone.

Milkman

Liam Croft has been delivering milk to our church for years. He is still taking on new customers so if you would like milk delivered do contact him on 07783 123382.

Candle In The Window

Archbishops Justin and Sentamu have called for this Sunday, 22 March, to be a day of prayer. They recommend lighting a candle and placing it visibly in a window at **7pm** as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

St Peter's will be lit up too.



New Partnership

If you weren't at church last Sunday, please see the Partnership Announcement sent out with this newsletter. It was planned that on Sunday 29th March after the 10am morning service Sami, Jon and Steve would be present for an informal time with the St. Peter's congregations during which any questions could be asked of them about the proposed partnership (with coffee, tea and cake!). As we are not able to do this now, Sami is happy to answer questions by email - slindsey@sjbchurch.co.uk

Steve is also happy to answer questions, email oadbyrector@gmail.com or phone 0116 271 0519

Pioneer Minister Appointment

The Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Mohammad Eghtedarian, as Intercultural Pioneer Minister in the Oadby Great Glen Team Ministry.

The Bishop of Loughborough, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, will license Mohammad during the morning service on Sunday 3 May at St Paul's, Oadby.

Church on the Radio

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby is to lead a national broadcast as the Church of England responds to the challenge of becoming a "different sort of church" in the face of the coronavirus crisis.

The service, including prayers, hymns and a short sermon, will be broadcast on all BBC local radio stations in England at 8am and will premier online at 9am on Sunday.

Good News!

The Faculty for the works in church has been received – more info next week.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral team are working hard to make sure that we are still looking after those in need. It's mostly by regular phonecalls at the moment, but if you are in urgent need of Home Communion we are able to do this, with enhanced hygiene precautions naturally.

If you know of anyone who doesn't have friends or family close by and would like to be on our list, please let Rachel in the Parish Office know.

And if the current situation regarding food shopping continues into next week (empty shelves and panic buying), then we will set up shopping and delivery teams too.

Get out in the open!

It is supposed to be sunny this weekend, so for the sake of your mental health please wrap up warm and get outside!

Whether it's your garden, local parks or driving out to your favourite bit of countryside, it's important to get outside in the fresh air.

Do keep a sensible physical distance from other people out there, but this doesn't stop you from smiling, waving or chatting 😊

Sad Announcement

The Bishop has announced that The Revd Brian Robertson passed away on 11th March. Brian was ordained in 1994 and served his curacy in the parish of The Martyrs, Leicester. He then served as Team Vicar of Oadby St Peter and St Paul and as Team Rector of the Ashby and Breedon Team Ministry. He was also Rural Dean of North West Leicestershire. Brian retired on 31st October 2014, and then held the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. He leaves a wife Vivien, a son David and daughter Rachel, and grandchildren.

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working
from home remember those who
must choose between their health
and paying the rent.

May we who have flexibility to care for our
children when the schools close
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are using our savings
remember those who have no
safety margin.

May we who settle in for quarantine at
home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country
let us choose Love.

During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us find ways to be the
loving embrace of God to our neighbour.

Amen

Based on a prayer by Cameron Bellm, USA

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate
us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

**Going outdoors
is not cancelled, listening
to music is not cancelled,
quality time with our
families is not cancelled,
reading a book is not
cancelled, sharing with
friends is not cancelled,
singing out loud is not
cancelled, laughing has
not been cancelled,
sharing **HOPE** with others
has not been cancelled.
Let's **EMBRACE** what
we have.**



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