

STAY HOME – STAY SAFE HOLY WEEK

A message from the Vicar

I am immensely proud of the way our communities, right across the benefice, have responded to this current crisis. In a very short space of time we have a large number of volunteers who are prepared to go that extra mile in order to make sure our villages remain as safe as possible and I can't thank them enough! As we approach **Palm Sunday** and **Holy Week** I am reminded that the suffering of those who have done nothing to deserve it has always been a part of life. Although church services have been suspended, I can now lead services online (see front). **If you would like a palm cross** to help you through this difficult time, then please get in touch with me on 01869 336880. There is also a booklet of daily devotions for Holy Week if you would like one.

"This too will pass". I hope and pray that when it is all over the things we thought nothing much of or that we thought we had a right to, will be seen as a gift and something we can all be grateful for. Even in this time of crisis, if you look around, there are many, tiny blessings every day – be sure to spot them!

With every blessing, Rev Annie

Message from the treasurer: The closure of the church has led to a one third drop in our income. All concerts and the monthly craft market have been cancelled, and as there are no services we are not receiving open plate collections. Fortunately, the majority of the donations we receive from individuals come through the Parish Giving scheme for which I am very grateful. I have written to those who donate by stewardship envelope asking them to consider continuing to use them and get them to me, I have had some very favourable responses. That just leaves those who put cash in the collection plate; if anybody who contributes thus would like to continue to support the church please contact Iain on 01869 338367 or treasurer@deddingtonchurch.org, and we could discuss the possibilities. We still have to pay some small utility bills but the Parish Share, the curate's rent and insurance amount to £5,200 per month, and our guaranteed income is only about £4,000. The only flexibility that we have is to temporarily reduce our Parish contribution, which is basically used by the diocese to pay the clergy, although they do have some reserves. Our reserves could be exhausted by Christmas if the present situation continues.

For church bookings please contact: bookings@deddingtonchurch.org
please send any items for the newsheet by 1200 noon on Wednesdays to
newsheet@deddingtonchurch.org

BENEFICE WORSHIP AND NEWS

St Peter and St Paul, Deddington

St Michael and St John, Barford

St John the Evangelist Hempton

PALM SUNDAY

05 APRIL 2020

In the Palm Sunday Gospels (both the Liturgy of the Psalms and the Liturgy of the Passion) crowds play a significant role: they acclaim Jesus as the Son of David, the one who comes in the name of the Lord; then they shout for his condemnation and execution. As we enter into the Holy Week story we do so not merely as witnesses, but as participants, given a voice to 'say what we see' and testify to who Jesus really is. Our response will also testify to who we are.

Sunday by Sunday, RSCM

Liturgy of the passion:

Isaiah 50.4-9a, *The Suffering Servant's humiliation and vindication*

Psalm 31.9-16, Prayer for the Lord's grace for one who is scorned,

Philippians 2.5-11, *Christ emptied himself to die on the cross, every knee should bow and confess him Lord*

Matthew 26.14-27.66, The Passion narrative complete OR

Matthew 27.11-54 *The Passion narrative abridged*

Readings for Next Sunday 12 April EASTER DAY

Acts 10.34-43; **John 20.1-9**



Services are now being **streamed** from the vicarage and can be found by going to the church website www.deddingtonchurch.org and clicking on Church TV – Sunday at 1030 am, Wednesday at 1000 am, Morning Prayer every day 0845 am



Wash your Hands

Wash your hands and say your prayers
because Jesus and germs are everywhere!



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