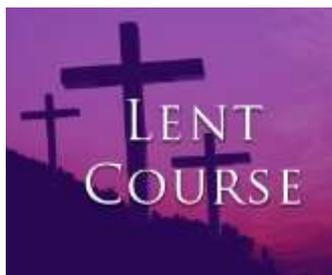


## DIARY DATES / FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

Event	Date and time	Venue
<b>Church Mice</b> Praise and Play for Babies and Pre-schooler and their Families. Contact Jenny Stothard / Sarah Cann (kindergymjenny@gmail.com)	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church 
<b>Lent Lunches.</b> See separate entry on Pew Sheet	Currently on Hold	Various
<b>Palm Sunday.</b> We will be celebrating Palm Sunday at the main service including processing with palm branches into the church (weather permitting) and narration of the Gospel of the Passion.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church
<b>Holy Week.</b> Advanced notice that we will be holding a programme of services during Holy Week including a Communion Service followed by Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday and a service of contemplation on Good Friday.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church
<b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APM).</b> Our annual General meeting. <u>Please put the date in your diary and make every effort to attend.</u> Election of new PCC Members (volunteers welcome) and presentation of annual reports.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church

The Risborough Team and Churches Together in Risborough will be following the same Lent Course for 2020.

Currently the remaining sessions of the Lent Course are put on hold and will be rescheduled when guidance permits their resuming.



## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Season of Lent

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

During the past week the Church of England has issued further updated guidance which means that we are being advised by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to suspend holding services for the time being. This will also mean for the present postponing events such as the Lent Course, unless they can be held remotely e.g. via Skype, and the Lent Lunches.

We are asked to make Mothering Sunday a day of prayer and where possible show unity by lighting a candle in our windows at 7:00 pm.

The Standing Committee of the PCC is in the process of drawing up an Action Plan in line with the request from the Diocese of Oxford.

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## COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

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, *Amen*.

## READINGS FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel Ch. 1 VV. 20 – 28.  
Colossians Ch. 3 VV. 12 – 17.

John Ch. 19 VV. 25b – 27.



## Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches with simple fare. Attendance is free with requested donations to the charity nominated by the host. Our programme of Lent Lunches is currently on hold. We plan to hold these at some point after Easter when the current crisis over the Coronavirus is over. Further information to follow.

- TBC – at the Vicarage. In aid of the Leprosy Mission.
- TBC – by Ann Bartlett. In aid of Marie Curie.
- TBC – by Margaret Gray. In aid of the Children's Society.

## Prayer Notes

- We pray for all parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and the souls of those who have died. We pray for those working in the NHS and Social Services who are working with the sick, the elderly and the disabled. We particularly pray for those in our parish who are isolating themselves due to age or infirmity and those supporting them.
- For those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Phillipa King and Barnaby Woods.
- For the recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. Also, we pray for their families at this difficult time.
- For Peace and Resolution for the peoples of those countries where there is conflict or tension including countries in the Middle East, Ukraine, Nigeria, Venezuela, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.
- For Comfort and mercy for the peoples of those countries, where there have been natural disasters, and for the aid agencies bringing relief.
- For our Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, that that MP's of all parties will come together in the National Interest.
- For migrants that they may receive justice and mercy.
- Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger that there may be a spirit of peace and understanding.
- For our mission and ministry in this community.
- For our Linked Parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.
- Thanks for our church community and our shared faith
- Thanks for all who help, in any way, in our Church.
- For our successful fundraising events this year.

