



Worshipping Together (5th - 11th April)

Palm Sunday



Dear Church Family,

Hosanna – Lord save us. We praise you!

We join **together** to praise God in our **Palm Sunday** service this week. A link will come out by email on Saturday evening so that we can worship together (even if it's in our own homes!) and the service recording will also be on our website. If you can watch it at the time you would normally be in church please do, otherwise whenever works for you.

Church of England advice has just been updated and we're advised not to post items by hand through letter boxes. All those unable to access the internet had a paper copy of the notices posted to them last weekend. We are looking into ways they can access the Sunday service whilst we are unable to deliver CDs.

Easter Celebrations at All Saints and Christ Church

Easter will be different this year but let's worship our risen Lord together with all of our hearts.

For the families: ***Easter Messy Church at home*** – see ideas from Tracey below.

And then a separate service link will be coming out for each of our main services:

Maunder Thursday,

Good Friday – an Hour at the Cross

And Easter Sunday Celebration. **So let's truly worship together.**



Our focus as a Church over these next weeks will continue to be in 3 broad areas: **Prayer, Praise and People.**

Prayer:

Online prayer meeting every Tuesday evening 8pm-9pm and Thursday morning 9am-10am. We're giving technology a go! We will be in our homes (not in church) as we pray but let's join together in prayer. If you would like to join either of the online prayer meetings, please contact Geoff a few days beforehand for log in details.

A prayer sheet from Lin to use at home is attached along with the Prayer NewsLetter.

Also attached is 'Together with God' from Tracey with ideas for all the family. Other excellent resources are available on our website

Faith Moments (10min. videos by myself and Peter) will be winging their way to your inboxes during the week.

Praise: Let's fill our hearts and our homes with worship.

There are lots of excellent resources on our website <https://www.christchurchparbold.co.uk/>

Spring Harvest is online this year – see info below!

And the Getty Family re doing a free family Hymn sing on-line every Tuesday – just google 'Getty Family Hymn Sing' for downloads.

People: Let's love one another and our community. Olwen is coordinating a team to help if you have needs (see notice below).

In your prayer and giving please continue to remember our overseas and home charities working with the poorest of the poor. They have even less protection than we do.

AND PLEASE, as part of our loving one another very importantly let's be careful to follow the Government's advice and stay in our own homes, don't visit others and make sure we maintain the social distancing asked for – it's for the good of our country.

God bless and keep you, Sue

Worship Songs

Hi everyone,

Here is a mixture of old, new and different! The Getty family worship is lovely and delightfully homely and raw.

'Waymaker' you may not know, but it is a reminder that even when we don't 'see' God working, we know and rejoice that He is actually doing so.

Suggestions are beginning to come in, thanks. Keep them coming! Graham

How Great Thou Art. <https://youtu.be/3GKhDCsLrUg>

Waymaker. https://youtu.be/SE_M9noEhNE

Sing and Shout it. <https://youtu.be/OimXhrT1Yso>

Blessed Assurance (& More!) Getty family worship (Keith Getty [wrote In Christ Alone] & kids worshipping - very sweet!)

Be Still my Soul. https://youtu.be/Q18GAt3_tkc

Light of the World. <https://youtu.be/Aa9FIUHKIWQ>



Children, Young People and Families

All Age Service at Home with Christ Church: Together with God.

NEW! This week 'Together with God' is based on Palm Sunday. Everyone is welcome to be involved and explore faith at home.

This could be a good way to make weekends at home different from weekdays and to begin a new rhythm of exploring faith at home.

For **'Together with God: Easter Sunday'** you will need a chocolate Easter egg, *if possible* – just giving you enough time to buy one, or ask someone to deliver one, with your shopping.

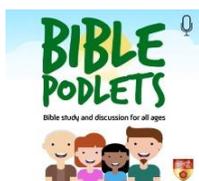
NEW! Check out **The Clip-Clop Beat! The Palm Sunday story in a song**. This is great to watch on Palm Sunday!

https://youtu.be/kyFZ93k_OAU

NEW! **Duggie Dug Dug's Crazy Stay at Home Roadshow!** On Facebook and Vimeo. A 20 minute family roadshow with crazy puppets and science experiments.

GETTY FAMILY HYMN SING LIVE: Tuesdays at 7:15pm CT on Facebook Live (can also be watched afterwards as it would be live at 00:15 UK time!)

WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE: **Family at 4** by Nick and Becky Drake on Facebook Live on Saturday and Wednesdays at 4pm.



Junior Church Families



Guardians of Ancora 8-11's



The Little Worship Company Under 8's

Bible Podlets is a Bible study and discussion podcast for primary aged children to do with adults. Each episode has fun games/activities, an engaging Bible reading in the form of a news story and deep discussion with places to pause and talk together about the topic. Subscribe to Bible Podlets via your favourite app. **NEW! For Junior Church families, this week look at Episode 3.**

Guardian of Ancora is an amazing virtual world that 8 to 11 year-olds can enter, and a place where the Bible stories come alive. Download the app to have a go.

The Little Worship Company is a great place to go for under 8's to explore life and faith together – with an app and a website full of ideas. This week Little Bible Time: free weekly devotion for all the family.

NEW Family Prayer to start each day: Dear Lord, thank you that you are with us today. Help us to be patient, help us to be kind, and to look for the rainbows in this stormy time. We remember Palm Sunday, when people shouted your praises, may we praise you this week. **In Jesus' name, Amen**

Earlier Faith Moment videos; are available on our 2 church websites along with lots of other great free resources from Tracey and Diane.

<https://www.christchurchparbold.co.uk/faith-moments-talks>

& <https://allsaintschurch.co.uk/digital-resources/>

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 1 vv 10, 11

One of the many purposes of God in comforting us, is to enable us to bring comfort to others. God's comfort can be given and received through others:

"He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many".

Prayer for the present situation:

Dear Lord God, we praise and honour Your Great and Holy Name.

At this time, we all need your loving touch because of COVID 19. For the elderly and people with chronic health conditions take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation. Be their comfort and protect them.

Lord God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk of contracting the new coronavirus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Multiply their supplies so they have the protective items needed to stay safe. Help the researchers identify the protocols to diminish the spread of the disease and may truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for the benefit of all.

Dear Heavenly Father, as families adjust to being at home and businesses and schools are closed, we ask that You guide people in their new realities. Give families patience with each other. Prompt worn-out parents and carers to speak words of kindness and encouragement to their children. Help children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and continue learning.

Jesus, we thank You for Your faithfulness at all times. It can be scary and overwhelming not knowing how bills and obligations will be met, especially when there is a need to provide for families. As people feel financial strain during this uncertainty, bring them comfort and peace, reminding them that You are there for them. Provide for them in their times of need.

Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stack food supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food. And please protect them all from contracting the new coronavirus.

Lord, we thank You that you do hear our prayers and we place all our trust and faith in You, through Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

Celebrations for this week:

5th April – Geoffrey & Denise Butts (W.A.)

7th April – Isabella Long

9th April – William Hazlehurst

10th April – Jenny Welsby, Vicky Starkey

11th April – Chris Burdett

Weekly Offering

As there are no church services at present here is some advice about giving:

As a church we are so grateful for the support of all our church family. **We fully understand that for some your personal financial circumstances have been seriously affected by the current restrictions and you may not be able to give at this time.** We must keep each other in our prayers.

If you find that you are able to carry on with your weekly giving, here is some advice:

- The best way to give is by standing order or bank transfer. The details you will need are:
 - Bank: RBS Sort Code: **16-27-25** Accounts: **Christ Church Parbold PCC**
 - Account Number: **10021290** and please quote **your name** as the Reference.
- IF you wish to continue with the weekly envelopes or cash donation then please keep it safe and bring it to church when we restart services.

If you wish to discuss anything or want more information then please contact Lin Milne on 01257 463523 or email: stemilne@aol.com Thank you again for all your support, your giving is vital to the ongoing work of Christ Church.

God bless, Lin Milne.

Douglas Valley Outreach Appeal: There is an increasing demand to help people in crisis who for various reasons are not receiving support. A family with two children are receiving no money. A young lad is homeless and receiving no money. If you would like to donate you can give through just giving. www.douglasvalleyoutreach.com

Contacts:

We have set up team to help respond if you have practical needs during this difficult time. Shopping, prescription or just a chat. Please contact Olwen on ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk or 01257 425229.

Staying Connected

We've arranged for all of our older members to receive at least one weekly call from a member of our expanded pastoral team, for a chat and to check if any help is required. Members of the pastoral team are available to ring anyone who is having difficulty coping emotionally

All those unable to access the internet had a paper copy of the notices and an audio CD delivered to them last weekend. Unfortunately, we've had to suspend this in the light of the recent government advice, so we're looking at other ways to help them access the Sunday service.

If you're aware of anyone in in our church family who we may have missed, please let Olwen know.
ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Volunteers wanted!

We're compiling a list of volunteers who can be called upon as the crisis continues. So far there have been offers of help to do essential shopping, dog walking (for later on should restrictions be eased), phone chats and other needs as they arise. Please let Olwen know if you'd like to help. ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Prayer Chain: If you would like special prayer, the first point of contact is **Brian / Frances on 01257 462058**. If they are not available, then contact **Lin on 01257 463523** or **John Mountain 01257 463919**.

The requests go out to the chain at 6.30pm but in emergencies will be sent out as soon as the request is received.

Prayer Triplets: Supporting each other in prayer is vital at this time. We are looking at the possibility of virtual Prayer Triplets. These are groups of 3 people who will link together regularly, by phone or email, to support each other in prayer. You may wish to set up a triplet yourself with 2 others but if you are hesitant about how to go about it, you can contact Lin Milne (01257 463523) or at stemilne@aol.com who will help you.

Age UK have taken the difficult decision to temporarily close their Day Time Support centre in West Lancashire. If you are concerned about yourself or a loved one and would like information on options and support available to you then please contact them on **0300 303 1234**, or email advice@ageuklancs.org.uk

Their website www.ageuklancs.org.uk is being regularly updated as the situation develops and you can also follow them on social media by liking their Facebook and Twitter pages.

MESSAGE FROM SPRING HARVEST

We are so excited to announce the launch of Spring Harvest Home, available online via YouTube from 13th to 17th April. We are all disappointed that we can't join together as one Spring Harvest family this year, but the team here have been working really hard to adapt and deliver the heart of Spring Harvest... direct to your living room! *Spring Harvest Home* is a completely free online conference programme with content suitable for everyone in the family. Big Start, morning Bible teaching, live worship, specialist seminars and workshops and some light-hearted sofa viewing will be available right through the day. *Spring Harvest Home* will be available online through YouTube, so go to YouTube.com and search for 'Spring Harvest'. You can then subscribe to the Spring Harvest channel to make sure you don't miss this unique *Spring Harvest Home* week

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Church website: christchurchparbold.co.uk



UCB 'Word for Today' can be accessed through the church website: christchurchparbold.co.uk To access Daily devotional messages use the 'About' tab, then scroll down to 'Exploring Faith'.

Church of England daily prayer:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturg-and-prayer-resources>