

Notices

We all need to pray for so many things, wisdom for our Government, safety for our families but as Christians let us also be beacons of light to those around us. Help us share what we have and shop sensibly. Help us to be the ones to look out for our neighbours.

Once again if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. My prayers will be with you.

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs for as long as it takes wherever you call us. Amen

If you are not familiar with technology please ask a younger member of the family to show you. It is a way we can worship together in our homes, just as the early Christians did thousands of years ago.

Instructions to access the live stream for services:-

- Navigate to the main St Mary's Woodkirk Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk.
- All scheduled lives will be pinned at the top of the page and you can join them by clicking on them at the time that they start.
- Alternatively a link to the live will also be published on our **A Church Near You** page
- Find the event taking place and click on "More about this event" this will automatically take you straight to the live service on Facebook.

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S WOODKIRK

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

*Engaging with God
Engaging with Each Other
Engaging with the Community*

Sunday 26th April – Easter 3

10.30am Holy Communion (streamed via Facebook live)

Instructions to Connect given in column 4

Services for next week

Mon 9.00am Morning Prayer (streamed as above)
Tues 6.00pm Evening Prayer (streamed as above)
Weds 10.00am Holy Communion (streamed as above)
Thurs 9.00pm Night Prayer (streamed as above)
Fri 9.00am Morning Prayer (streamed as above)

Next Sunday's Services are as follows: -

10.30am Easter 4 - Holy Communion (streamed via Facebook live)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From our Parish Prayer Diary: Careworkers,

Nurses and Doctors

From our Church Prayer Diary : Local shops

For those whose Baptisms have been postponed.

For those whose Weddings have to be changed

For those whose Funeral arrangements are not what they wish.

Those who have asked for **prayers for healing**:

Kevin; Richard; Grace; Ben; Betty; Gethin; Lionel; Queenie; Nancy & Philip, Frank, Nicole, Ethan, Barbara, Diane, Margaret, Jerry, Louise, Simon, Chris & Eileen

The family and friends of those who have recently died: -

Jim Smith, Kath Frost and Wendy Howley

And those whose **anniversaries** fall at this time: -

Martin Green, Hugh Roberts, Marion Hudson, Ellen Morris, George Frederick Darley

Scripture Readings for the coming Week:-

Sunday 26th April – HC – 10.30am

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Luke 24:13-35

Monday 27th April – Morning Prayer – 9.00am

Psalms 96

Luke 1:1-25

Tuesday 28th April – Evening Prayer - 6.00pm

Psalms 71

Ephesians 1:15-23

Weds 29th April – HC – 10.00am

Acts 8: 1b-8

John 6:35-40

Thurs 30th April – Night Prayer – 9.00pm

Psalms 104

Revelation 22:4-5

Fri 1st May – Morning Prayer – 9.00am

Psalms 139

James 1:1-12

As we enter our fifth week of lockdown I have been pleasantly surprised by what I observe. Sometimes out of darkness comes light, that is the Christian belief, and what is observable is how much as a society we have had to go back to basics. Rebuilding community, looking after our neighbours and ensuring those who are vulnerable are kept safe and have what they need through the random acts of kindness by strangers. We have learned a new appreciation for those who are lowly paid and yet find themselves on the frontline going into work each day not knowing what they will find, having to worry about how they serve their country and their profession and balance that with how they protect their families.

Lent this year was very different for most Christians. It is supposed to be a time of self-examination and reflection on your own Christian journey, a period of 40 days, but this year it has a particular link with those early Christians who were exiled for forty years. These journeys are linked with change, we are supposed to be changed by the experience.

We in this country have just started a second three week period of isolation, six weeks in total) which incidentally is 40 days in length. Is this coincidence? Will we come out changed people by this time? Will we have learned that

money and possessions mean nothing? In times of trouble it is our family, friends, neighbours that get us through. In times of trouble it is sharing, giving and caring that mark us out as different. In times of trouble when we lose loved ones, when our entire existence is brought into doubt – is that the time we cry out to God? Where is God in all of this? God is in the midst of all suffering. He is revealed in the person who shops for their neighbour, the person who stands in the chemist line for another, the person who self-isolates because they care more for others than their own needs. God promises to walk with us always and when the road is difficult it is the time He will carry us.

Live Services streamed on Facebook are still going ahead and it is very pleasing to see that more of our older members of the congregation are learning how to access them. We have several new regular members who also attend.

As you all know I sent on your behalf a card and gift to Dan and Sammi which has been received and I received this message back from them both:

Thank you very much for our gift. It is very appreciated and generous of you.

Hopefully we will all see each other soon.

Love Dan and Sammi

We will continue to have a virtual coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday mornings. If you would like to join in with this you will need to download zoom us from the App Store onto your computer. You will then need to email me so that I can let you have the access codes to enter the meeting (vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org).

Gail and I have kept in touch with all of you and so far everyone seems to be well and have the things they need. Eileen went into hospital on Thursday and had her operation. Reports are that she has done very well and is awake and alert. Please keep her in your prayers.

You are all in my prayers and if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes
Sharon