

NOTICES:

APCM: It is likely that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be rearranged. However in the meantime please continue to send your AGM reports to parish@allsaintslb.org.uk.

PCC & DEANERY VACANCIES: If you are interested in joining the PCC or becoming a Deanery Representative, please contact Mother Cate or Lindsay for more information.

REVISION OF ALL SAINTS ELECTORAL ROLL: Our Electoral Roll will be updated before the APCM. If you have changed address, telephone no. or email since April 2019, please contact me with the details, or leave a note in the Parish Office. Not on the Roll? All members of the congregation who are actively sharing in the life and worship at All Saints may like to consider indicating your support of its ministry by joining the Electoral Roll. A Privacy Notice is available to view upon request. For more information please contact Liz Corbett 372822.

LUNCH CLUB: Lunch Club on 1st April has been cancelled. Tickets will be carried over to the next occasion but refunds are available if preferred.

FAIRTRADE STALL: This was due to be this Sunday so if anybody would like us to get any of their usual supplies or treats do get in touch and we will aim to pick them up and deliver them to you later in the week. Contact Esther Clarke 01525 234130. Easter Eggs will also be delivered to those who have ordered them.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Whether you are a member of our congregation or not and you need to self-isolate but would like support, be it a chat, help with shopping etc. please call us on 01525 381418 and we will endeavour to help you through this time.

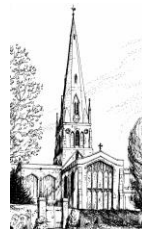
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Sunday 22nd March 2020 Lent 4
Mothering Sunday

Public Worship Suspended

All Saints remains open for private prayer as often as possible but we are asking people to follow the national guidance and to keep the recommended distance from others who may be visiting.

On the 17th of March the Archbishops of Canterbury and York took the decision to suspend public worship in the Church of England until further notice so there will be no services for people to attend at this time.

Even though it is not possible for people to attend, clergy and lay ministers will be offering regular services of Holy Communion on behalf of the community. If you normally attend worship, you might like to pray at home at the time that you would normally come to church, knowing that others will be doing the same. In this way we can continue to pray together even though we cannot meet in person.

We hope to be able to broadcast the 9:15am service this Sunday, 22nd March, to our Facebook page "All Saints', Leighton Buzzard" and will be looking at other ways of reaching out with opportunities for prayer and worship. In the meantime, there is lots of information and resources for prayer on the Church of England website.

The Collect & Reading for Today

Collect: 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.

Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10
Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35

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IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

Sick: Tony Simpson, Michael Grant, Marie Brooker, Mike Nash,
Ava Palmer, David Clarke, David Cox, Kerry Sykes, Derek Windle

RIP: Audrey Cooper, Andrew Watts

Year's Mind: Susan Lennard, Beth Durrington

Prayers for this difficult time:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For the Christian community

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.

Light a candle of hope: A national call to prayer in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic

We are joining with Churches Together across the country in asking you to light a candle in your window at 7pm today and every Sunday "as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ".