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NEWS

16th February 2020

Coronovirus and the impact on All Saints

First, we pray: Pray for those infected by the coronavirus in China and around the world, for those who care for them, for health specialists and authorities who are combatting the spread of infection, and of course for all who at this time are feeling anxious, especially for those with friends and family in China.

Second, we remind ourselves The World Health Organization has declared that this is a public health emergency of international concern. This enables resources to be targeted at countries which have a weak public health infrastructure. The risk to the public in the UK is currently set at moderate. Seasonal flu has a very much higher mortality rate; but this virus is 'new'. The number of cases in the UK is very small and good preparation is in place.

Most people recover from the illness after experiencing heavy cold / flu like symptoms for 6 - 8 days, but as this is a virus and not flu no vaccine is available. It is now being understood that death rates are much lower than was first thought – initially only the serious cases were reported, and not the ones that just seemed like flu. Deaths are most likely to occur where there is a pre-existing condition.

Third, some practical church advice has been provided by the Diocese:

- 1. **Wash hands**. Priests presiding at the Eucharist, communion administrators and servers are reminded to wash hands. Sanitizers will also be available.
- 2. **Consider receiving in One Kind**. If you feel anxious or not in full health, then you may elect to receive in One Kind only (i.e. Just bread). Remember the theology of the Sacrament means that receiving in One Kind is as full and sufficient as it is in both kinds.
- 3. **Do not instinct**. Hands are as much a source of pathogens as the lips. Dipping the bread into the wine can introduce germs into the cup, especially if the fingers are accidentally dipped too! Also, some, suffering from high gluten intolerance, can be put at risk by the slightest trace of gluten.
- 4. **The Peace**. Currently the advice is that there is no need to refrain from sharing the Peace.

Ash Wednesday 26th February Lent starts on the 26th February!

This year the Church of England is having an 'Official Green Lent' which was launched by Archbishop Justin during last week. The Lent programme, named **LiveLent 2020**, is based around the

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Archbishop's recommended Lent book which is called 'Saying Yes to Life' written by Dr Ruth Valerio We will, of course, have the opportunity to follow the LiveLent 2020 daily reflections on our care of God's Creation. The two editions (adults and family) will be available in the Atrium.

Lectio Divina for Lent

This year we are having a change in our Lenten preparation. Instead of following a course or programme we will have five experiences of reading scripture in a contemplative manner.

Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and was established as a monastic practice by Benedict in the 6th century. It is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us deeper into God's word. We slow down. We read a short passage more than once. We chew it over slowly and carefully. We savour it. Scripture begins to speak to us in a new way. It speaks to us personally, and aids that union we have with God through Christ who is himself the Living Word.

Thomas Cramner in his Homily on Scripture ended it with an exhortation to read it in this way: "Let us ruminate, and, as it were, chew the cud, that we may have the sweet juice, spiritual effect, marrow, honey, kernel, taste, comfort and consolation of them."

On Wednesdays in the five weeks of lent there will be two Lectio Divina sessions, one at 2.00 pm and the other at 7.00 pm. Both will take place at the Vicarage – unless otherwise planned

Wednesday 4th March Wednesday 25th March Wednesday 11th March Wednesday 1st April Wednesday 18th March (Fr Charles in on retreat)

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Concert in aid of The Nepali Children's Trust Sunday 16th February 2020 at 6.00pm Clifton College Chapel

All Saints Choir

Admission free – donations please.

ALL SAINTS PARISH RETREAT 2020

4pm FRIDAY 6th MARCH - 2.30pm SUNDAY 8th

Llangasty Retreat House

or speak to Liz Badman.

Conductor: Br Nicholas SSF £166 per person.

Please sign the notice in porch



Only 2 places left !!



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PEMBROKE RD BS8 3ED SUNDAY MARCH 1st 2020 8.00pm

MUSIC FOR THE EARTH



Medieval and Renaissance songs and motets that have something to say about the present climate emergency

Music by Hildegard, Monteverdi, Byrd Crecquillon, Lassus, Clemens and including part of Brumel's 12-part 'Earthquake Mass'

Directed by Bruce Saunders

Programmes at the door (£10) Students (£5)

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Sunday March 1^{st.} All Saints Clifton 8.00pm.

All Age Workshops

Meet in the parish room after the 9.30 service.

March 1st: What happens after the pancakes? An all-age workshop to mark the start of Lent. Craft, calendars, games and teaching. We will provide tips and resources for the important 40 days of preparation for Easter.





March 15th: sssh! Next week is Mothering Sunday! Come and learn more about Mothering Sunday and Easter. Make a gift for the special mother figure in your life. Craft activities, teaching, looking forward to Holy Week..

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17	Mass 9.30am Today is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Pray about what you might do to show particular kindness today.
18	Mass 9.30am Janani, Archbishop of Uganda Martyr 1977 Pray for the Bishop Janani Luwum Theological College, for the future of our diocesan links with Uganda and for the church in Africa.
19	Mass 9.30am Pray for those on school Half Term holiday this week: for teachers, administrators, learning support assistants, ancillary staff and pupils.
20	Mass 7.00pm Today is the World Day for Social Justice. Pray for global organisations and charities –like the UK's Centre for Social Justice, Action Aid and Amnesty International-which work to bring justice and equality to the poorest communities worldwide in addressing issues of poverty and human rights.
21	Mass 10.30am Pray for those who specialise in divorce arbitration and Family Law, especially those working to protect the interests of children and young people.
22	Mass 10.30am Pray for St. John's School, its staff, children and parents.
23	Sunday before Lent USPG Sunday
	Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
	Mass8.00amAll Age Worship9.30amParish Mass11.00amEvening Prayer6.00pm
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