

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: we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God world without end.

A reading from the first book of Exodus*Exodus 2:1-10*

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said 'I drew him out of the water.'

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*2 Corinthians 1.3-7*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*John 19.25b-27*

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*Please send any notices for Pews News to **Barbara Blundell** by Thursday morning latest. Tel: 670791 or email barbs.blundell@btinternet.com).*

Pastoral Statement from the Bishops of The Society in response to the Coronavirus (edited)

Our first concern as bishops is to express our concern and promise our prayers for all those who are directly affected by the Coronavirus, particularly those who by age or health condition are especially vulnerable.

Alongside the priests of The Society, we shall continue to support those most in need through the on-going witness of our parishes.

As a necessary step, and in keeping with the Archbishops' advice to suspend public worship, we are cancelling the Chrism Masses due to be celebrated by the Bishops of The Society.

We are aware that many cathedrals, parish churches and other religious buildings will remain open for prayer – noting the need for the safe practicing of not less than two metres physical distancing – and that some will also be seeking to place devotional material on-line during this period.

For our own part, we shall look to issue four short devotional videos during this period: one for each of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. We hope that these videos will provide a focus for our common prayers at this testing time.

We are acutely aware of the pain and anxiety many are experiencing, made all the more testing by the suspension of public worship at this the high point of the Church's year. We urge all parishes in our care—and indeed, all Christians—to continue in these, and other, ways to continue to participate in the Church's prayer and witness in the testing months which lie ahead for everyone.

NOTICES

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EARNLEY AND ST. ANNE'S? Some fifty years ago the PCC produced an illustrated guide to the church of East Wittering. Reading it recently, I felt the time had come to bring it up to date. The help of parishioners in this task would be greatly valued. What stories, anecdotes, facts, photos do you have that could be incorporated into the new guide? Please share your reminiscences and knowledge with me. **John Hyatt**

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Although The Shrine at Walsingham is closed to residents at the moment, they are holding our money and booking until nearer the date of our departure. Should it be necessary to rebook, our moneys will be used to pay for that booking. However, if we need to cancel for this year, your payment will be refunded to you.

THE PARISH LIFE MAGAZINE will be available from next Sunday (29th) if you normally deliver and can still do so please collect them after that date. If you are unable to deliver at the moment, please let Sally & Steve Green know and we will endeavour to find a replacement for you. At this time of self isolating, the recipients of the magazine will, no doubt, be pleased to receive it.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



NHS

Readings for Next Sunday 29th March 2020 – Lent 5

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.
All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

22nd March, 2020

Mothering Sunday – Lent 4

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C.C."

Services update

All services cancelled until further notice

WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH

Both churches are open for your private prayer and to light candles. Please, on entry, use the hand sanitizer that is on the side table. Also refrain from touching icons, books and other objects (*other than the candles*)

Thank you!

If you have names for the intercessions list either telephone Barbara on 670791 or email on barbs.blundell@btinternet.com

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

From our families and friends, we remember

Hazel Allen, Jean Hall, Doug Errick, baby Romanhy, Savannah & her parents, Arthur Wright, Arch Deacon Fiona Windsor, Canon Julia Peaty, The Revd Derek Welsman, Bridget Stephenson, Billy Batterby and all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Brian Robinson

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Georgina Scott, Florence Chase, Madeleine Fogg, Peter Cornish