

# Church News

St Peter & St Paul

Cranfield 29th March 2020



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a community church, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and serving this community in His love."



### Lent 5

#### Passiontide begins

Bible readings

Ezekiel 37 vv1-14

John 11 vv1-45

Today's Bible readings remind us that God can make all things right, even things that seem impossible – put flesh on dry bones, raise Lazarus from death after he had been dead for 4 days!

A stark reminder, if we needed one that there will be an end to the covid 19 pandemic and all will be well. In the meantime we need to play our part and abide by government advice.

If you have access to our website, do follow the various links to enable you to join in with worship and prayer.

***cranfieldchurch.org***

I am sure you are aware that we have been advised to close the church but the worship of God can continue in our hearts and homes.

Ministers across the Diocese will continue to maintain a praying and worshipping presence from their homes. Our care for each other continues, but for now, outside of our church building.

**Stay safe**

### Cranfield Parish Church

Rector:	Vacancy	☎750214
Wardens	Mr Andrew Pearson	☎751358
	Mrs Jo Stannage	☎752116
Reader	Mr Trevor Dimmock	☎751321
Safeguarding	Mrs Anne Dimmock	☎751321

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## The Collect for today

Most merciful God  
Who by the death and resurrection of  
Your Son Jesus Christ  
Delivered and saved the world:  
Grant that by faith in Him who suffered  
on the cross  
We may triumph in the power of His  
victory;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Church Finance

With the church building closed we will obviously make some savings in running costs. However, our main expense is the Parish Share which we are expected to continue to pay even though there are no Sunday services.

The church closure means that income from collections has stopped and the prohibition on gatherings means that our fund raising activities are put on hold. Our income is much depleted, such that it is unlikely that we will be able to pay our Parish Share in full.

Non-payment of our Parish Share may affect the decision to appoint a new rector. If your giving to the church is through the Parish Giving Scheme, thank you, please continue to do so and if you are able you may wish to increase the monthly amount of your gift.

If your giving is weekly through the collection plate please continue to put the money aside each week until we are able to meet again.

If you are able to access our website there is a facility to make donations online.

**Do** continue to pray for each other and remember in your prayers those who are suffering with the virus and the many families who have lost loved ones.

**Do** use the telephone to make contact with friends and neighbours, just for a chat.

**Do** remember that there is a village foodbank based at the football club. If you know of anyone in need please contact Trevor, Jo or Andrew

**And do Cast all your anxiety on him  
because he cares for you**

1 Peter 5:7