

Church News

St Peter & St Paul

Cranfield 22nd 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 4 Mothering Sunday

As advised by the archbishops Canterbury and York, all services in this church are suspended until further notice - "Public worship will have to stop for a season". However, the building will remain open during the day for all to use for private prayer.

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Mothering Sunday:-

Psalm 127 vv 1-4

Colossians 3 vv 12 -17

John 19 vv 25 -27

Coffee Donations (from Jan - Mar)

We will still provide a donation from our coffee collections for Q1. If you wish to provide something even though we do not have a service please let the church wardens know. Donations will go to

Mid-Africa Ministry (MAM)
Part of the Church Mission Society (CMS)

Cranfield Parish Church

Rector:	Vacancy	☎750214
Wardens	Mr Andrew Pearson	☎751358
	Mrs Jo Stannage	☎752116
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Mothering Sunday. Sadly we won't be celebrating Mothering Sunday with our normal church service this year. Wherever you are this Sunday please do join in this day of prayer and action and remember especially those who are sick or anxious, and all involved in our Health Service. Place a lighted candle in your window at 7.00 p.m. as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

Live streaming of church services

The PCC is investigating if we are able to live stream services so that you would be able to continue to participate in the life of worship at home. If you don't know what this means then you are unlikely to be able to take part but please speak to one of the church wardens if you would like to know more. Our diocese will also produce and provide resources for prayer and worship in the home.

What can you do while the Church services are suspended?

There is much that we can do, not least we can certainly pray for people. And we can offer practical care and support by supporting the local foodbank and buy extra provisions for it. If you are an at-risk person or are self-isolating and would like some practical help from the church at this time please contact one of the church wardens.

In our prayers

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm; when information comes from all sides, correct or not, help us to discern; when fear makes it hard to breathe, and anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God; help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands; help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant; help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

In these terrible times let us remind ourselves of our Motto text for this year.

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

1 Peter 5:7