

Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

Following advice from the Methodist Church regarding the coronavirus pandemic all activities, including services, at Trinity have been cancelled until further notice. (see below)

The church will be open for private prayer on Sunday mornings from 10.30-11.30 am. You are invited to come for a time of personal prayer during that hour. There will be no organised prayer or other service.

Prayer for the fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Lord, you were wounded and bruised for my sins.
You were chastised that I might have peace.

Your flesh was lacerated-and I am healed.

Create in me the desire and the will to seek the needs of others before my own even when I am hurting.

Amen

Light a candle of hope: A national call to prayer

Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a call to prayer in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

“This Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.”

The retiring collection for the Leighton-Linslade Homeless Society amounted to £128.85.

Mary Howes would like to thank friends at Trinity for the lovely flowers and card on her birthday.

Mary Edwards would like to say thank you very much for the lovely flowers received from Trinity and brought to me by Patience & Roger Owers. They were very much appreciated.

The **Saturday Prayer Group** will no longer meet together to pray for concerns of the Church and Community. We will now do this from our own homes. If you have any concerns you wish us to hold in prayer please contact Catherine Roots on catherine.roots1@ntlworld.com or Joan Gregory and we will ensure the group are made aware.

The **Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service will not take place** this year. However, the Cross will be placed in its usual position near the Market Cross on the morning of Good Friday, and will remain there until Tuesday as a symbol of the Easter Story. Should anyone wish to place flowers on the Cross, you are

welcome to do so. Volunteers are needed to help erect the Cross on the morning of Good Friday and to dismantle it on Tuesday 14th April. If you are able to help, please contact Chris Lowe on 01525 383153 or c.lowe2@sky.com

April **Trumpeter** will be available soon. There will be no more editions until church services restart. All news will be included in Weekly News to ensure you are kept up to date.

The **Gift Day for Trinity Community Links** has been postponed until September.

Those who usually give their offertory in cash each Sunday may wish to consider sending their gift through the bank. Bank details are:

Name: Leighton Buzzard Methodist Church

Sort code: 40 28 12

A/C No: 31235605

Alternatively you may prefer to set up a standing order. Please contact David Dawes (dawes_david@yahoo.co.uk). Similarly, if you pay tax and have not yet signed Gift Aid form please David Dawes for a form.

*Items for Weekly News to Tasha Williams at the church office via the pigeon hole in the Ante-Room,
Trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or by leaving a message on the church office answer phone (01525 371905) – The answerphone will continue to be monitored.*

Coronavirus

The Methodist Church has put out guidance for churches around COVID-19 – see <https://tinyurl.com/to4wxra>. They have indicated that churches should suspend all services with immediate effect. Therefore there will be no services at Trinity until further notice.

More information will follow as the situation changes.

We will be circulating a short act of worship for use at home while churches are closed, by email with Weekly News or in print to others who want it.

If you are not currently on the Weekly News email circulation list but would like to be added, please send an email to Trinityweeklynews@gmail.com indicating that you would like to receive information from the church by email.

If you have access to a computer you can watch a live streamed worship service from Wesley's Chapel which starts 11.00am every Sunday - see here: <https://tinyurl.com/qkuq9on>. We will be circulating information about other acts of worship which you can watch or listen to.

Pastoral friends and links have been asked at this time to maintain particular contact with those in their group, to ensure that people are aware of these changes and can raise any concerns. Sue and Patience would also be happy for anyone to contact them directly if they are affected by the coronavirus or need specific help.

The Methodist Church asks that we remember in prayer all those dealing with this situation in affected countries across the world.

Patience Owers and Sue Horsefield, Pastoral Coordinators.
The Leadership Team