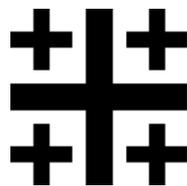


The **BENEFICE** of **INKBERROW**
with **COOKHILL** and **KINGTON**
with **DORMSTON**
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Newsheet 22 March 2020
4th Sunday of Lent,
Mothering Sunday

Each week on Sunday for the foreseeable future together with the Arch Benefice (Harvington, Abbots Morton, Rous Lench and Church Lench) we will be offering a pre-recorded service rotating from one of our eight churches. The service will be available from 10.00am. You can find the link at www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Benefice-of-Inkberrow-with-Cookhill-and-Kington-with-Dormston-159735497766161/>

Sunday 22nd March, 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

10.00 Pre-recorded Morning Prayer from St Peter's Church, Inkberrow.
Rev'd Bruce Rienstra will be hosting and Rev'd Canon Richard Thornily will be preaching.

Readings: 1 Samuel 1.20-end, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25b-27

What's on week commencing 22 March 2020

Thursday 26th March 13.30 Funeral of Hamish Bell, St Paul's Church, Cookhill
(Immediate family only)

Each day during the week a member of the leadership will be in one of the churches around the Benefice for prayers only. A service will not be held.

Monday	10.00	St Nicholas, Dormston
Tuesday	10.00	St James, Kington
Wednesday	10.00	St Peter's, Inkberrow
Thursday	08.30	St Paul's, Cookhill

All churches will also be open daily until dusk for private prayer. Please do observe and adhere to the social distancing guidelines when in church. Please use the sanitiser provided or your own and remain 2 metres away from others. Full details of the social distancing guidelines are available from www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing.

Thought for the week from the Vicar.

I cannot count the number of times I have said this week that we are living in strange times. It would be easy to point out all the negatives, they are very obvious but the main one is isolation. Some people are self-isolating, because they are considered vulnerable or they have a Coronavirus symptom. Some isolations are voluntary, others have no choice and some were isolated before the virus. Whatever the reason, what this adds up to is a lot of lonely people. But there is considerable good happening too... There are people in our villages who are living out the message of the Epistle reading Colossians 3.12-17. There are so many initiatives happening in and around our villages, going shopping for each other is one but people are doing all manner of other things to help. In this trying time, which will certainly last for far longer than any of us want it to, remember to "...let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..." and that in whatever we do, "...in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus..." for he "...dwells in you richly...".

We offer prayers in times of need but it is also good to pray words of Thanks when we are happy and blessed. From now on we shall be including a place for people to do this, so please do let Maria Lazenbury have any of your prayer requests to be included in the weekly newsheet. Thank You.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Families bereaved of: Phil Laight; Hamish Bell;

Those who are in special need: Michael; Gwen Rattue; James Nowacki; Betty Coughlin; Irene Fowler;

Those who are thankful: Peter Curnock;

Prayer Focus:

- Please pray for the efforts to control the spread of COVID-19. We pray for all the medics and scientists who are working to find a vaccine. We pray for the entire medical supply chain. We pray for everyone who has been affected, for individuals, for businesses and we pray for governments to provide leadership.
- We pray that people will consider the common good in their interaction with others, socially and in their shopping habits. That this is not a time for individualism but of community.
- We give thanks for the community spirit and the help that people are giving each other.
- We pray for the entire world, not just our own nations recognising that we are in this together.
- Please pray for the continued worldwide efforts to take up more eco-friendly practices at home, work, church, school and everywhere in between.
- Kidderminster Deanery Rural Dean: Tim Williams Lay Chair: Bernard Watkins
- Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui): Archbishop Paul Kwong
- Badsey with Aldington, St James (Rev'd Philip Morton)
- For those who live and work in Brecon Close, Poplar Piece, Dingle End & Devon Close, Inkberrow;

NEWS SHEETS we will be continuing to produce this albeit in a slightly different format. It can be emailed to you and we will continue to print a limited number of copies for those who do not have access to the internet. If you would like to receive the weekly newsheet via email please contact Maria Lazenbury admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk or telephone 01386 793747/07498 550592. If you know of someone who is self-isolating and you think may like a copy, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange for it to be delivered to them.

LENT COURSE 2020. The Story of Passover, the Symbolism and Jesus has been cancelled however if you have access to the internet. #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation - the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This daily audio content is available via the app and daily emails. Sign up for free. www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation

REQUEST: Does anyone have a men's bicycle (pref medium size) that they could lend to a member of our community who is currently without transport. If you are able to assist, please could you contact Maria Lazenbury (admin) in the first instance. Many Thanks

OFFER: Can anyone make use of the following printer cartridges. Canon OEM printer inks, type PGI 550 and CLI 551. 3 packs each containing 2 blacks and 1 each of yellow, magenta and cyan. If you can please contact admin.

If you need assistance of any kind during this difficult time, please contact any of the team and we will endeavour to assist where we can. We have a great network of people within our parishes who are happy and willing to provide help and support.

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