

St. Mary's, Chirk with St. David's, Froncysyllte

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2020: LENT 3

Today's bible readings: Romans 5.1-11 (page 917), John 4.5-42 (page 864)

MONDAY 16th MARCH	7.00pm: Bell Ringing Practice at St. Mary's, Chirk
TUESDAY 17th MARCH	MINI LUNCHESES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19
WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH	TODDLERS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19 11.30am: Quarter pear attempt by visiting band of ringers. 7.00pm: Generosity, Gift and Grace session Three in the Church Hall.
THURSDAY 19th MARCH	10.15am: Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's, Chirk
SUNDAY 22nd MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY	9.30am: Holy Eucharist at St. David's, Froncysyllte 11.00am: Holy Eucharist and Sunday Club at St. Mary's, Chirk

Covid-19 – The Church in Wales Bishops have updated their guidance about coronavirus:

- 1) Receive Holy Communion in one Kind. *Public administration of the chalice should cease.*
- 2) Sharing of the Peace. *We are now strongly advising that physical sharing of the Peace be discontinued.*

In addition we have now been advised:

- a) There should be no common provision of food or refreshments in bowls, on trays or from shared packets after services;
- b) Tea or coffee may continue to be served, providing that cups are kept separate and are washed thoroughly after use;
- c) The collection plate should not be circulated around the congregation, although other methods of making a collection, which do not require the circulation of a plate or bag, may be used.

Therefore we have decided for the time being that:

- a) After services tea and coffee will continue to be served but with only individually wrapped biscuits or cakes.
- b) A plate will be left at the back of the church into which the congregation may place their collection.
- c) Toddlers' and soup lunches will be cancelled until further notice.

If you exhibit cold or flu-like symptoms, you should refrain from Church attendance while those symptoms persist. You should follow government guidance as to when to self-isolate which may be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Generosity, Gift and Grace: Our ecumenical Lent Study is a five week study looking at the amazing generosity of God and how we can respond generously in return. The third session is on this Wednesday 18th March at 7.00-8.00pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. It will look at "Serving God with our use of money". Tea / coffee is available from 6.30pm. The other sessions are on Wednesdays 25th March and 1st April. All welcome.

Chirk Court worship: on 19th March is cancelled because Chirk Court is closed to visitors.

Fron Churchyard Future: We are hoping to start a volunteer group to look after Fron Churchyard. Our first meeting is on Saturday 28th March. There will be tea and cake. All welcome. It would be lovely to see you.

Sunday 29th March. Please note:

- Morning services in Chirk and Fron will now be at their normal times.
- At 3.30pm there will be a special service of Evensong at St. Mary's, Ruabon to welcome the Rev'd Heather Shotton as a new Mission area Curate. Heather will predominately be based in Johnstown.

Good Friday Children's Easter Trail & Crafts

After such a successful event last year, we are planning to run this again this year on Friday 10th April. In order for this to run we need to buy craft materials, Easter Eggs, Hot Cross buns and other materials. If you would like to make a donation towards this please pass any money to Sarah Wilkinson or to a church warden.

Sunday Club: The children are collecting small change for Christian Aid. Please put any spare change in the Christian Aid collection box on the hatch in the church hall. We will be collecting until Sunday 10th May.