



Worshipping, Working & Growing Together

Sunday 22 March 2020

Mothering Sunday

We pray for Margaret Hartley and her pastoral group: Ella Royle, Marjorie Terry, Richard & Sharron Arnold, Dawn Sutcliffe, Margaret Whitehead and Sue & James Huntington

We ask God's healing for Liz Aves, Mollie Brumfitt, Anne Hurst, Kate Lomas, the Marsden family & Joe Tyler.

We pray for our work with children and especially for our local schools.

Church Opening & Closing

On Sundays, starting Sunday 22 March, the Church will be open from 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm for people to drop in for Peace & Quiet style private prayer. *This is not a Church service. It is for people to slip in and out in silence to make their prayers.* You are free to stay for as long or short a period as you wish within that timeframe.

The chairs have been re-arranged to allow those who arrive to sit at a distance from others. We request that you wash your hands or use hand sanitizer on arrival. No refreshments are served.

Church will be open from 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm *every Wednesday* for Pause to Pray, - in a format allowing for individual prayer at a distance from others.

Additionally, Church will be open from 9.00 am - 10.00 am and from 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

When the Church complex is open, there will be someone in the building to 'oversee' things. **Please do not feel obliged to come into Church. Do NOT come if you are self - isolating; if others in your household are self-isolating or if you are feeling unwell.**

Prayer If you have a specific prayer request, please submit it via the Church Office e-mail and it will be passed on via Rev Peter & added to our Prayer Tree. All requests are treated confidentially.

Cancelled The house groups are cancelled for the foreseeable future and the final 2 sessions of the Start Course have been postponed. All pillar group meetings are cancelled. The Yorkshire West Methodist District Pentecost Party has been postponed to 2021 and it is

extremely unlikely that the TEC Christian Aid lunch will go ahead.

All of our **Hall Hirers** have now decided to cancel their activities for the foreseeable future. Pre-School are running their last session on Friday 20 March and we are unsure when they will be able to return.

Both the Methodist Church and the Church of England have **online worship & prayer resources**:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

The Church of England also has a Daily Prayer App which you can download for free in the usual places.

Rev Peter recommends <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> which is a Jesuit resource providing a reading, prayers, music and thoughts on the daily reading. "They release 6 a week. Each lasts between 10 to 15 minutes."

There is also a new Diocesan webpage with news and updates about coronavirus <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/news/new-diocesan-web-page-coronavirus-news-and-updates>

Bradford Cathedral is planning to livestream their service this Sunday 22nd March at 10.15 am. See their website for details.

There are a number of **non-Church online resources** which may be useful. Bradford Council's site gives health advice, service disruptions and the latest news & updates <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-and-support/coronavirus-covid-19-advice/> You can also subscribe to e-mail updates from the Council via the link at the top of the page.

The BBC has set out plans for how it intends to keep the nation informed, educated and entertained: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/bbc-keeping-nation-informed-educated-entertained>

Sue Oldfield writes, "If some people would like to read more to fill a bit of these long days, how about slipping into the church building and taking a couple of those many books that are overflowing the shelves in the hallway if you are not able to get down to the library. (Don't put them back if you have symptoms!)"

Other news

Action for Children A big thank you to all box holders on behalf of Action for Children. £320.50 has been collected towards the vital work they do. If anyone else feels they would like to take a box, I have a few spare. Anything you can put in helps, no matter how small. Margaret Long 01274 562834

Church Garden The management of the Church garden has changed in the last year. The grass and all borders except the Memorial Garden (South Border) are managed by John Smith. The Memorial Garden is tended by Margaret Wadsworth and the bed in the car park is tended by Julie Smith. The Easter garden with the tomb has been rebuilt. If anyone has any comments to pass on or wishes to donate a plant or bulbs, please speak to Margaret or Jeanette. Thank you.

Sunday Club Anita Armstrong is taking over the Sunday Club leadership role with immediate effect. Grateful thanks to Anita for stepping up and also to Eileen Mayo-Smith for her all her hard work in the last few years.

Food Banks: The Trussell Trust's CEO has said, "We are anticipating a significant increase in users as more people are unable to work." We realise that shopping has become very difficult, but if you are able, please continue to donate to our local Food Bank via the baskets in Church. The latest shortages include tinned Potatoes, tinned meat, tinned custard, sugar, tea, coffee, cereals, biscuits and tinned fruit.

A note from Emma I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported me so far both financially and prayerfully for my trip to Malaysia in August.

Our Premises Manager is Julie Smith on 07591 430501. Email juliesmithwyn@outlook.com

We are on Facebook @TheEldwickChurch & **Twitter** @EldwickChurch.

Remember to check out our website. <https://eldwickchurch.org.uk/>

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