



St Peter and St Paul
Great Missenden

St Mary's Ballinger
Little Hampden

Weekly Newsheet

Please find us at: www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch
www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help

29th March 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

How can we respond to this outbreak in a Christ-like way? We should bear in mind that taking sensible precautions is not principally an act of self-protection, but primarily an action designed to protect others who are at risk in our congregation and our community. And we should continue to be open-hearted and attentive to the lonely, the vulnerable and the anxious, both within the church and beyond. Above all, we will face the future (which is always uncertain) with courage and faith in God.

Clean hands, open hearts!

**Calendar for 29th March to 5th
April**

Sunday 29th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Livestream Service via [Facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch](https://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch)

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Collect words – © Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000)

Evensong readings to follow at home: Lamentations 3:19-33; Matthew 20:17-end

Notices

Facebook Service

On Sunday, 29 March, we are hoping to livestream Communion on Facebook at 10am. To join in visit www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch – you should be able to see it even if you don't have a Facebook account, it will be available after the service finishes and we hope to put it on the website later.

Virtual Church

Please do look at our 'Virtual Church' pages at [www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtual church](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtual-church). From there you can find prayer resources and links to broadcast and livestream worship, ideas for keeping in touch and video messages from us, an online discussion forum, and our popular new practical help and support page which is full of businesses wanting to help (www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help).

New Private Facebook Page

We have set up a new Facebook private group which everyone is welcome to join to share news: 'St P&P Great Missenden Congregation and Community' at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/439205330193827>. This is in addition to our public Facebook page at www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch.

Temporary Parish Office

Harriet is now working from home with the Parish Office computer set up in the dining room. Whilst she is not there in person she can still receive and reply to emails and people can leave phone messages which she will get back to.

NHS Volunteering

The NHS is recruiting for volunteers to offer telephone support (which the over 70s/people self-isolating can do from home), as well as people to transport people, supplies and medicine. If you think you may be able to help, please go to the following address to find out more <http://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/03/your-nhs-needs-you-nhs-call-for-volunteer-army/>

Easter Eggs for the Old Tea Warehouse (OTW)

We are pleased to report that one Egg for each resident was safely delivered to the OTW this week, somewhat earlier than planned because of the current restrictions. Many thanks to all who again gave so generously. Your thoughtfulness will be especially valued this year.

Positive Things we have been Doing

- Harriet spent Saturday in the garden clearing out the leaves under her front hedge and cleared a bag of litter out of it;
- Elizabeth did her own 3.1m (5km) run instead of doing Parkrun that was cancelled;
- Emma and her boys are preparing an area of soil in the garden to sow a cut flower bed;
- Lucy has been calling people she has not spoken with for a while, tried an online dance class and been getting on slowly with some creative projects.

We would love to hear what you have been doing to keep yourselves positive. Please email emma.ife@hotmail.com so that we can include these in the next newsheet.

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