

ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



FOCUSED ON GOD - SPEAKING OF JESUS - CARING ABOUT PEOPLE

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 31st March

10.00am Stations of the Cross self-guided prayer walk

Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday - Day of fasting for the climate

12 noon Prayers for Climate Justice from home

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

2.00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday 3rd April - Easter Eve

7.30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All-age Eucharist

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Mission Prayer: Our prayer for this month is for all the young people who have been schooling from home. We pray that their return to school will help each and every child to catch up with their education, friends and so help their mental health. We give you thanks for all the effort put into home schooling by parents and teaching staff.

All those in need at this time, including Alice, Nancy, Erik, Carol, Carlo, Natalia, Josie, Erica, Deborah, Margaret, Margaret, Claudine, Sarah, Helen, Rosemary, Jane.

Those who have died: Fiona Bulmer, Pat Ballinger.

Anniversaries of death: Ray Pearce, Patrick Sheils, Jessie Barrow, Tony Burrows, Pamela Watkins-Jones.

The Residents and Staff of Ashley Court, Alexandra House, Hillsdon Nursing Home and Regency Manor and also those at Homelake House.

Rector's ramblings...

W/C 29th March - Revd Mike will be preparing for and celebrating the many opportunities for worship during Holy Week!

“Praying and Fasting for Climate Justice on the First Day of Each Month”

As there will be no midweek meetings for worship in St Peter's until after Easter Sunday, please set aside midday on Thursday, 1st April, to be in spirit with The Climate Justice Prayer Group to pray for those around God's world whose lives are being wrecked by bereavement, loss of homes and livelihood, all caused by the destructive effects of climate change: flooding, drought, uncontrollable fires, cyclones, tsunamis, and rising sea levels.

We'll pray for the 18,000 people around Sydney in New South Wales in Australia who on 21st March had to be evacuated as torrential rain caused severe flooding overwhelming and even destroying their homes.

We'll be remembering and continuing to pray for the people in Dhauliganga in North India, still coping with the devastation caused in February by climate change breaking a glacier which overwhelmed their region with massive mud slides. At least 170 people were killed and many are still missing under the mud flow.

Let's continue to pray also for those whose homes and businesses in many Pacific islands, like The Maldives, are threatened by rising sea levels.

Here, in the UK, continue to pray for families in Bedfordshire, Glamorgan and Herefordshire who had to be evacuated from the homes on Christmas Day when they were flooded by Storm Bella's torrential rains. Also, we'll pray for the 2000 people still trying to make their homes habitable after being evacuated on 19th/20th January from areas of Manchester and Bangor-on-Dee in North Wales when they were flooded by Storm Christoph.

Let's remember also the people of Texas and the Southern States of the USA where a state of emergency was declared after being hit by deadly snow storms on 15th February killing 15 people and destroying electricity supplies for 250,000 people.

Bring to mind and pray for any people you may have heard about in the news whose lives have been badly affected by severe weather conditions.

Understandably, the Coronavirus pandemic has continued to dominate the news, so we may not hear about many around the world who are suffering from the effects of flooding and drought, especially in Africa.

Let's pray also for our national and international leaders who have the power to make decisions which can reduce the human causes of climate change, especially those planning at this critical time for the Glasgow Climate Change Summit in November 2021. Pray, too, that you will be guided by God to do all you can to care for the wonderful gift of creation; and help to reduce the human causes of global warming.