

Plympton Team Ministry

The Churches of Plympton St. Mary and Plympton St Maurice

Sunday 29th November 2020

Advent Sunday

Readings for the week can be found at www.churchofengland.org and follow the links to the prayer and worship pages.

Prayer and worship resources from the Church of England can be found on their website, or by following the links from the special COVID-19 page on St Mary's website www.plymptonchurch.co.uk/covid-19/

Dear Friends,

As you will all be aware Plymouth has been placed in Tier 2. This means that we shall have some restricted freedoms which were not available during lockdown. We can once again gather for worship in our churches. It should be noted that new restrictions apply, and we can only sit with those from our own household or social bubble. We are also prevented from socialising whilst inside the church. If you want to have a chat with someone you must wait until you have left the church building. The social distancing regulations are still in place and we are still required to wear a mask.

We are aware that many of you do not enjoy coming out on cold dark mornings and that you prefer not to be out in the evening. We have changed the pattern of services to take this into account. Services in our churches will resume from next Sunday, 6th December.

SUNDAY

9.30 am	Eucharist	Plympton St Mary
10.00 am	Eucharist	ZOOM
11.00 am	Eucharist	Plympton St Maurice

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am	Eucharist	Plympton St Maurice
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Please note that the times when the churches are open for private prayer remains unchanged.

Team Office

In line with government guidance, the Team office is shut, and parish clergy and staff are working from home. Contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter. The Foodbank remains open at St Mary's church hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Fairtrade Advent Calendars

Christine Harris has a supply of Fairtrade Advent Calendars for sale, £3.99 each. People can email or phone her to buy. chrisharris3@live.co.uk 01752 658762.

Plympton Team Ministry and The Brook Inn

The Sunday meal deliveries are continuing for people in the PL7 area who may want delivery of a hot roast dinner. During the current lockdown, there is also the opportunity for a two-course evening meal on Thursdays. Details, prices and order forms for Sundays and Thursdays can be found at <https://www.brookinnplympton.com/> or contact Fr Robert for further details. Information on Christmas meals for those in the PL7 area who will be alone on Christmas Day, will be available soon.

Sunday Zoom Service

The 10.00 am Sunday service is live streamed on Zoom. Accessing Zoom can be done via the link, code and password that will have been sent by email with this newsletter.

Click the link between 9.45 am and 10.00 am, you will be held in a virtual waiting room and then admitted to the service.

Please note:

The moderators need to be able to identify all participants

1. Please use your **first name and surname** for your profile
2. Select 'join with video'

We ask you not to share the link, code, and password publicly.

Be aware of what is behind you – others will see both you and your background.

We are now including more music in the services. The quality of sound can be improved on tablets and phones by using an external speaker if you have one.

Church Heating

As the weather gets cooler, we have been advised that the external doors do not need to be kept open when the churches are open. Despite this, the temperature in both churches will be lower than usual and you are advised to dress warmly if you are attending for individual prayer.

Requests for Prayer:

- The Church throughout the world
- The Queen, the Archbishops, all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Bishops Robert, Nick and Jackie, and our own clergy and readers in Plympton.
- Those in authority, including local and national politicians as they seek to serve their country and lead us through this crisis.
- The community of Plympton.
- Those who work for the NHS and our emergency services, care workers, carers, key workers, and school staff.
- Those facing financial uncertainty through difficulties in claiming benefits, redundancy, or loss of business.
- Children and young people who are in danger, lonely, hungry, or frightened.
- Victims of domestic violence.
- Those who are self-isolating or shielding.
- Volunteers who serve their community giving time and expertise to support the most vulnerable in society.
- Fundraisers who support charities and organisations that bring relief to those in need.
- The sick in body, mind, or spirit, and those who are close to death.
Those known to us and for whom our prayers have been asked:

Eileen, Audrey, Zelin, Pam, Roy, Stanley, Pat, Livvy, Vicki, Maureen, Eliza, Jean, Anne, Liz, Jade, Arthur, Malcolm, Jill, Jen, Matthew, David, Graham, Susannah, Elaine, Orla, Joy, Jamie, Savannah, Debbie, David, Mick, Colin, Elizabeth, Arthur-John, Eric, Allan, Sarah, Milo, Paul, Erin, Paul, Sheila, Grace, Shirley, Lorraine, Rosie, Barbara, Deacon Elizabeth, Sue, Peter, Paul, Julie, Clare, Joan

- Those who mourn
- The recently departed: Joan Brett, Doris Jones

- Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:
Sunday: Mary Watts, Elsie Gribbell, Elizabeth Jane, Lottie Hardy, Vera Scott, Edith Pook, Derrick Crompton, Ellen Stephens, Pamela Vickery, Peter Heath
Monday: Edith Jordan, Laura Williams, Muriel Burgess, Winifred Parsons, Olga Laughton, Maureen Wilton
Tuesday: Florence Coathupe, Caroline Gerry, Maurice Trevan, William Fugler
Wednesday: George Brooking, Harry Woolcombe, Emily Prestt, Dora Giles, Joan Retallick, Bernard Bridges, Margaret James, Rosemarie Nicholls
Thursday: Constance Dyer, Albert Muston, Jessie Sandeman, William Hawken, Edith Whaley, Alice Spurr, Phillip Cheshire, Albert Ward, Ronald Parsons
Friday: Harry Gent, Rhoda Austin, Peter Alexander, Robert Wheeler
Saturday: Emily Crossing, Cosmo Lang, Kathleen Modley, Cynthia Down, John Page, Reginald Cook

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayer for the Nation

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and senior church leaders, have called a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown. The suggestion is that as many of us as possible unite to do this at 6.00 pm each day. A suggested pattern of prayer can be found by clicking:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/PftN%20Booklet%20spreads.pdf>

The Church of England - Light a Virtual Candle

You can light a candle online to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation. Click the link to start: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

The Diocesan prayer diary for November and December: Can be found at:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/PD-Nov-2020-Single-Pages.pdf>

[PD-Dec 2020 Spread.pdf](#)

Broadcasts on TV and radio this week: (correct at the time of writing)

Sunday 29th November

- 5.43 am Radio 4 Bells on Sunday from St Lawrence's church, Towcester
- 8.00 am BBC Radio Devon Morning worship
- 8.10 am Radio 4 Sunday Worship – exploring cities of Pilgrimage and hope
- 10.30 am BBC 1 Sunday Worship from Brecon Cathedral, Powys
- 12.20 pm BBC 1 Songs of Praise
- 2.45 pm Radio 4 The Creation of an Icon (3/5). Iconographer Aidan Hart paints an icon of the Annunciation for Advent and explores the meaning and theology of the ancient art form. (All episodes available on BBC sounds)
- 3.00 pm Radio 3 Choral evensong - A service for Advent with carols, live from the Chapel of St John's college, Cambridge

Daily (except Sunday)

- 5.43 am Radio 4 Prayer for the Day (Monday to Saturday)
- 9.45 am Radio 4 LW Daily service (Monday to Friday)

Wednesday 2nd December

- 3.30 pm Radio 3 Choral evensong from Salisbury Cathedral

Request for help

We need more volunteers to help in our churches, and with the foodbank and meal deliveries, particularly if numbers of people self-isolating or shielding increase. At least two volunteers are needed each time the churches are open. We anticipate that the demand for the Foodbank will increase in the coming weeks and months. Please contact Fr Robert or Phil Smith if you can help.

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



Foodbank w/b 29th November

Good News: We received 274kg of donations from Tesco Lee Mill last weekend as part of "Trussell "week. Also significant donations from nurseries, churches, and schools.

Therefore this week we only need a few items of hygiene or cosmetic nature: Shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and brushes, toilet rolls (large pack can be split on these items) and cleaning spray/detergent/washing powder.

The Christmas Gift donations are building up nicely thanks to your generosity. Small gifts for people struggling on a tight budget can be a real boon!

We have been promised chocolate selection boxes from a local firm and have financial reserves so please keep monetary donations back for 2021 as need will no doubt increase.

A few new gifts of a "Christmassy "nature would still be helpful - we are aiming to wrap non-food gifts. Activities for children such as felt tips/pencils and drawing books, family games etc. Puzzles are also good for people living on their own, plus some snacking food or festive treats.

Finally, just to inform you that we are intending to deliver an appropriate "Christmas Food hamper" to the Plympton folk who we know should receive food support, which will ensure they have a proper Christmas meal including some meat provided locally.

Thank you for your continuing and generous support- we really are very grateful as we know our clients are. I had a phone call from one isolated client regarding a parcel delivery, which really has reduced his worry and made him feel more positive about life.

Phil Smith and the Team

Church opening times and services in the Plympton Team Ministry w/c 29th November

Sunday 10.00 am Zoom Eucharist

Wednesday 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm Private prayer St Mary

Saturday 10.30 am to 11.30 am Private prayer St Maurice

- All people within a place of worship must wear a facial covering. This is a legal requirement. When you wear a facial covering, please be mindful of hand hygiene when putting it on and removing it. Posters are displayed in church to help with this. Please take your facial covering home with you for washing and re-use, or hygienic disposal. Face coverings should cover the mouth and nose and fit securely around the side of your face.
- Numbers permitted to attend may be limited due to social distancing measures.
- You may not attend church in a group of more than 6, unless you are all from the same household or support bubble. Please do not mingle with people in other groups.
- Please maintain a 2m distance from others who are not in your household at all times, including whilst waiting to come into church and when leaving. This includes outside the church doors and in the churchyard.
- We may need to review these times at short notice in the interest of public health or if there is a wedding or funeral taking place.
- Please pray for the leaders of our Team Ministry as they continue to seek to implement the latest advice from the Government and the National Church.

The churches can only stay open if Government and Church of England rules and advice are being followed and attendance is subject to the following conditions:

- **Not having any Covid-related symptoms**
- **Maintaining social distance and wearing facial covering**
- **Following the one-way system that has been designed to protect everyone**
- **Following the guidance from stewards/volunteers and the Incumbent**

If the conditions are not met, we cannot take any risk that someone may become infected and regretfully, the churches would be forced to close until further notice.

Thank you for your full co-operation

If you have any articles or submissions that you would like to include in the weekly newsletter, please email Sarah Duckworth at plymptonteamministry@gmail.com by Wednesday morning. Submissions may be edited. If you are in (safe) contact with someone who would like to receive this by email, please ask them to contact Sarah

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