Abberton, Bishampton, Flyford Flavell, Grafton Flyford, Naunton Beauchamp, North Piddle, Throckmorton



Sunday 29th March – The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)

Notices and Announcements

Dear Friends,

We are living in very different times at the moment, and my prayers and thoughts are with you as we, together, find our lives suddenly contracted and restricted with self-isolation and social distancing. But the key word here is 'together'- our church services may have been suspended, but that doesn't mean that 'being church' in our two Benefices changes. After all, church in its very essence is the people of God, and not the building, however beautiful and ancient it is.

So many spiritual support networks have been set up- a lot of them for those with access to a computer, but also 'phone ministries' are being set up by friends and neighbours, amongst other initiatives. Also, we can still pray and worship and offer help to those around us who are vulnerable. We can be the presence of Christ in our own homes and communities, and be a praying presence wherever we are. Our own Archbishops have said: 'Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day'.

Do you remember those words from Romans 8? 'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord'.

With every blessing,

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LATEST CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

This is regularly updated so please visit the website frequently on: www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus

<u>Please bookmark this page - it will be constantly updated with the latest guidance as the situation changes. The national team is working closely with public health experts to provide the best advice.</u>

Pershore Volunteer Centre

The Centre provides transport to hospital and medical appointments and it covers all our villages. If you need transport or are willing to provide transport for others please ring 01386 554299 or email transport@pershorevolunters.org.uk

On behalf of the Foodbanks

Please do remember the Food Banks. Donations to both the Worcester and Pershore Food Banks can be done online. More information on the websites.

Forthcoming Services

We will of course be keeping you informed of any future services once we have the directive that they can once again continue.

If you have any queries or suggestions for good ideas during this time, please contact our administrator on the number below.

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