



Austrey, Newton Regis, Seckington,
Shuttington & Warton
Parish of All Souls, North Warwickshire

Church News March 2021

Church Website - for latest news: <http://www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk>

Sunday 7th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

(1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22)

10.30am SOUL CAFÉ ONLINE

Sunday 14th March – 4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

(Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25-27)

10.30am Family Worship ONLINE

Sunday 21st March – 5th Sunday of Lent

(Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33)

10.30am Morning Worship ONLINE

Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday

(Mark 11:1-11)

10.30am Family Worship ONLINE

During the month of March all services will continue to be online, following the PCC decision to suspend public worship until 29 March. Thereafter we hope to resume offering a combination of live and online services, subject to government and Diocesan guidelines. Links for the online services will be posted on the All Souls website and the Soul Café Facebook page, as well as via the Prayer Circle and Bible Club. We hope there will be something for everyone! **Please note the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in church.**

PRAYERS

Prayers for the World: We pray for our world still in the grip of the coronavirus pandemic, and as new variants are identified, especially those lands where high numbers of cases are still being recorded, with an inevitable rise in the death toll. We pray for strength and resilience for all those caring for the sick and the dying. We give thanks for the hope embodied in the roll-out of the vaccination programme, praying that there will be sufficient supplies to ensure a fair distribution across the world. We ask your blessing on all agencies working to support the vulnerable and the needy, including Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Crosslinks, Bethesda Leprosy Hospital and Birmingham City Mission.

Prayers for the Nation: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all in authority under her, that our government's roadmap out of lockdown and efforts to restore some kind of normality to our daily lives will be supported by the nation at large. We continue to give thanks for the selfless dedication of all NHS and care workers, as we pray for their safety and protection. We pray for continued reassurance and practical support for those facing financial hardship and loss of employment and for the nation at large to show patience and understanding.

Prayers for the Church: We pray for the Church and its leaders seeking to reach out and support communities with restrictions on social interaction still in place. We pray especially for all those missing the fellowship afforded by communal worship, particularly those who do not have internet access. In our Parish of All Souls we give thanks for the appointment of a new vicar, praying that she will be a source of inspiration and blessing.

Prayers for our Community: We pray for all those who reside or work in our parish, that you would continue to guard, guide and protect them in their daily lives. We give thanks for all the acts of kindness and support for those in need and pray for encouragement for these to continue. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our three village schools, that the return to face-to-face learning may be safely and successfully achieved.

Prayers for the sick: We ask for your love and healing touch to surround all who are ill or in pain at this time, especially those of our church family and others known to us, that they might know your loving presence and find healing and peace.

Prayers for the bereaved: We pray for all who mourn at this difficult time, lifting up especially Judy and family as they grieve the loss of Elsa. Comfort all who mourn, strengthen them in their sorrow and hold them in your loving arms.

Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." (John 14:1)

Tithe for March Mission Aviation Fellowship

A tenth of all our offerings is given as a tithe. If you wish to supplement this, please place your gift, clearly marked in the offertory box or contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson: 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com

Future Dates

Friday 5 March	World Day of Prayer
Monday 15 March	8.00pm All Souls PCC (via Zoom)
Wednesday 17 March	Funeral of Angela Mary Murray at Shuttington
Monday 22 March	Funeral of Elsa meads at Warton

For up to date information on services please consult the parish website: www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk or your local church noticeboard. Baptisms, weddings and funerals can all be accommodated, subject to COVID regulations, and enquiries should be made to the PCC Secretary Alison Meredith – Tel: 01827 892796 or email meredithalison2@gmail.com

GOOD NEWS!

We are delighted to announce that the Diocese has appointed Revd Joanne Dyer to be Vicar of All Souls. She is currently in charge of a benefice with three churches in north west Leicestershire. We have just heard that her Licensing Service will take place on Tuesday 25 May. Thank you to all who have prayed with us. Our prayers are now with Joanne and her family as they prepare for their move.

ALL SOULS SERVICES

In the light of recent government announcements concerning the easing of lockdown restrictions and in view of continued caution being urged, along with the fact that cases are continuing to rise in some parts of Tamworth and North Warwickshire, the churchwardens and the PCC have decided to request a further dispensation to suspend public worship until 29 March. The situation will then be reviewed in the light of government pronouncements. We very much hope to offer some public worship for Easter, provided it is considered safe to do so

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 5 MARCH -Formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer, the first Friday in March is marked with a service worldwide by Christians of all denominations. This year's service is prepared by and in support of the Christian women of Vanuatu. Our local service this year was to be hosted by Polesworth Abbey but instead will be relayed by Zoom. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89985409551>
Meeting ID: 899 8540 9551, 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

LIVE LENT 2021 - The Church of England has produced a booklet of daily bible readings, prayers and reflections for use from Ash Wednesday (17 February) to Easter Sunday (4 April). It is aimed at encouraging all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives. Each week there is also an invitation to act upon the reflections studied. The reflections will also be available as a free app, via email, audio as well as through the Church of England's social media accounts.

DAILY HOPE -If you do not have internet access and as yet do not feel able to attend one of our live services, you might be interested in a **free** telephone service offered by the Church of England entitled "Daily Hope" which you can access by dialling **0800 804 8044**. There are a number of options offering hymns, prayers, reflections, as well as the opportunity to tune in to a full worship service. A new option using the # key is 'Sleep Well with Daily Hope', which consists of music and scripture passages designed to help both young and old unwind towards a good night's sleep.

CHURCH FINANCES: The suspension of public worship has had a notable impact on church finances but All Souls is still hoping to be able to meet all its costs in full and will endeavour to meet its Common Fund asking for the year 2021 which has been set by the Diocese at £36,718. Any help you can give will be deeply appreciated. For further details please contact the Treasurer:

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DOVE MAGAZINE: - The next edition of The Dove is now available and will be out for distribution in the first week of February. Copies are also available in the village stores in Austrey, Shuttington and Warton. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. The online version will also be available via the website – shortly!

***"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped."* (Psalm 28:7)**