

# All Saints Church Hampreston & Stapehill

## April News Sheet

There will be a Benefice livestream service each **Sunday morning at 10:45am**

From St Marys' church Facebook Page (you don't need to join facebook to view)

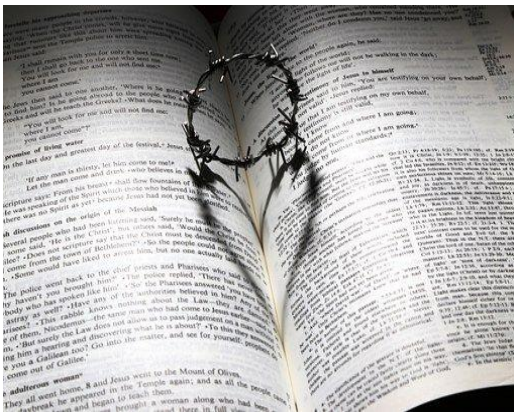
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Also livestream services at

**10am Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**And 7pm on Easter Sunday**

For Holy week there will be 5-minute meditations at 4pm each day (see article overleaf)



*"I am the resurrection and the life.*

*He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*

*Do you believe in this?" John 11:25-26*

### A letter from Rev Sarah Pix

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter!

It's going to be a rather different kind of Easter. I don't know about you, but I'm finding it really difficult not to be able to meet together at the moment! Having gone to church from the age of 10 days, and hardly missed a Sunday since, I feel that the word 'unprecedented' is not over-stating it! We are all learning new ways of doing life. Social media is full of 'self-isolating hacks'! There have been some extraordinary examples of fresh creativity, inspired neighbourliness, expressions of appreciation for those frontline workers helping to keep us safe. Christians in the Benefice have been at the cutting edge of helping our community: collecting and delivering urgent shopping and prescriptions, praying and listening to the fearful. If you need help, please be in touch, likewise, if you are healthy and able to help, we'd love to hear from you (especially if you have a DBS).

We are also learning new ways of being church. Even though we are not able to gather, we are growing in our understanding of what it means to be scattered church. We are looking out for each other, keeping in touch, praying for one another and those in need, helping others where we can, shining the light of Jesus in a myriad of different ways. I hope that you have been able to connect with our on-line services and daily words of encouragement. These are going out far and wide and reaching many more people than would normally come to church in the Benefice. Despite the difficulties and restrictions, the light of Jesus is shining brightly across the earth, and I have a sense of excitement about all that he is doing in this season. Isn't that just typical of Jesus?! Isn't that the Easter message in a nutshell: He's the Master of Redemption! If God can take the horror of the cross and weave from it life, restored relationship with God, light, hope, peace, eternity opened, then there is no situation beyond his reach! He works all things together for the good of those who trust in Him! He is working out His purposes! Now is a time for growing in our devotion to Him. We can seek Him in prayer and be renewed by His Spirit. We can prepare for all that He has in store for us. We can pray for a groundswell in revival as the nations are shaken! What an opportunity! Bless you all in your efforts to shine the light of Jesus in whatever ways you can! I think it was J. John who recently reminded us: 'We are an Easter people, living in a Good Friday World.' Carry His life and hope in all you do. He is the Victorious One!

With love, Sarah

# Holy Week

During Holy week the leaders at St Marys will be bringing us 'The Road to The Cross', daily 5 minutes meditations at 4pm to tune into on the St Marys Facebook page. *These will be available to watch anytime after as well.*

The readings for each day include...

## **Palm Sunday – John 12 v 15**

*"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."*

## **Monday – John 12 v 3**

*Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*

## **Tuesday – John 12 v 32**

*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.*

## **Wednesday – John 13 v 14**

*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.*

## **Thursday – John 13 v 20**

*Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.*

## **Good Friday – John 19 v 30**

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

## **Easter Sunday – John 20 v 1**

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.*

# Our Community



## **Wimborne Food Bank reverse lent**

many of you have been collecting for the food bank for Lent, obviously being stuck inside is making it difficult to continue with this. They're in so much need they are having to go to cash and carry to bulk buy food and deliver them to people. Money would be very helpful at this time; you can give in several ways...

### **The quickest way is by Bank transfer to: -**

Account Name: Faithworks Wessex  
Sort Code:40-52-40  
Account Number: 00015300  
Ref: Wimborne

### **Alternatively, you could send a**

**Cheque** – please make your cheque payable to  
Faithworks Wessex  
(please write on the back that you wish your  
donation to go to Wimborne Food Bank).

**They are hugely appreciative for your support.**

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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Sarah Libby; Jean Brooman; Fiona Dodds, Tim Williams (Headteacher at Hampreston School). Jeanette's Mum, Maureen. Fernhill and Wimborne care homes. Pathways for All People. African Inland Mission.

### **The Foulkes family Prayer requests:**

- to prayerfully seek ways to connect in this time of social-distancing
  - for continued opportunities to practically serve in our community to God's glory
  - our girls' adjustment to the rigors of self-teaching at home since there is no on-line school course work available here
  - for an unprecedented spiritual hunger in all of our communities
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### **Remember!**

Help is available to anyone in need, if you, or anyone you know in the Benefice is in need of support please contact Helen Bifield 07419 907343 or email [allsaintshampreston@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshampreston@gmail.com)