



ST. MARGARET, BINSEY ♦  
ST. FRIDESWIDE, OSNEY

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, BOTLEY ♦  
ST. LAWRENCE, NORTH HINKSEY

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## NOTICES

14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Mothering Sunday**

Readings for this Sunday:

Numbers 21 4-9

Psalm 107 1-3, 17-22

[Ephesians 2 1-10]

John 3 14-21

**Dear Friends,**

*'The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?''*

We might feel rather sympathetic to the grumbles of the people of Israel. For many of us it feels like we have been wandering around in a wilderness of infection, fear and isolation for a long time. Most of us, however, have what we need. Food, water, shelter, whereas the people of Israel had real reason to fear for they had no food or water, and the manna that God had provided from heaven was getting boring.

Whatever the facts of their (and our) situations; it remains true that grumbling is pernicious. It is like the venom of a snake that passes through the systems of a body until that body is rendered dead. Grumbling against God or anyone creates negativity that infects our souls, bodies and the communities of which we are apart.

The antidote that Moses offered for snake bites, was an image of a snake displayed on a pole for all who were afflicted to look at. The antidote that the psalmist offers (107.1) is thanksgiving: *'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his mercy endures forever'*.

The ultimate antidote to all sin that afflicts the human race is offered to us in the death of Jesus. Jesus, lifted up on the cross as a sacrifice for sin is God's cure for the venom of evil. It is in this faith that we can echo the psalmist's words with assurance:

*'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures forever.'*

Amen to that.

**Clare**



## Lent across the Benefice

Lent is a time for reflection and study in preparation for the celebrations of Easter. This year there will be two opportunities to join study courses:

The course for Lent continues **at 7.30pm**, hosted by North Hinksey Parish. We are following a five-week course entitled '**Glimpses of God – Hope for Today's World**' via Zoom. Please note the new meeting ID and Passcode

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87023035630?pwd=TXFZQXdrTGVpb3NlbnRnpiWVITUT09>

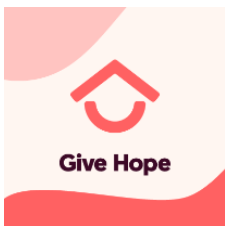
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More details about the session titles and format of the course can be found at: <https://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/product/glimpses-of-god-hope-for-todays-world>. Please sign up with Clare or John if you would like to participate.

- St Frideswide parish will be reflecting on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for this year, **Living His Story - Revealing the Extraordinary Love of God in Ordinary Ways** by Hannah Steele. Please contact Kate for a Zoom link.

## General Notices



### Giving Hope

Bishop Steven is encouraging everyone to have their Covid vaccination when offered. The Bishop has recorded a video setting out his confidence in its safety and stressing the importance of taking the opportunity to protect our neighbours and everyone in our community. You can view this video on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/cMUBdPwjSLU>

### Have you got your census letter?

**Census day is on March 21**, but households will now be receiving letters with online codes explaining how they can complete their forms. If you don't get one in the next couple of weeks, please get in touch with the census contact centre. You can also request a paper questionnaire if you'd prefer to complete your census that way.

There is lots of support available such as a help area on the census website and a contact centre that can give you help over the phone and guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats, including paper questionnaires and large print.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England and Wales and is independent from the government. All information is held securely for 100 years. Statistics are only compiled based on anonymised data and personal information is not shared with any organisation and is never sold.

For more information, and to find out how to get help, visit [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk) or call the contact centre on 0800 141 2021.

**Pastoral support:** If you (or someone you know) would particularly appreciate a (socially-distanced outdoors) **pastoral visit** or a phone call from one of the clergy, please do let Clare know.

**Weekly Notices:** If you have any items for next weeks' notice sheet please email Gwen by lunchtime next Wednesday [osneybenefice@outlook.com](mailto:osneybenefice@outlook.com)

### **North Hinskey with Botley**

#### **Sponsored Fast for Yemen – Message from Janet Budd**

Since I last did a sponsored swim to raise funds for Medicines Sans Frontiers' work in Yemen the situation there has worsened into a humanitarian disaster.

As the pools are closed, I intend to do a sponsored fast from Maundy Thursday evening until Easter Saturday morning. Sponsorship from friends at church would be very welcome. MSF will supply envelopes for donations & I am happy to deliver them on request.

Many thanks, Janet Budd 01865 863682 or [budds@talk21.com](mailto:budds@talk21.com)

To find out more about Medicines Sans Frontiers' go to their website <https://msf.org.uk/>

**Good News!** The PCC of North Hinksey has agreed that we will resume public worship on Sundays in both churches from Easter Sunday. The 9.30am service on Sundays from St. Peter & St. Paul will continue to be available on Zoom for those who would prefer that. There will also be a service of meditation in person and on zoom on Good Friday at 2pm from St. Peter and St. Paul.

**Date for the Diary** – Annual Parish Meeting Sunday May 16th

### **St Frideswide with Binsey**

**The Electoral Roll Revision** will begin in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March and the revised roll will be posted on Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>. If your details have changed, or you have been worshipping at Frideswide for more than six months you can join the electoral roll. A PDF form was circulated **last week** for you to download and complete, and some printed copies are available in church. Email the office if you need an electronic copy.

**Date for the Diary** -Annual Parish Meeting Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **Daily Prayer and Readings for Week Commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

<b>Mon:</b>	Psalm 77; Jeremiah 17.5-18; John 9.18-end
<b>Tues:</b>	Psalm 79; Jeremiah 18.1-12; John 10.1-10
<b>Wed:</b>	Psalm 90; Jeremiah 18.13-end; John 10.11-21
<b>Thurs:</b>	Psalm 86; Jeremiah 19.1-13; John 10.22-end
<b>Fri:</b>	Psalm 25; Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 13.54-end
<b>Sat:</b>	Psalm 32; Jeremiah 20.7-end; John 11.17-27

#### **Please hold in your prayers:**

- Schools as all children return to the class room
- For the work of Botley Community Fridge and Larder
- For those sleeping rough in our area

# Easter and Holy Week Services



<b>28th March</b>	St Frideswide	8.30am	Eucharist BCP
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	St. Frideswide	10.30am	Eucharist
	St Frideswide	5.00pm	Zoom Evening Worship
	Ss Peter & Paul	9.30am	Zoom Eucharist

## Holy Week Services

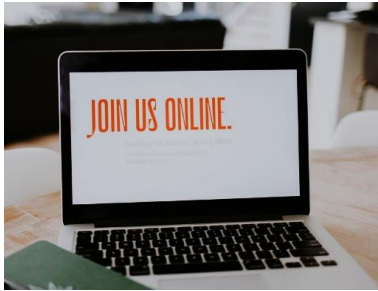
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Ss. Peter & Paul	9.30am	Zoom Morning Prayer
	St Frideswide	7.00pm	Eucharist
Tuesday 2nd	St Frideswide	7.00pm	Eucharist
Wednesday 3rd	Ss. Peter & Paul	9.30am	Zoom Eucharist
	St Frideswide	7.00pm	Eucharist
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Ss. Peter & Paul	7.30pm	Zoom Eucharist
	St Frideswide	7.00pm	Eucharist
<b>Good Friday</b>	Ss. Peter & Paul	9.30am	Zoom Morning Prayer
	St Frideswide	12 noon	Service of Meditation
	Ss Peter & Paul	2.00pm	Good Friday liturgy via zoom
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday</b>	St Margaret's	7.00am	Eucharist BCP
	St Frideswide	8.30am	Eucharist BCP
	St. Frideswide	10.30am	Eucharist
	St. Frideswide	5.00pm	Zoom Evening Worship
	Ss Peter & Paul	9.30am	Eucharist in person & zoom
	St. Lawrence	11.30am	Eucharist
	St Margaret	4.30pm	Evening Prayer

## Worship at Home and in Church

### Worship this week – Sunday 14th March

Sunday:	St. Frideswide:	8.30am BCP HC in person
	St. Peter & St. Paul:	9.30am Eucharist <i>on zoom</i>
	St. Frideswide:	10.30am Eucharist in person
	St. Frideswide:	5.00pm Evening worship <i>on zoom</i>
Monday:	St. Peter & St Paul:	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Friday:	St. Peter & St Paul:	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>

See below for the zoom links



### Online Worship

Please look out for new codes for all services with effect from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**From Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> there will be new zoom links and passcodes for some of the services below, so check next week's notices for the details.**

#### **Sundays:**

**9.30am** The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. The Zoom code for this service will be:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86421284655?pwd=bFJxMm96a2hucE5OUiBGdXlVS1V4dz09>

Meeting ID: 864 2128 4655

Passcode: xc53pB

**5.00pm** Evening Prayer via Zoom, hosted by St Frideswide, Contact Kate

#### **Mondays:**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer via Zoom contact John Clements

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77244551882?pwd=RFZNYW9zaIZQbiswSE5TR0VTOXBPUT09>

Meeting ID: 772 4455 1882

Passcode: 8rgsT2

#### **Wednesdays: New Zoom Code from March 3rd**

**9.30am** The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88435540558?pwd=Vy9jMzd3b2NMK2lXUC9sQnIOUjhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 3554 0558 Passcode: Ddw9XD

#### **Fridays:**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer via Zoom contact Clare

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84176800013?pwd=OTFYQmwzRTEwOVNxUTRCcnpLMmtSQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 7680 0013

Passcode: CL3YtN

For the Zoom Eucharist, the text is attached and is also available in hard copy from porch at St. Peter and St. Paul. If you would like a hard copy, but do not want to come out to collect it, please let Clare know and we can deliver one to you.

**If you can get on-line and would like help to get Zoom set up, *please* ask one of us.**

For members of St Frideswide's congregation our WhatsApp daily prayer will continue, please ask Kate to be added to the group.

**Church at Home service every Sunday at 10am** <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

The '**Daily Hope Line**'. Is a free phone line: **0800 804 8044**. This has been set up particularly for those who are unable to join any on-line church services.

**YouTube channel for the Osney Benefice** can be found at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJ99\\_EwpRaLL\\_dtCH4HoPg?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJ99_EwpRaLL_dtCH4HoPg?view_as=subscriber).

If you are participating in on-line worship, here is a prayer that you can use when the elements of bread and wine are shared:

We give you thanks, Father,  
for this holy meal in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his passion renewed,  
our lives filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory given to us.  
To him with you and the Holy Spirit be glory forever.  
*Amen.*

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