



Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row

# Notes & News

22nd March 2020 : Mothering Sunday

## TODAY'S SERVICES

Sadly our services are currently suspended, however the churches are open today for personal prayer, with appropriate social distancing:



St Mary's: 9:15am - 12:00 midday

St Winifred's: 11:15am - 12:30pm

All Saints': 9:30am - 10:30am

Today's readings are: 1 Samuel 1:20-28 and John 19:25-27.

The Collect for today, Mothering Sunday:

*God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## LATER TODAY...



[Light a candle of hope: a national call to prayer](#)

In these times that seem rather dark, let's join together and share a light of hope this Sunday 22 March at 7:00pm. 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5

It with mixed feelings that we announce that our Team Curate Elise Peterson has been appointed as the next vicar of Rainham with Wennington, a parish with two main worship centres near Dagenham: we congratulate her on her appointment but will be very sorry to see her go, Elise is proving to be an outstanding colleague and I am very grateful that she is serving alongside me particularly in these unprecedented times. Elise's appointment is subject to some further immigration and employment checks and her last Sunday in Chigwell will be sometime in the summer and the date licensing is yet to be fixed.

Vacancy Update: The quest for our new Team Rector continues and the job advertisement and Benefice Profile will remain in the *Church Times* and on the Diocesan website until Easter after which they will be reviewed. Please keep praying that Ben's successor of God's choice will be appointed soon.

Paula



The churches will be open for personal prayer at the following times:



This Week  
at a Glance

Tuesdays:	St Winifred's:	9:00am - 9:30am
	All Saints':	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesdays:	St Mary's:	9:00am - 9:30am
Thursdays:	All Saints':	9:00am - 9:30am
	St Mary's:	10:30am - 12:30pm

Next Sunday (29th), there will be a **Parish Walk**, 3:00pm from St Win's. No tea and cakes, and a social distance off 2m, but still an opportunity



for some company and to get a little exercise.

## TV & RADIO

We may not be able to hold worship services, but we can join in with services on TV & radio:

Songs of Praise	BBC1	Sunday	1:15pm
Sunday Worship	Radio 4	Sunday	8:10am
Daily Service	Radio 4 LW	weekdays	9:45am

Also available on the BBC iPlayer/BBC Sounds apps.

And don't forget the numerous Christian TV and radio services.

*Do you have a particular favourite you'd recommend? Please contact the Editor via the Parish Office (p4).*



The **Archbishop of Canterbury** Justin Welby is to lead a **national broadcast** as the Church of England

responds to the challenge of becoming a “different sort of church” in the face of the coronavirus crisis. Available on BBC local radio stations at 8:00am and online/apps from 9:00am.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

*Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*



Please pray for:

- ✠ *Vacancy*: let's keep praying that the right person will be in touch soon.
- ✠ *St Mary's*: Please pray for Winnie, Grace P, Jose B, Jean, Doreen C, Pat E, Betty, and Lynn (Rita F's daughter).
- ✠ *All Saints'*: Please We pray for all members of our community unwell at present including Nicky, and for protection against coronavirus, particularly amongst our vulnerable members.
- ✠ *St Winifred's*: we pray for Siobhan, Hazel, and Tarun.

# SERMONETTE ...



So it's Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday as preachers everywhere like to remind us each year! But this year

there are no posies given out to the ladies as we remember this day together in church. Indeed, we can't even hold our services and, if we're honest, haven't we taken that for granted?

There's no getting together with Nanny or Grandma, no cosy pub lunch together or afternoon out. Indeed we live in strange times.

Some wit has nicknamed Mother's Day as "Hallmark Sunday", given the number of cards and other gifts sold for that day, a day for celebrating mums.

However, as our readings today show, there is another side to motherhood. It's not all a bed of roses ... Hannah fulfilled her vow and gave over her longed for son to be brought up at the Temple. Mary, Jesus' mother ... that poignant scene at the crucifixion where Jesus asked John to look after her, despite His own agony. And those times, in the midst of the Christmas story, where we read about Mary pondering things, she knew she wasn't in for an easy ride.

Many parents will have concerns for their own children in the current emergency that they weren't expecting: illness, childcare, education, etc. We are not all able to help practically as we may have to isolate ourselves, but let's all do what we can to show the love of Christ to those around us.

Mothering Sunday can be painful for many people, bringing to the fore shattered hopes and dreams, missing loved ones far away, maybe mourning parents or sadly their own offspring. We hold them in our prayers.

And whilst we thank God for everyone who has had a mothering role in our own lives, we remember particularly those in the caring professions right now.

May the light of God's love shine brightly in these dark times.

*Sandie*

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