
Sunday 29 March 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Clergy will continue to offer prayers on behalf of us all during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Check the websites and Facebook groups for more information.

Sunday Morning Prayer with Spiritual Communion

Service sheets and video available on the Websites

Daily Acts

1.00pm

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Light a candle of hope

Light a candle in your window as part of the National Call to Prayer

See our [parish websites](#) and the [Church of England](#) website for suggested prayers.

Collect for today:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

If you wish to follow them, the set Bible readings for today are:
Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8: 6-11 and John 11: 1-45
and are available to download from the websites.

Mission Statement

Faithful to God ~ **Sharing** with those in need ~ **Caring** for one another

The week ahead

Monday 30 March – Saturday 4 April

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, it is imperative that for the health of the nation and in order for the National Health Service itself to manage the increase in those requiring medical help, the Church of England strictly observes the new guidelines on staying at home and only making journeys that are absolutely necessary, such as shopping for essential items and to take daily exercise.

Our church buildings must now be closed not only for public worship. We must take a lead in showing our communities how we must behave in order to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus.

It is also imperative that as the Church of Jesus Christ, called to offer hope and light in the darkness of this world's ills, we maintain a praying presence for our community, though for the time being this must happen from our hearts and from our homes.

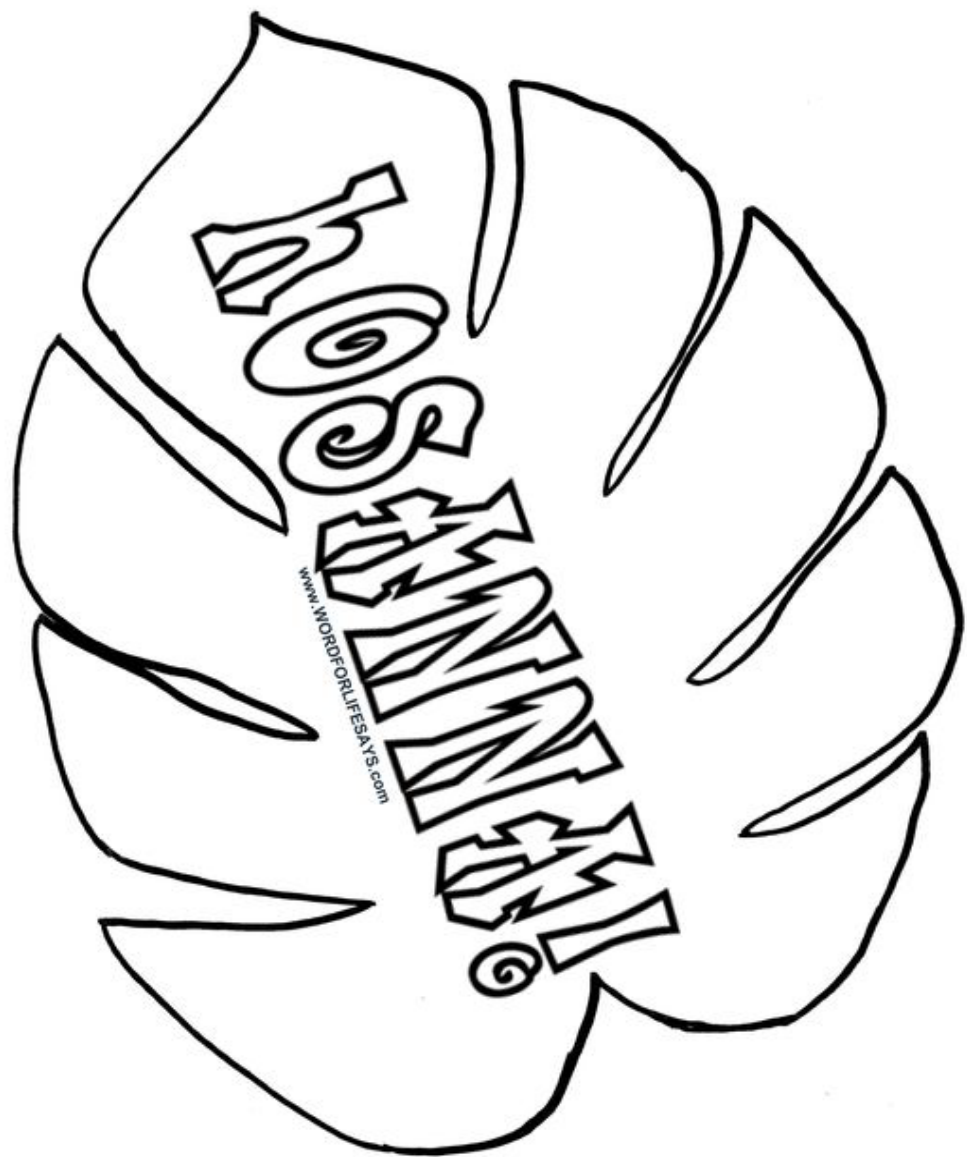
Our Church buildings are closed but the Church must continue to support and encourage our communities making use of telephones and other forms of technology to keep in touch with people and ensure pastoral care is maintained, and as shepherds of Christ's flock we are committed to making this happen.

Prayers

A Prayer about the outbreak:

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Notices

All Coronavirus: In line with the latest CofE guidance it is necessary to suspend public worship. Please see the letter on the website (<https://www.ht-sw.org.uk/>) and further information can be found on the Church of England website (<https://www.churchofengland.org/>).

SJ Many happy returns to **Joan Brock** who turned 100 on March 23, receiving warm greetings from the Queen and her friends and family.

All Please send **requests for prayers** to Joy Lyons via email joylynnelyons@gmail.com

All The **Foodbank** is still very short of supplies. See their [website](#) for details of food donation points in main supermarkets or to donate cash.

All Remember that the **clocks go forward** an hour early on Sunday 29th.

All Palm Sunday: As we won't be able to gather and process on Palm Sunday. Perhaps you would like to print and colour the palm on the previous page – or be creative and make your own – to display in a window?

Merton Priory Team Ministry

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www.christchurchsw19.org.uk www.holytrinity-southwimbledon.org.uk www.stjohnsw19.org.uk

If you have any pastoral needs or concerns or any ideas about how we continue to be the Church during this period or for any other matter contact the Merton Priory Coronavirus Task Group – Mark, Alison, Belemo, Kerry & Richard – as below.

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