



We realise you might be feeling lonely, isolated or anxious at this time. If you would like a quiet personal chat on the phone with a member of the clergy please contact **Revd Mary Bowden** on **07921 315894**. If you don't get an immediate reply please leave your name and number and Revd Mary will get back to you.

This week's readings, Collect and Post Communion Prayer

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)**

*Please use this service sheet in conjunction with the online Service booklet*

**Today's Collect**

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. mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 5: 5-10**

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

**Gospel**

**John 12: 20-33**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people<sup>[e]</sup> to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **For your Prayers**

**For those at St Mary’s: Our prayers are asked for:** William and his family, Roger and Gill, Mary, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Keith and Lorna, Lucy and boys, Margaret, Stephen, Gerald, Lorraine, Pamela, Hazel, Tracey, Sue, Val, Alexandra, Baby Elizabeth, Laura and George, David and Maria, Wendy, Kevin and family, John, David, Roy, Marion, William, Alan, Jessica, Lydia and Spencer, David, Kate, Andy and Amy, Joshua and Jon, Jess, Julia and family, Colin and his children, Jean, Mikey, Lawrence, Peter, Revd Chris, Diana, Eileen, Jeanne, Kai and his family

**For those at St Nicolas: Our prayers are asked for :** William and his family, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Martyn, Di (Granny Owl), Hazel, Peter, Ruth and Simon, Jessica and family, Zoe

### **Those whose anniversary of death is today:**

James Armstrong, George Birch, Eliza Yandell, Aubrey Nichols, Kathleen Greenfield, Cynthia Cooke

### **Those whose anniversary of death is this week:**

**22nd** Edith Cheesman, Thomas Harris, William Makin, Joan Dagley, Doris Barrington

**23rd** David Stacey, Joyce Pilch, Elizabeth Harrison, Dorothy Henderson, Ida Evans, Bill Woods, Harry Hartley, priest, Catherine Dow, Joyce Houghton, Kenneth Harvey, Barry Spencer

**24th** Emily Bowles, Lily Cumming, Emily Barnes, Elizabeth Taylor, Kitty Thomas, David Axton

**25th** Leonard Ayres, Sylvia Pearson, Aubrey Palmer, Maria Gross

**26th** David Harries, Virginia McKenzie, Marion Wright, Kathleen Humphries, Cissie McCarthy, Jean Russell, Frank Powell, Margaret Reeves

**27th** Winifred Humphrey, Andrew Minett, Charles Collard, Mary Major, Winifred Peplow, William Burns, Pearl Burton, Edna Symons, Betty Wright, Max Chase, Mel Barnes, Una Barrett

**For those at All Saints: Our prayers are asked for:** William and his family, Sandra and her daughter, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Josephine, Mark, Nicola, June, Sasha, Shari, Baby George and his family, John

### **Those whose anniversary of death is this week:**

**22nd** Norah Bond, Jean Jones

**25th** Virginia McKenzie, Harold Phips

**26th** Stella Surman

**27th** William Bennett, Anne Pateman

**For those at St Lawrence: Pray for all who suffer in mind or body:** William and his family, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Rose, Jackie, Mala, Rose, John

**For those at St Mary Magdalene: Pray for all who suffer in mind or body:** William and his family, Lyubov, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Harold, Father Paul, Father Mike, Eric, Nerys, Soo and Ray, Pauline, Kathleen, Margery, Sally, Michelle, Hilary

**We pray for our families, friends and neighbours;** in our cycle of prayer, we remember all those who live in Rutherford Way, Seneca Way, Smythe Road and St Mary’s Mews (St Lawrence and St Peter’s) and Homecroft Drive (St Mary Magdalene).

**Please also pray for:** All key workers (and their families) in our country as we begin the roadmap out of lockdown. Also for all the teachers and those who work in schools as they re-adjust to teaching full classes face to face again and for the children and families who are concerned and worried about the start of our journey out of lockdown. All the NHS workers, the care workers, shop workers, emergency services, farmers, postal workers, lorry driver and delivery people, cleaners, refuse workers, military, funeral directors and our clergy and all those who are fighting COVID 19 and whose lives have been directly impacted by the virus.

**Those who have died recently in the Benefice:**

Sidney Sallis, Julie Mansell, Maria Caton, Antony Dick, Peter Yates, Doreen Barnes, Christopher Middleton  
**and those who mourn their deaths. And in addition:** Susan Beardsley, Helen Beardsell



Nanzanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe faced a second set of charges against her in court last Sunday after her 5 year sentence ended, superseded by more charges meaning her release is in question. A psychiatrists' report says she is a victim of torture including sleep deprivation, stress positions, handcuffing, chaining and blindfolding leading to serious PTSD. There are a number of anti-torture charities who rely greatly on donations for example REDRESS ([redress.org](https://redress.org)) who have been at the forefront of campaigns for her release and numerous others detained and tortured across the world. Please hold Nanzanin and her husband Richard and young daughter Gabriella in your prayers.

**THIS SUNDAY'S EVENING PRAYER READINGS – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021****5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSINO SUNDAY)****Evening Prayer**

Exodus 7: 8-24

Romans 5 :12-end

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021****PALM SUNDAY****Eucharist**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1-end of 15

**Evening Prayer**

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Mark 12: 1-12

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH****5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)****Online services**

0930 Eucharist, streamed live from St Nicolas

1630 Celebrate! Online via Zoom

Online

Zoom

**Services in our churches:**

0800 Mass

0800 Eucharist

0915 Holy Communion

0930 Eucharist – streamed live

1030 Mass

1045 Service for the family

1100 Eucharist

1830 Evening Prayer

1830 Evening Prayer

1830 Evening Service

All Saints

St Mary's

St Lawrence

St Nicolas

All Saints

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary's

St Lawrence

St Mary's

All Saints

**\* TEAM NOTICES \*****NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION 2021 – 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2021**

Since the first lockdown began in 2020, hundreds of thousands of people have died. Too many lives have been cut short and millions have been bereaved.

Behind the statistics and whatever the cause, every death has been devastating for the people left behind.

Join us on 23rd March, the first anniversary of the first UK lockdown, for a National Day of Reflection to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future.

There are still tough times ahead, as the death toll continues to rise. This annual day will give us all time to pause and think about this unprecedented loss we're facing, and support each other through grief in the years to come.

This National Day of Reflection includes a minute's silence at 12.00 noon and the lighting of candles in windows at 8.00 pm. For more information, see <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection>

NCTM will be streaming a live prayer service from St. Nicolas Church on **Tuesday 23rd March at 10.30 am** led by Rev Tom (online service only). To join us please go to <https://www.northchelt.org.uk/online-services>

For more information please go to: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/national-day-reflection>

## STREAMING OF SERVICES

There will be two services online this Sunday:

9.30 am: Eucharist, streamed live from St Nicolas Church

4.30 pm: Celebrate! Online via Zoom – Meeting ID: 836 6365 5447 Passcode: 788286.

**These services are for viewing from your home only!**  
**To watch these services, please follow one of the links below**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCheltenhamTeamMinistry/>

Like the NCTM team page on Facebook to be notified when broadcasts start:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/NorthCheltenhamTeamMinistry>

### Online services in the NCTM

<https://www.youtube.com/NorthCheltenhamTeamMinistry>

<https://www.northchelt.org.uk/online-services>

**JOIN US FOR A COFFEE AFTER CHURCH ONLINE.** We will be holding a zoom social time after our streamed services on Sunday so we can all get to know each other a little more during this Lockdown. So grab a cuppa and a biscuit then join us for a chat. See below for the Zoom links

### **THIS SUNDAY THIS WILL BE AT 10.30 AM FOLLOWING THE 9.30 AM SERVICE**

Rev Tom Cook is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Social Time - After Sunday services

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83490504391?pwd=Nk95TnNhSVpabmJwTzFVTnlqdHAwUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 9050 4391 Passcode: 832038

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### **ONLINE MASS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION. 25th MARCH AT 7.00 pm**

This service also marks the anniversary of our first streamed eucharist under Lockdown. Join Fr. Robert at the slightly later time of 7 pm, as we celebrate Mary's example and obedience.

### **CONTINUING SERVICES IN THE NCTM IN 2021**

Celebrate! Online on a Sunday afternoon at 4.30 pm on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month via Zoom – see below for more information. We will continue to stream one of our NCTM Sunday morning services on a weekly basis.

#### **Our Sunday services will be live streamed as follows:**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021: 9.30 am live from St Nicolas

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021: 10.30 am live from All Saints

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021: 9.30 am live from St Nicolas and 10.30 am live from All Saints

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021: 10.30 am live from All Saints

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021: 9.30 am live from St Nicolas

### **TEA WITH TOM – every Wednesday at 11.00 am – PLEASE JOIN US**

This is a light hearted time to have a drink and a cake from the comfort of your home. I look forward to getting to know you better! Wednesdays from 11.00 am via Zoom. Zoom ID: 819 1394 0076 Password: 346 649 Join

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913940076?pwd=d3ltL0N3dmxrVWl9aT0lqTGJxa3ppZz09> **Revd Tom**

**LENT** - Something rather different. '40 days with God's creatures' is a free, new lent course which is available through the Christian animal welfare group SARX with daily reflections and prayers on the subject of ALL of God's creatures and their place in His Kingdom. To check out the promotional video visit <https://sarx.org.uk/latest-news/40daysguide/> There you will also see a link to download the app or get it on google play. Alternatively, you may access the course through your web browser at [www.40dayswithgodscreatures.org](http://www.40dayswithgodscreatures.org)

## NCTM LENT JOURNEY

Following the success of the Holy Family's journey through our Team during Advent, followed by many on social media we will be posting daily throughout Lent. This started on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 'Essentials for the Journey'. There will be a different theme each week: Week 4: Shelter – finding security, Week 5: Water – finding refreshment, Week 6: Holy Week.

On a Sunday, we will post a reading.

On a Monday, we will post a photo or video and ask you to share your photos with us (Media Monday)

On a Tuesday, we will post a link to some music for you to listen to and reflect on (Tune Tuesday)

On a Wednesday, we will post a suggestion for something for you to do outside (Wild Wednesday)

On a Thursday, we will post a craft suggestion for you to make and post your finished article (Craft Thursday)

On a Friday, we will post a recipe or food suggestions (Food Friday)

On a Saturday, we will post a suggestion of a game for you to play as a family, with a solo version too (Game Saturday)

All these will be linked to the weekly theme. We look forward to interacting on social media with you as we all journey through Lent. Please 'like' our Facebook and Instagram pages to get involved. We will hopefully put these on our website too for those who don't have social media, but would like to see what we are doing. For more information, please contact **Kate** Tel: 01242 244877

**EASTER LILIES AND EASTER FLOWERS** If you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please use one of the envelopes provided at your church for your donation and give it to one of the sidespeople at any service, or place in the box provided. Please write the names of the loved ones you wish to commemorate on the front of the envelope. Suggested donation for Lily stems is a minimum of £3.50 per stem and all donations should be given by **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March** as below (for those who are not currently attending church, please contact Kate at the office regarding where to drop off your donation).



**ST NICOLAS – Janet White**

**ST LAWRENCE – Joan Howse, Tel: 513573** (or give it to one of the sidespeople at any service).

**ST MARY MAGDALENE – Mary Williams**

**ST MARY'S** – Donations for Easter flowers will be collected at all of the services at St Mary's from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Flowers will be arranged in the church on Easter Saturday. Thank you.

**ALL SAINTS: Mary Apperley, Jill Bradley or Trish Downes**

Please take an envelope from the box at the back of church, fill in your details and place the appropriate amount in the envelope and post it in the big red post box on the table at the back of church. The lilies will be arranged and displayed for Easter Day. Thank you

## EASTER SERVICES ACROSS THE TEAM

At the time of arranging these services (17<sup>th</sup> February), we were still waiting to hear how the Government will be bringing us out of lockdown, so we have worked out our Easter services based on the current restrictions. Following the Government's announcement of the Roadmap out of lockdown, we are still waiting for updates from the Church of England. However, if restrictions do lighten we may be able to offer more. Please see below for which services we are planning to hold in our churches, as well as offering some online. Please note that these may change as time goes on, so please keep a close eye on the website, [www.northchelt.org.uk](http://www.northchelt.org.uk) and our weekly News Sheet and social media. WE WILL BE USING EVENTBRITE FOR BOOKING INTO THE MAIN EASTER DAY SERVICES FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES. You will be able to book these yourself, if you don't have internet access you will be able to contact Kate who will do it for you, or speak to your Church Wardens.

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Palm Sunday)

0800	Said Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms	St Mary's
0800	Said Mass with Blessing of the Palms	All Saints
0915	Holy Communion with Blessing of the Palms	St Lawrence
0930	Said Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms	St Nicolas
1030	Said Mass with Blessing of the Palms (streamed live)	All Saints
1045	Holy Communion with Blessing of the Palms	St Mary Magdalene
1100	Said Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms	St Mary's
1630	Celebrate! Online via Zoom	Zoom
1830	Evening Prayer	St Mary's
1830	Evening Prayer	St Lawrence
1830	Evening Service	All Saints

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (Maundy Thursday)**

1030	Service of the Word/Prayers	St Mary's
1115	Service of the Word/Prayers	All Saints
1930	Said Mass and Watch (streamed live)	All Saints
2100	Watch at Altar of Repose (streamed live)	St Nicolas
2100	Watch at Altar of Repose	St Mary's

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 (Good Friday)**

1030	Good Friday reflection (streamed live)	St Nicolas
1030	Service at the Cross	St Mary Magdalene
1200	Good Friday Meditation	St Lawrence
1400	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St Mary's
1400	Good Friday Liturgy	All Saints
	Pre-recorded video to be premiered - Journey to the Cross	
1630	Celebrate! All age service - tbc as to whether on Zoom or at St Mary's	

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 (Holy Saturday)**

2000	Paschal Liturgy and First Mass of Easter (streamed live)	All Saints
2100	Paschal Liturgy and First Eucharist of Easter	St Mary's

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Easter Day)**

0600	Dawn Celtic Communion	St Mary's Churchyard
0800	Said Eucharist for Easter Day	St Mary's
0800	Said Eucharist for Easter Day	All Saints
0915	Holy Communion for Easter Day	St Lawrence (ticket only)
0930	Said Eucharist for Easter Day (streamed live)	St Nicolas (ticket only)
1030	Said Mass for Easter Day (streamed live)	All Saints (ticket only)
1045	Holy Communion for Easter Day	St Mary Magdalene (ticket only)
1100	Said Communion for Easter Day	St Mary's (ticket only)
1830	Evening Prayer	St Mary's
1830	Evening Prayer	St Lawrence
1830	Evening Service	All Saints

To book tickets, you will need to go to Eventbrite and use the following links (one for each service):

St Lawrence at 9.15 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-lawrence-0915-holy-communion-for-easter-day-tickets-146482303513>

St Nicolas at 9.30 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-nicolas-0930-said-eucharist-for-easter-day-tickets-146480351675>

All Saints at 10.30 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-saints-1030-said-mass-for-easter-day-tickets-146483561275>

St Mary Magdalene at 10.45 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-mary-magdalene-1045-holy-communion-for-easter-day-tickets-146479483077>

St Mary's at 11.00 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-marys-prestbury-1100-easter-day-said-eucharist-tickets-146152216213>

**\* ST MARYS \***

**CELEBRATE! IN 2021**

Celebrate! Online – **Sunday afternoon at 4.30 pm** on the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month via Zoom. Meeting ID: 836 6365 5447 Passcode: 788286. Please join us on 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. Details can also be found on our Celebrate! Facebook page.

Live Craftalong – postponed until after Easter

Weekend Inspiration – this will be going out on our social media on Friday/Saturday to inspire you with different ways of worshipping with your household.

God Bless **Rev'd Tom**





## Text 'PRAY' to 88802 Everyone needs a little help sometimes

Over this difficult time we want to reach out to people across North Cheltenham and give the unique support we have to offer. Our faith. I believe that prayer is a crucial part of our spirituality and is also an amazing way of supporting people. Anyone can text the number 88802 and start their message with the word PRAY. We will then be phoning people back and offering prayer. This is a witness to our belief that prayer makes a difference, our hope that God walks with us in the most difficult of times and our resolve to reach out to the community even when we are at our most restricted.

Ways to get involved:

POSTERS - Download and print off a poster for your own window or for your local shop.

SHARE - Use social media to share this offer of prayer

PRAY - You can pray that people will see this and be brave enough to send the text.

For more information contact **Revd Tom** on [tom.cook@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:tom.cook@northchelt.org.uk)

\* **ST LAWRENCE** \*

The Swindon Village news magazine, Village News, is back in production and is available on the Parish Council's website - [www.swindonparish.org.uk](http://www.swindonparish.org.uk)

\* **ALL SAINTS** \*

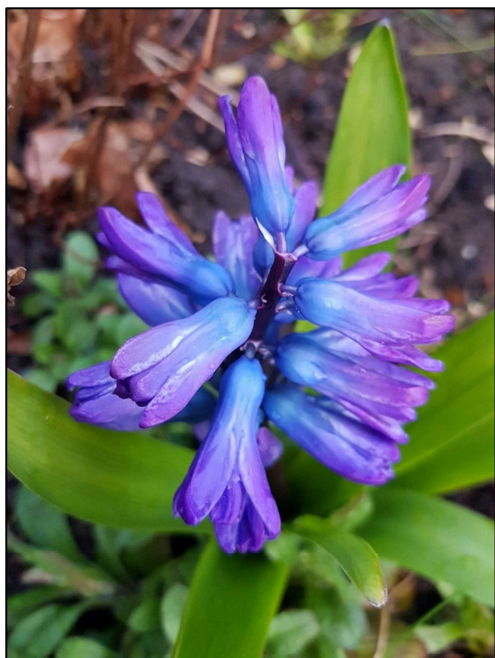
## HELP US SAVE THE ALL SAINTS' 'HOLST' PIPE ORGAN

The organ at All Saints' was built in 1887 by William Hill & Son, one of most respected English organ builders of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and retains much of its original pipework and fine tonal character. The specification was drawn up by the vicar, George Gardiner and the first organist, Adolph von Holst, father of the composer Gustav Holst. As a boy, Gustav sang in the choir and wrote some of his first compositions for the instrument.

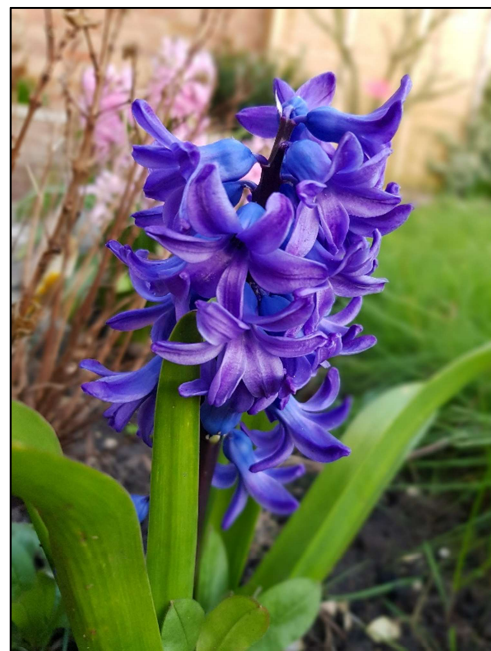
After more than 130 years of service, the original leatherwork is in a perilous state and many mechanical parts are worn out and need replacing. Constant atmospheric changes have taken their toll on wooden components, such as soundboards, and more than 2,500 pipes need to be cleaned and tonally regulated. We need to raise around £500,000 to put this cathedral-size organ on a sound footing so that it can provide another 100 years of service to the church and the local community.

Your support will be vital in helping us achieve our goal. A donation to our 'Sponsor a Pipe' appeal will make a real difference. Please have a look at our website [www.sponsorapipe.co.uk](http://www.sponsorapipe.co.uk) where you can try out our 'virtual organ console', find lots of useful information on the project including videos, photographs, and recordings, and make a secure online donation. Information leaflets will also be available across the team churches for those who prefer more traditional payment methods. In addition to seeking local donations, we will be applying to major grant awarding bodies for funds. As we come out of lockdown we will be holding events to raise awareness of the project and publicly launch the 'Sponsor a Pipe' appeal. Do get involved and help us save this historic organ.

You can also contact **Alex Fishburn** (Director of Music) or **John McElroy** (Chair, All Saints' Organ Committee) at [enquiries@sponsorapipe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sponsorapipe.co.uk) for further information.



A purple hyacinth in my garden, taken a few days apart, after the flowers had opened up. **Kate**



### NOTICE ABOUT FUNERALS

Funerals can still take place in church, the Church of England guidelines are that no more than 30 people may attend. Bearing this in mind and the limits placed on funerals at the Crematorium (no more than 30 mourners), we ask that you continue to remain at home and light a candle at the time of the funeral as listed on this sheet and say a prayer (please see our website for some prayers you may wish to use). We are offering all families who have lost loved ones at this time a memorial service in the future if they so wish. Please also remember at this difficult time for many, the families and friends who are mourning loved ones, as well as the Funeral Directors who are dealing with arranging funerals under difficult circumstances, and the clergy who are supporting those in mourning.



### A CHRISTIAN PASSOVER – THURSDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>.

Gas Green Baptist Church are holding a Passover meal over Zoom on Maundy Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, starting at 7.00 pm. Details below: If you would like to take part, please contact Kate by email at [admin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk) and your email will be passed on to Iain for the Zoom link to be sent out to you the day before

On the night before Jesus died he shared the Passover meal with his disciples – a special meal Jewish families still share once a year. The house would be cleaned, the best knives, forks and plates would be used and during the meal the family and guests would tell the story of Exodus again.

***It was a traditional time to invite people as guests so that no-one had to celebrate on their own. Tonight we will follow the pattern of the Passover, but tell the story of Jesus, the Lamb of God as well as the Passover. It uses some of the traditional prayers and symbols of a Jewish Passover, tells the story of the Passover but also has some New Testament readings as well.***

You will need:

- A copy of the liturgy for everyone
- Wine/Ribena to drink as the service/meal proceeds
- One central candle
- Tea light candles for everyone
- A bowl with water and a towel
- A bowl of parsley
- A bowl with salt water
- Some Matzos (unleavened bread) or any crackers
- A bowl of horseradish
- A bowl of sweet jam –this is called haroset.

Haroset is made using chopped apple, nuts, cinnamon and wine.

Partially peel and chop or finely dice an apple leaving some skin on. Add chopped or ground walnuts or pecans and an equal amount of raisins. Season with cinnamon, honey and a little red sweet wine-or Ribena.

- The main meal – normally Lamb and you can have it any way you choose. Hot with vegetables, in a wrap with some salad or a lamb sandwich. Vegetarians choose their favourite option!
- Suggested that we allow 15 minutes to eat the main meal. Everyone remains unmuted so conversation can flow whilst we eat.
- Suggested start time for the Seder meal is 7pm.
- Invitations to the Zoom meeting for Seder meal will be sent the previous day.

Before the service and meal begin you will need to have all the above items ready to ensure a smooth running once the service/meal starts.

*The writing in the liturgy is set out in 3 ways*

- ordinary text is read by the named individual;
- **bold text is read by the whole group**
- *italic text are the instructions and don't need to be read out*

If you have any pictures you would like to share with others, to let people know what you are doing during the lockdown, then please send them to [news@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:news@northchelt.org.uk). Thank you.



**Our Lent Journey so far —Week 3 LIGHT – gaining wisdom and the beginning of Week 4 SHELTER – finding security.**

**LIGHT:** It's Craft Thursday today! One big light in life for many people is their Mother figure. As Mothering Sunday approaches, we have a special craft for you to try out in honour of your Mum or any important mother figure to you. You will need: empty toilet roll, scissors, a piece of card, pens/paints and a glue stick

Step 1: Squash the toilet roll flat with your hand

Step 2: cut 7 even strips along the toilet roll (ask an adult for help with scissors!)

Step 3: check that you have 7 strips - or more if you desire (you may need another toilet roll!)



Step 4: colour in 5 of these in a pretty flower petal colour, and the remaining 2 in a leafy green (you can use paint or pens for this - we left the inside blank but you can colour this in too!)

Step 5: arrange your 5 petals in a circle at the top of your card, and the other two further down (see picture). Take a green pen and draw the stem down from the petals to the bottom of the page

Step 6: use glue to stick the petals and leaves down in line with the stem

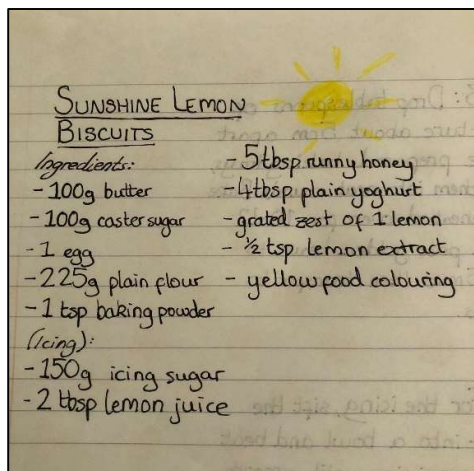
Step 7: use a pen to add details to the leaves and the centre of the flower



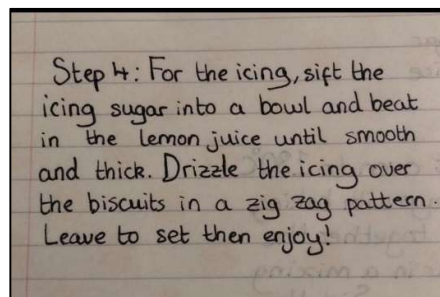
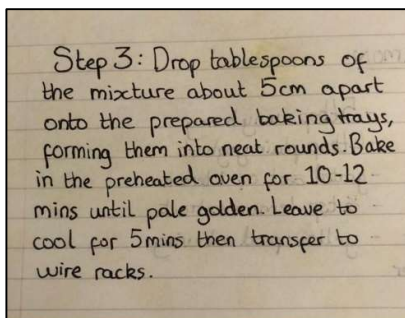
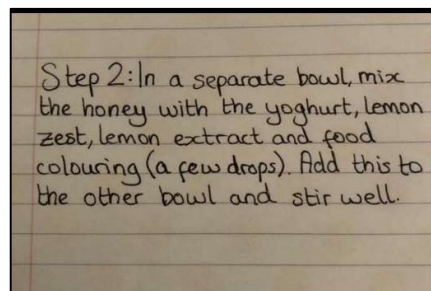
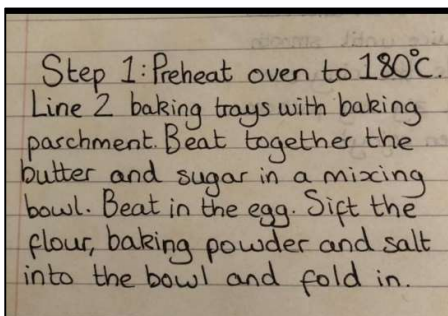
Now you have a beautiful Mothering Sunday flower! Feel free to be creative and add more decorations and details - we would love to see your designs! #nctlent21 #lent

Florence, thank you for sharing your beautiful flower picture with us. →





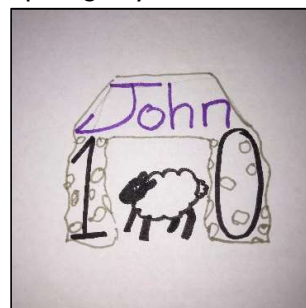
LIGHT: For Food Friday this week we have a recipe for some Sunshine Lemon Biscuits to brighten your day! We hope you enjoy having a go at making these - do send us pictures of how they turn out! #nctmlent21 #lent



LIGHT: It's social Saturday! Today we invite you to play with light to create shadow puppets. You can use the sunlight, a lamp or a torch to create some marvellous shadows. Our best attempt was the shadow of Yoda (for all you Star Wars fans!) Show us what you can create and see how much fun can be had when you are in the presence of light #nctmlent21 #lent

SHELTER: our new theme begins today! This week we shall look at shelter. Our passage today is from John 10. Below is a short section taken with just a few of Jesus' words. We encourage you to read the whole passage if you have time. If not, read these words and think about how Jesus reassures us of finding security with him

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." ~ John 10:14-18 (NRSV) #nctmlent21 #lent

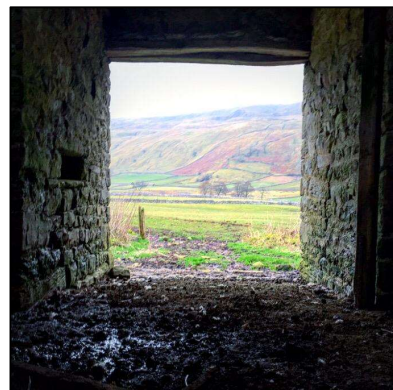


SHELTER: for Media Monday today, we want to see what shelter means to you. It could be a home, a bus stop, a tree, a church, an animal pen - whatever you feel represents shelter! #nctmlent21 #lent

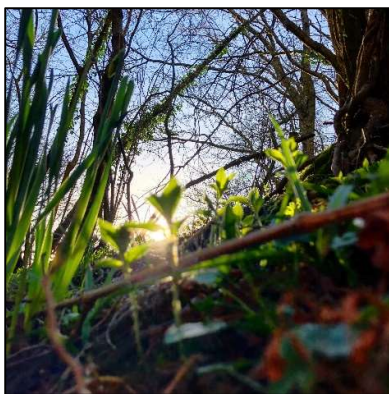
SHELTER: Today's tune for Tune Tuesday is "Arms of Grace" by Beth Croft. It wonderfully summarises how much shelter God can provide us with in times of need or when you feel in darkness. The lyrics are below if you would like to sing along: How many times have you found me wandering in the rubble of yesterday's hope? Weighed down with burdens, barely standing but I am desperate to see you again, to see you again.

Running into your arms of grace with no reason to hide away. It's not the first time I've been in this place, I'm coming home again. I'm welcomed home again.

#nctmlent21 #lent To watch this video please go to <https://www.northchelt.org.uk/lent>







**SHELTER:** for Wild Wednesday today, why not try to build a bug hotel using materials such as sticks and leaves that you find on the ground around you? Try to avoid picking any of the fresh greenery that's starting to come through - they need time to grow into spring now! Send us pictures of your miniature bug hotels for us to share! #nctmlent21 #lent

The North Cheltenham Team Ministry is following current Church of England advice - which can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the Church of England are reviewing the Roadmap as to what this means for our churches, so things remain the same at the current time: churches are able to remain open for communal worship. This is provided that any person attending is:

**Alone or**  
**part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households (i.e. support bubble)**  
**You must not join any other group or 'mingle' with any person from another group.**

If you are in an 'at-risk' category for COVID-19 the Government advice is to stay at home as much as possible and observe social distancing guidance. Please bear this in mind before attending services at our churches. We do have online services every Sunday at either 9.30 am or 10.30 am, followed by virtual coffee on Zoom. We also have some evening prayer services online on a Tuesday at 6.30 pm, Wednesday at 8.30 pm and Thursday at 6.30 pm. If you would like to attend Church when there are fewer people, then please note we are open for Individual Private Prayer as listed further down this page.

With the lockdown in place, a reminder that people should attend only their local churches, however, we look forward to welcoming visitors from further afield once the lock-down restrictions are eased.

Another reminder that any volunteers at our services should not present themselves for duty if they are in the 'at-risk' category.

Please follow all guidance that is in place to keep you and others safe.

When you do attend for our Sunday services, please wear a face mask **BEFORE** entering the church, and keep this on for the duration of your time in Church. (A mandatory requirement as set out by the Government since the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Part of the new rules, including the 'Rule of 6' introduced on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 is that they are backed up in law, and breaking of the rules can now result in a scale of increasing fines, and even imprisonment.). A document will be available on our website from the Church of England, and also in our churches, regarding the wearing of face masks and who is exempt. This includes the clergy while they are taking a service, provided they are able to keep the 2 metre distance from you (therefore a mask will be worn by the clergy when they offer communion). Information regarding the wearing of face masks in Church. You will only be able to attend a service as a household/support bubble following the 'Rule of 6'. There should be no mixing or 'mingling' between 'bubbles' while attending these services.

When you enter, please use the hand sanitiser available for your use.

Once in the Church, please sit where you are directed, either by the Sidespeople, or by the location of the service sheets, which have already been set out, keeping to the required social distance. Please **DO NOT** pick up the service sheets and move to another seat or place in the pews.

Before we were able to open our churches, the Clergy Team and Wardens spent a lot of time going through the guidelines and creating risk assessments to enable us to do so (as required by the Church of England and the Government).

**We want to be able to keep our Churches open for private prayer and worship, and can only do this with your co-operation in following these guidelines.**

**There are new guidelines for places of worship that have been issued by the Government this week, which the Church of England are going through to amend their existing guidelines on their website, and any changes that are made will be implemented in the coming days as we receive them.**

**Thank you for your continued support in enabling us to offer private prayer and services.**

**We are endeavouring to keep in contact with you all through various platforms and by offering online services and prayers.**

Please keep checking our website: [www.northchelt.org.uk](http://www.northchelt.org.uk)

For further information, please email [admin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk) or

call 01242 244373 and leave a message and this will be picked up

### **PRAYER LISTS AT ALL CHURCHES**

If you would like to be prayed for by name on the service sheet, or know of someone who would like to be prayed for, or needs to be prayed for, please contact Kate at the office, either by email, [admin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk) or by telephone on 01242 244373. You can of course, speak to any of the clergy or wardens at your church who will contact Kate on your behalf. We only ever put someone's first name on the prayer list, Any names added to the prayer list will then remain on the list for a period of three months. After that time the name will be removed, UNLESS you have contacted Kate or a member of clergy to ask to stay on for another three month period.

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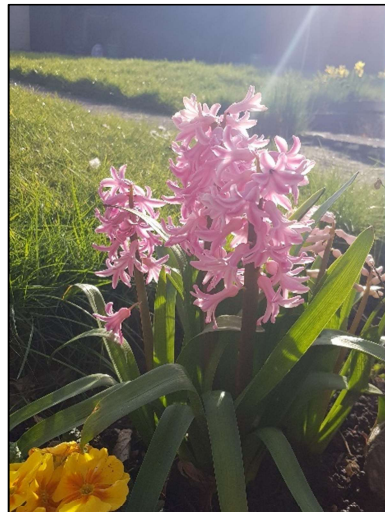
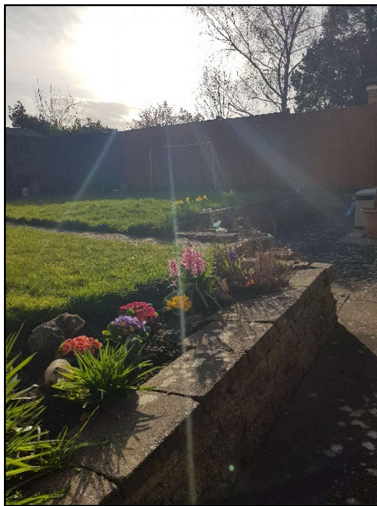
*The office is open: **Monday to Friday: 9.00 am – 12.00 noon***

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**THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 1200 EACH WEDNESDAY**

This news sheet is available electronically. To sign up to receive it by email, please go to: [www.northchelt.org.uk/news](http://www.northchelt.org.uk/news)

**Baptisms (Christenings) & Weddings** may be arranged at the Team Office on 01242 244373 (opening hours as above) – alternative number at the current time: 01242 244877



More flowers basking in the sun in my garden this week. **Kate**



Sunsets around Prestbury this week.  
**Kate**



## THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

(available on our website also) <https://www.northchelt.org.uk/aboutus/calendar>

### MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

St Mary's

1400 Funeral of **Julie Mansell**

Cheltenham Crematorium

2000 Online Bible Study with Rev Mary via Zoom

Zoom

If you would like to find out more or to get the Zoom code for the meeting please get in touch with Rev Mary

([mary.bowden@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:mary.bowden@northchelt.org.uk) or 07921 315894)

### TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

St Mary's

1030 Online prayer service for the National Day of Reflection

Online

1430 Funeral of **Sidney Sallis**

Cheltenham Crematorium

1830 Evening Prayer with Father Robert

Online

1930 Prestbury PCC Meeting on Zoom

Zoom

2000 Alpha Online – for more information contact Revd Tom Cook

Zoom

[tom.cook@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:tom.cook@northchelt.org.uk) Tel: 07539 551398

### WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396**

**Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953**

**Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980**

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

St Mary's

1000-1200 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

St Lawrence

1400-1600 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

All Saints

2030 Evening Prayer with a Celtic Flavour with Rev Mary Bowden

Online

### THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

0900-1300 Church open for Private Prayer

St Mary's

1900 Online Mass for the Annunciation

Online

### FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883**

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

St Mary's

1300 Funeral of **Maria Caton**

Cheltenham Crematorium

### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

St Mary's

1000-1200 Church open for Individual Private Prayer

All Saints

1300 Burial of Ashes of **William Nicholls**

St Mary's

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### PALM SUNDAY

#### Online services

0930 Eucharist, streamed live from St Nicolas

Online

1630 Celebrate! Online via Zoom

Zoom

#### Services in our churches:

0800 Mass

All Saints

0800 Eucharist

St Mary's

0915 Holy Communion

St Lawrence

0930 Eucharist – streamed live

St Nicolas

1030 Mass

All Saints

1045 Service for the family

St Mary Magdalene

1100 Eucharist

St Mary's

1830 Evening Prayer

St Lawrence

1830 Evening Prayer

St Mary's

1830 Evening Service

All Saints