CHURCH UPDATE #3
Livestreamed Worship has gone, er, Live!

I continue to hope and pray that you are all okay. ‘Surreality’ is now my word of the month! Especially now that Penny and I held our very first livestreamed service here from the Vicarage Office/Study - now Studio – yesterday morning. It wouldn’t have happened without our in-house brother-in-law and IT Engineer Michael Beverley who has been brilliant. It nearly went entirely according to plan, but I won’t say any more, because the recording of it is on our Facebook Page @stMarysTicehurst (see the post that says ‘This live video has ended’ and click ‘Watch Now’) and you may not have seen it. Learning as we go along! And so we go again next Sunday (see notice below). Please use the same service sheet already emailed/Royal Mailed out. It’s also here/printable on this our website www.ticehurstandflimwell.church Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Communions will also be livestreamed both at 11am.

WORSHIP AT HOME THIS SUNDAY, 11.00AM
LIVESTREAMED FROM THE VICARAGE
Holy Communion for Palm Sunday, 5th April 2020
with Ashley and Penny Evans (Vicar and Reader)
Viewable from our Facebook Page @stMarysTicehurst

This follows on from our first livestreamed service the previous Sunday, which can be viewed as a recording on our Facebook Page (40 mins long).

The service sheet is available on this website’s homepage under this Notice Board (click the cross top right), as are our three updates. Do look at the service sheet in advance, in case you wish to get the texts of the Bible readings ready to follow in print.

Bring something akin to a palm cross (or last year’s if you still have it)!
And arrive early to avoid disappointment (...of missing the start)!

PLEASE SEE THE PREVIOUS UPDATE, #2, (BELOW) FOR THESE ‘ENCOURAGEMENTS’ ...
Please watch out for your neighbours ...
Do you want to go on our email circulation list?
Can you help us in the absence of Sunday collections being taken?
Bank account details (both Nat West Bank):
Ticehurst PCC – acct no 71164383 – sort code 60-22-15
Parochial Church Council of Flimwell – acct no – 35098651 – sort code 60-22-15

Do contact me the Vicar if you need to chat and do update me as to how things are with you.

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Dear Friends

**UPDATE #2 ! (WORSHIP AT HOME)**

I do hope and pray that you are all okay. ‘Surreality’ is still my word of the week. I thought that the Archbishop’s service last Sunday was very moving, the St Martin’s Singers excellent. Penny and I can’t replicate that, nor the setting, but this coming Sunday (29th) at 11am, we plan to make a Facebook broadcast available of a Communion service from the Vicarage, now that church buildings are closed. It can be seen on our Facebook Page @stMarysTicehurst ... we hope! We have a very good technician here, and the dog (even the cat) will be isolated from us during recording. Enclosed or attached for you is the service we are going to follow, intending to re-use it on Palm Sunday and possibly Maundy Thursday (tbd). If you don’t have access to Facebook, do follow it anyway! The Collects and a list of the readings are on it (the back page when folded) for which do use your Bible or the internet links given. I have also enclosed for any day a C of E document about and offering home liturgy for ‘Spiritual Communion’. And do keep the previous Update for information on worship/prayer resources.

**Please watch out for your neighbours**, especially the elderly, and for friends in the congregation who you know are not on email/our email circulation list. Use the phone!

**If you are on email**, but did not receive this or the previous Update, and would like to be on our email circular list, please do email me or Di Freeman.

**And also please consider putting aside** for giving later, or for payment in a different way (BACS, direct debit plus gift-aiding), what you would be putting in Sunday collections. Some of you won’t be able to, I know. Bank account details (both Nat West Bank):
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**Do contact me if you need to chat.** (Leave a message with name and number if I can’t answer.) ... and do update me as to how things are with you. For the moment Penny and I will struggle to get in touch with you all (but we have started, bearing in mind GDPR preferences given us).
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Enc: Service sheet for next 2 weeks
The Archbishops (Canterbury and York) announced last Tuesday lunchtime the suspension until further notice of all C of E services and gatherings because of the coronavirus pandemic. They called upon us to be a different sort of church, radically so, in terms of our worship now we’re having to be home-based for the not-so-foreseeable. Thus we play our part in decreasing the spread of COVID-19, but hopefully we can increase our vigilence and care for our neighbours and our sacrifice of praise, thanks and prayer to Almighty God through Christ our Lord (not just on a Sunday)!

TOMORROW. The Archbishop of Canterbury is leading a service for Mothering Sunday at Lambeth Palace tomorrow which is being broadcast at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Local Radio Stations, For more info see the Sunday Worship webpage at:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gm8f
It is also being shown as a video recording on the C of E website at 9.00am:
https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/online-church
... and on that webpage are other online resources.
(The BBC Radio 4 FM schedule for early Sunday morning shows other religious programmes, see:-) https://www.bbc.co.uk/schedules/p00fzl7j/2020/03/22

COVID-19. The Archbishops also called for tomorrow (Sunday 22nd) to be observed at home as a National Day of Prayer and Action. They ask at the end of their announcement (link below) that you light a candle and (safely) make it visible in your home at 7.00pm.
However, at 9.30am or 11am tomorrow, when St Augustine’s Flimwell and St Mary’s Ticehurst (respectively) would have had their main service, why not as part of the National Day of Prayer and Action, use the prayer leaflet produced by our Licensed Lay Reader, Penny Evans, entitled “Prayers for Healing and Help in a Time of Crisis”, for use by our congregations at home and by anyone going to pray in St Mary’s. [See adjacent link on our website homepage.] There will be copies in St Mary’s to collect and take home — PLEASE DO NOT HANDLE ANY OF THESE AND THEN LEAVE THEM IN CHURCH.

Or there are more prayer resources here from the C of E website, and worship resources below it:-

DAILY WORSHIP
Simple C of E Morning Prayer and Night Prayer for daily use, especially with the isolated in mind:-
https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/midweek_worship_at_home_0.pdf
Here are the full texts of the C of E Morning/Evening Prayer, Prayer During the Day, and Night Prayer (Compline). See this webpage (click on its More Options for a fuller choice, e.g. BCP):
https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer
Every weekday there is the 9.45am BBC Radio 4 LW (Long Wave) Daily Service (15 mins), info at:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gkv0
Or the ecumenical Oremus daily service text at www.oremus.org - click on today (to the left).

Rural church worship resources and reflections in response to coronavirus, see:-
https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/together-apart/  ASK IF YOU WISH TO SEE THIS – A.E.
Together Apart issue a weekly email. The Week 1 reflection is by Revd Dr Mark Betson, National Rural Officer, formerly our Diocesan Rural Officer. It’s not on their website, so it’s below.

And finally … some good news! Finley Thomas Cole was born on Saturday 14th March at 9.23am to Tom and Annika Cole, weighing 7lb 12oz, and Eleanor is enjoying being a big sister!
THE C of E PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  Amen.

Call 01580 849280 for volunteer help in Ticehurst, Flimwell and Wallcrouch (the Ticehurst Community Friends ansaphone number, coordinating local volunteers).

Please do watch out for your neighbours, especially the elderly, and for friends in the congregation who you know are not on email/our email circulation list. We’d love to add people to our email list, but we need their permission confirming what their email address is! (By contacting me, or our Administrator Di Freeman on admin@ticehurstandflimwell.church)

Please consider giving more to Nourish, our local Food Bank providers (based in TW, collection point in the village store) and items for Family Support Work at their table/noticeboard in St Mary’s (turn right on entry).

And also please consider putting aside for giving later, or for payment in a different way (BACS, direct debit plus gift-aiding) what you would be putting in Sunday collections. Some of you won’t be able to, I know. But like many organisations and charities, this year’s parish and diocesan finances will surely take a huge hit.

A copy of this update (and the Together Apart attachment) will be posted up in St Mary’s for our people who are not on email/internet and for any visitors to see (but not handle!).

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God bless you all.

Ashley         21st March 2020