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Prayer for those effected by the coronavirus

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.

A note from the magazine team ...

Happy Easter!

Wow what strange and difficult times we currently find ourselves in, you will find that this month is a little thinner than usual due to the Coronavirus outbreak but hopefully no less enjoyable. In this edition you will find many Easter related thoughts, heaps of encouragement as well as information on how to stay connected with the parish and those around you.

Due to the virus we are unable to get this edition in hard copy so please feel free to share/forward this around to those who (under the current circumstances) may not receive this. However, if anyone does require this magazine in a hard copy, please email the postal address to the email below and we will try and get a copy to you as soon as we can.

Similarly if you would like to be included in the mailing list please do let us know.

Hope you enjoy this edition, this is very much your magazine so if you would like to contribute, the dead-line for submissions for the April magazine is:

Friday 17th April.

You can send in your contributions via:

melthamparishmagazine@gmail.com or via the vicarage letterbox. (150 Huddersfield Rd, HD9 4AL)

God bless, Kirstin and Fiona.

Meltham Prayer Chain

Meltham Prayer chain has representatives from every church in Meltham and serves to pray for any need or difficulty.

Confidentiality is always respected.

If you would like to ask for prayers to be said, please contact

Rev Peter Rolls 340342

Lay reader Hester Deacon 657069

Letter from your Vicar.

To say that things feel strange at the moment would be something of an understatement. I'm sure that this is as true for all of you as it is for me. It is not just sad but quite surreal that our Churches stand empty at a time when we and our nation need prayer so much as it does right now. It is particularly odd to look out of my office window and see St James' standing there knowing that the bishops have given instructions that even the clergy must not go in.

For the time being my prayers must be said at home as must yours. I'm sure many of you do continue to pray, as I assure you so do I, and I will encourage you (though I doubt many need to be encouraged) to pray even more at the moment than you may usually do.

Please do continue to pray for our nation, health workers and all our key workers, those who are unwell, and all those who are in leadership. They each need God's sustaining grace and guidance.

But please also remember to pray for each other; social distancing/social shielding is I'm sure the best thing at the moment for the physical health of us all, but we were not made to be alone, we were made to live in relationship. Whilst our relationship with Jesus may be the most important relationship that any of us can ever have, it has long been my belief that this relationship is best developed alongside others who wish to do the same.

We Christians call this fellowship.

I was pleased to find that over 100 people accessed the service that was provided on our website this Sunday. Whilst I'm sure there were many higher quality offerings available it showed a wish amongst us to be together in some way. I was in fact much more encouraged to hear stories of how some people managed to share this experience by phoning people who may have struggled to access the service through the internet and listening to it together over the phone. I heard how some shared it in a group phone call, and that some simply chose to listen with a friend.

We may not be able to gather together physically, but our fellowship and our need for fellowship is strong, it will not easily be broken. Let's pray and work together to make sure that the challenges we face at the moment don't just see this fellowship survive but see it grow in strength, depth, and numbers as we invite others to join.

God bless Rev'd John



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Symbols of Easter

Rev'd John Dracup

There are many symbols of Easter; some I understand and others I'm less clear on.

Some I understand!

The cross; Where Jesus died.

The tomb; Where Jesus was buried.

The crown of thorns: Jesus is King.

The paschal candle; the light of Jesus will never be put out.

Spring lamb; Jesus is the lamb of God.

Some that I think I understand!

Eggs/ Chicks; New life.

Chocolate eggs; new life and the empty tomb.

When I was a child, I am sure that the chocolate buttons were put inside of the egg. Did the makers of chocolate eggs stop doing this because it is easier and cheaper or were they aiming for greater theological accuracy?

Some things I don't understand!

The Easter Bunny;

Apparently this tradition may have been started by 17th century German Lutherans. There is the suggestion that the Easter Bunny judged whether a child had been good or not in the same way as Santa does at Christmas. There is also speculation that the Easter Bunny may have been connected to the Saxon goddess of Spring and dawn "Eastre" though there is no evidence of this except the name sounding a bit the same when translated into English.

Grace and Mercy; I will never fully understand how these work.

That Jesus would love me so much that he would choose to die on a cross so that I could receive his mercy (not get the bad thing I do deserve) and his grace (receive the good things I don't deserve) but, as a Christian I gladly accept these things.

As a chocolate lover, I guess the Easter Bunny is ok too.









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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This group has been currently paused due to the recent outbreak. However once 'normal service' resumes the Women's Fellowship group usually meet inside of St Bart's Church once a month on a Tuesday starting at 2pm.

Meltham Women's Institute

Unfortunately Meltham's WI has cancelled the meetings planned for April, May and June.

We plan to resume our meetings as soon as the current situation returns to normal.

Many thanks Kate Schofield, President



200 CLUB March winners:

334 £50 Mrs E Meacham

846 £10 Mrs S Holloway

408 £10 Mrs D Algar

852 £10 vacant number

883 £10 Mrs K Pogson

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SIDE BY SIDE—Postponed

SIDE BY SIDE is a small group run by volunteers who meet to offer friendship and support to people who are beginning to have memory problems or have recently been diagnosed with dementia.

This group usually meets every Monday 10 - 12 at Meltham Methodist Church, but is currently postponed until further notice.

The group aims to provide a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities to chat, share memories, enjoy a range of activities which all encourage conversation and generally to have a bit of fun.

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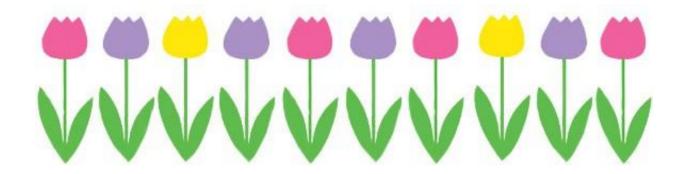
By Kitty O'Meara

And the people stayed home, and read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art and played games and learned new ways of being and were still.

And listened more deeply. some meditated, some prayed, some danced, some met their shadows, and the people began to think differently.

And the people healed, and in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses and made new choices and dreamed new images and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.



Join in prayer at 11am each day

Many across Meltham at 11am are being encouraged to pray, knowing that at this time others will be praying too. Why not join in and...

Pray for the world, the people and their needs.

Pray for our work force, our NHS, Police, Fire Service and Armed Forces.

Pray for our government and the Advisors.

Pray for encouragement and ask for guidance in all we do.

Pray for ourselves.



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St Mary's Report

Rev John Dracup was celebrant at a service of Holy Communion on 16th February. He gave a talk about how, as Christians, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and our smiles should help others to see Jesus. When we go to God with our broken "things" He can fix them and us. How amazing! We sang Happy Birthday to Kim and Rev John and enjoyed coffee and fellowship afterwards.

On Sunday 23rd February we heard again the Bible account of the Transfiguration, when Jesus' disciples Peter, James and John caught a glimpse of His Glory. This confirmed Jesus as Gods beloved Son and that He was the promised Saviour. Rev Judy led the service and was celebrant and Kim assisted with the chalice.

The following Sunday was St David's Day when Lay reader Jacqueline France led a Service of the Word. Jacqueline took as her theme "The temptation of Jesus" and spoke about how sometimes God uses our wilderness experiences to help our faith to grow. Coffee was served after the service.

Rev Judy led a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 8th March. At the beginning of the service Rev John gave out a notice about the advice given to Churches regarding the Coronavirus and how we can best defend ourselves. Rev Judy gave a talk about how Jesus transforms us and sets us free to be fully alive. Through God's love and Jesus' sacrifice we receive the gift of eternal life.

We never realised this at the time but Sunday 15th March would be the last time the church would join together due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Changes were put in place like a hand wash station in the porch to ensure hands were washed before the service and no refreshments were served. We were once again to be updated on recent information on the Corona virus and were reminded to watch out for one another during this difficult time and to make sure no one is left feeling lonely.

THE LORD IS MY PROTECTOR, HE IS MY STRONG FORTRESS. MY GOD IS MY PROTECTION AND WITH HIM I AM SAFE. HE PROTECTS ME LIKE A SHIELD, HE DEFENDS ME AND KEEPS ME SAFE, HE IS MY SAVIOUR.

2 SAMUEL chapter 22 v2-3

These two verses helped me so much when I was fighting cancer. I hope they will help you at this worrying and difficult time. Rev Judy



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Daily Bible Readings for the month of April

<u>Date</u>	Old Testament	New Testament		
1st	Exodus 9:1-12	Hebrews 12:3-13		
2nd	Exodus 9:13-end	Hebrews 12:14-end		
3rd	Exodus 10	Hebrews 13:1-16		
4th	Exodus 11	Hebrews 13:17-end		
5th (Sun)	Isaiah 52:13-end of 53	Matthew 26		
6th	Lamentations 1:1-12	Luke 22:1-23		
7th	Lamentations 3:1-18	Luke 22:24-53		
8th	Jeramiah 11:18-20	Luke 22:54-end		
9th	Leviticus 16:2-24	Luke 23:1-25		
10th	Genesis 22:1-18	John18:1-end of 19		
11th	Hosea 6:1-6	John2:18-22		
12th (Sun)	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:11-18		
13th	Exodus 12:1-14	1 Corinthians 15:1-11		
14th	Exodus 12:14-36	1 Corinthians 15:12-19		
15th	Exodus 12:37-end	1 Corinthians 15:20-28		
16th	Exodus 13:1-16	1 Corinthians 15:29-34		
17th	Exodus 13:17-14,14	1 Corinthians 15:35-50		
18th	Exodus 14:15-end	1 Corinthians 15:51-end		
19th (Sun)	Isaiah 52:1-12	Luke 24:13-35		
20th	Exodus 15:1-21	Colossians 1:1-14		
21st	Exodus 15:22-16,10	Colossians 1:15-end		
22nd	Exodus 16:11-end	Colossians 2:1-15		
23rd	Exodus 17	Colossians 2:16-3,11		
24th	Exodus 18:1-12	Colossians 3:12-4,1		
25th	Exodus 18:13-end	Colossians 4:2-end		
26th (Sun)	Isaiah 55	John 5:19-29		
27th	Exodus 19	Luke 1:1-25		
28th	Exodus 20:1-21	Luke 1:26-38		
29th	Exodus 24	Luke 1:39-56		
30th	Exodus 25:1-22	Luke 1:57-end		

DAILY PRAYER

(Before Easter)

Have you always wanted to pray and read your Bible more and don't know where to start? Well here is something to get you going! This page for prayer before Easter (12th April) and use the next page for prayer after Easter.

Opening prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,

your only Son was lifted up that he might draw the whole world to himself. May we walk this day in the way of the cross and always be ready to share its weight, declaring your love for all the world. **Amen.**

The reading for the day can be found on page 17

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

- ¶ for the day and its tasks
- ¶ for the world and its needs
- ¶ for the Church and her life

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

Closing prayer

May Christ,

who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve him with joy. Amen.

DAILY PRAYER

(After Easter)

Opening prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

The reading for the day can be found on page 17

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

- ¶ for the day and its tasks
- ¶ for the world and its needs
- ¶ for the Church and her life

The Collect

God of life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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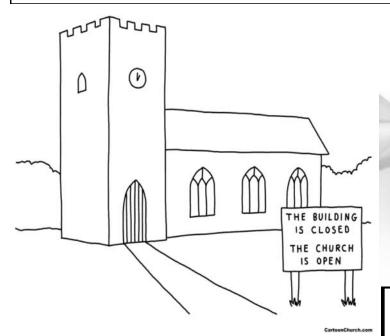
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Ecclesiastes 3:1

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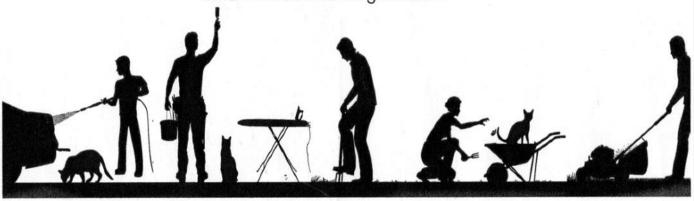
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Greenacres

The following services are currently paused.

Songs of Praise

Usually takes place on the second Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm

Holy Communion

Usually take place on the forth Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm Once resumed all will be welcome

Bell House Report

Rev Judy Kenworthy led a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 4th March. We sang "Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us" and "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" and heard about Jesus' temptations. Rev Judy reminded us that Lent is an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

Bell House

Holy Communion service has been paused, this usually takes place on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30am, in the Lounge.

Once resumed, All will be welcome.





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Helme Ladies Report

If it's Tuesday and the Tuesday that Helme Ladies meet then it has got to be snowing, this was the third Ladies meeting where there was snow. The intrepid ones met for the excitement of a beetle drive and settled down to do battle with the dice. The only noise was the rattle of the dice followed by whoops of joy when a six was achieved and the cries of delight on completing a beetle. So, it went on until it was time for tea and biscuits and the scores were added up. We had two winners, so the 1st prize had to be split between them, and a prize for the person in last place. When we emerged from the church there had been no more snow, so all got home safely.

The same day as the beetle drive it was panto time in Marsden. 16 Helme Ladies ventured over the hill to see the annual Avalanche Dodgers panto; this year titled "Grimm Tales". Here I am quoting from the programme to tell you what it was about, 'five people are stuck on a train and the trolley dolley is empty, but one person has a jammy dodger, so the person who can tell the best tale has the biscuit'.

We had the exciting stories of Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel, the Elves and the Shoemaker and Rapunzel. "Whilst the original stories were a little far fetched you will find that the Avalanche Dodgers interpretation of them stretches fantasy to the limits" it says in the programme and by heck they were right. The dancing and singing were exceptional, there were lots of laughs and the fairy just had to be seen, he sorry she was gorgeous. What a wonderful evening it turned out to be. I just don't know where the drunken Ale Trailers came from.

10th March and Helme Ladies were back to evening meetings with Jenny's game, which is similar to charades. We made two teams and took it in turn at making the gestures to explain the words. There wasn't much time for each word as the cards disappeared into the machine. When all had had a turn at making the gestures, the scores were added up to see which team had won, but it didn't really matter as we had all had fun. When the winning team asked what the prize was they were told they could wash up, just joking, but all the ladies pitch in to help with all the jobs to be done. Our next meeting will be our annual lunch so choosing our menu choices was on the agenda, this done we all headed home.

UPDATE:

The Annual Lunch has been cancelled.

We were looking forward to seeing 'West Side Story' and 'Jesus Christ Superstar' but we are all of a certain age and at risk, so I and all the other Helme Ladies are confined to barracks. We and our programme is in suspenders until further notice. However, the theatre trips have been postponed NOT cancelled as I have just been contacted by the LBT to say that 'West Side Story' will go ahead in September and they are looking at rescheduling 'Jesus Christ Superstar', so <u>ladies hang onto your tickets</u>.

All of you take care and we will be back soon.



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OVER 70 & ALL LOCKED UP

By Pam Murgatroyd

Wait 'til you get to the big seven oh And you're told that you can't go outside. You can't volunteer or go shopping for food Or go off on the bus for a ride.

I don't feel that old and I don't look too bad, Though in the morning I look quite a sight, But it's just not the thing to keep us locked up Away from our friends, it's not right.

Sundays are lonely, we can't go to church,
The other days flow into one.
The hours drag along, each one like the last
Until all of that week has just gone.

What <u>has</u> the world come to if we can't go out?

It is worse than it was in the war.

When there was just rationing to cope with each day

With no apples, bananas and more.

The pubs are all closing, the lunch clubs are gone, Coffee mornings there's none anymore. There's nowhere to socialise, nowhere to meet With your friends for a gossip, that's sure.

It's not going better, it's getting much worse
Now the schools are all closing as well.
What has the world come to? This stockpiling food
With no toilet rolls left to sell.

Next the shops will all close when they run out of food
Nothing left on their shelves to sell.
If people stayed in, it might not last as long
And try washing their hands really well.

Because when it's all over, we'll all ask ourselves:
"Just how did that happen" but still,
It is lasting so long 'cos we do our own thing
And the germs we are spreading can kill.



APRIL 2020 WEEKLY BOOKINGS: Gilbert & Sullivan rehea 7.30 p.m. **Every Monday Every Tuesday Pilates** 10 a.m. Good as Gold 2 p.m. 5.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m. Slimming World Zumba Gold **Every Wednesday** 10 a.m. Chair Exerc 1 p.m. **Every Friday** Gilbert & 7.30 p.m. **MONTHLY BOOKINGS** 1st Tuesday ₁ot/March see below) 7.30p.m. 2nd Wednesday lower Club 7.15 p.m. 2nd Thursday 2 p.m. SATURDAY Doors open 9.30 a.m. OTHER/B ch/Hall is for the use of the whole community. le Booking Secretary on the number below for details and rates.

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Can you guess all these 10 Hymns? (Answers on the back page)



Day 8 for social isolation, struck up a conversation with a spider, apparently he's a web designer

I've got horse flu, but don't worry, doctor said I was in a stable condition.

God was seen walking around the Yorkshire Dales today, he was asked what he was doing, "Working from home" he replied.

THE HYMNS

HOW THEY ARE CHOSEN EVERY WEEK



ARE PERUSED

THE SPECIAL SUNDAYS' LIST IS EXAMINED

THE THEMES IN THE BACK OF THE HYMN BOOK ARE CONSULTED



THE LIST OF ONES THE CHOIR CAN DO' IS CHECKED



THE ONES NO-ONE KNOWS OR LIKES' SHEET IS STUDIED



EVERYTHING IS FED INTO THE PARISH COMPUTER. WHICH DOES A VERY COMPLEX CALCULATION



THE MINISTRY TEAM MEETS FOR SOME COFFEE

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WHITTLES DOWN THE OPTIONS

THE PRAYER

MEETING PRAYS FOR GUIDANCE THE

CONGREGATIONAL REQUESTS' ENVELOPES ARE OPENED

MEANWHILE

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR JUST PICKS A FEW OF HER FAVOURITES (or his)



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Staying Connected

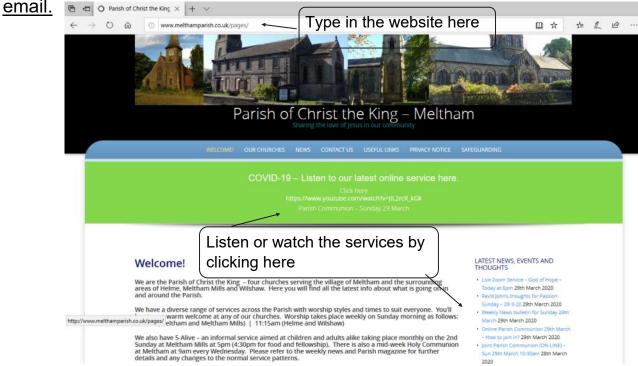
Are you struggling to keep connected while social distancing?

Well hopefully we can give you a few pointers to help keep you up to date with what is available to you in Meltham.

If you have access to email then if you want to get an email when new things are posted to the website like the latest service from Rev John or this magazine for example then you can subscribe on the parish website:

www.melthamparish.co.uk and find the bit where you can enter your email address and click 'subscribe' it will send you an email immediately with a link for you to confirm. You will then start to receive all the latest news and updates (You can unsubscribe at any time) check your spam or junk folder if you don't receive the







If you do not have access to the internet, or all attempts fail, why not just phone a friend as Jane did on Sunday.

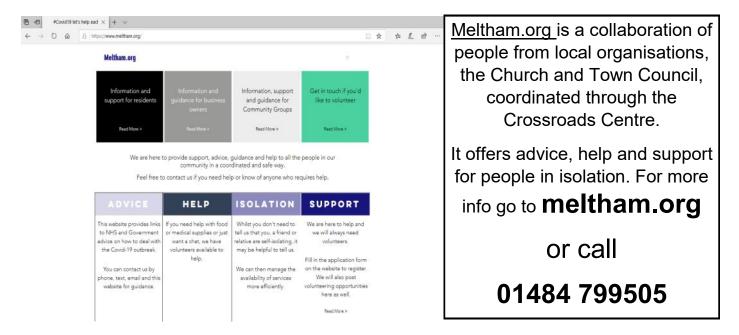
Excellent idea - Love it!

If you have a facebook account, we also have various Facebook pages which you can 'like' or follow to get notifications (see below for details). You can share posts on your own timeline if you wish or invite other people you know to 'like' or follow the pages too.



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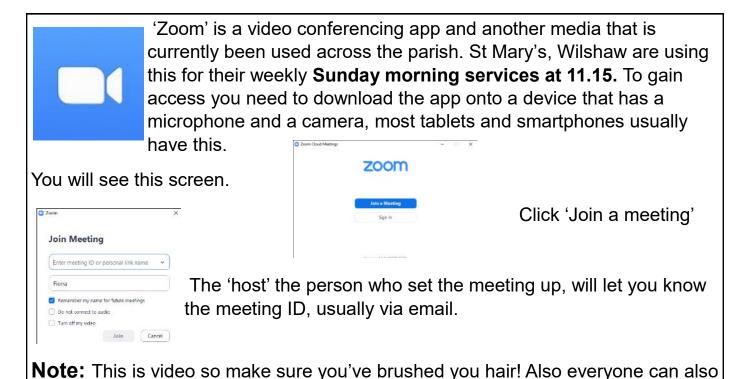
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There is also a WhatsApp messenger group set up too. WhatsApp is a messaging app that allows you to send messages to people or group of people without you having to pay for SMS messages. You can download the app from your app store (iOS or Google play etc) you need to look out for this logo.



The group is called "Meltham Church at Home!" and it is a group for people to share thoughts, encouragement and prayer or even photos to lighten up your day. You won't feel alone with over 60 others in the group! To gain access to the group you need to download the app and send a message to the group admin Nigel Priestly on: **07885 430085** and he will add you to the group.



Fiona's Family Pages

HD9 - Wilshaw Youth Group 7pm—8.30pm

The next meetings are taking place virtually on "Zoom"

For more info please contact Kim or Jacqueline on the details below. This group is for young people aged 11yrs – 17yrs and is a great place to make new friends. It usually takes place on a Friday evening every other week Please contact Kim 07512 290110 or Jacqueline.france@interface.com



The Presidents of Churches Together England encouraged us on Mother's Day this year to light a candle and take part in "A National Day of Prayer and Action" regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. The candle visually symbolising the Light of Life, Jesus Christ, our hope and source of prayer.

Here are some pictures of those who took part.







DAVE WALKER CARTOON WORKSHEET

STAYING AT HOME

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Answers to The Hymn Emoji Challenge.

Shine Jesus Shine,
 Holy, Holy, Holy
 Be Thou my Vision
 One More
 Grown Him with many crowns
 Hills of the North Rejoice
 The King of Love my Shepard is.
 Lo He comes on clouds descending.



For over two thousand years we've believed that God shared the pains and fears of our lives in Jesus Christ. That's the foundation of our faith - and it never changes.

