

Notices for the week beginning Sunday 13 March 2022



FROM NICHOLAS

During Lent we are taking the opportunity to reflect on the stewardship of our finances, time and talents. It is an expression of our worship and discipleship. More details are below.

Our services at All Saints, as is customary, change slightly during Lent to accommodate Mothering Sunday. The pattern of Holy Communion on the odd Sundays of the month continues. The dates are:

Sunday 13 March – Morning Worship

Sunday 27 March – Mothering Sunday, All Age Service inviting the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Sunday 10 April – Palm Sunday, All Age Service inviting the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Sunday 17 April – Easter Sunday

Please do consider coming to join us at the café on Tuesdays.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
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.

There are a number of charities through which you can donate for humanitarian support, including *unicef*, *DEC*, *The British Red Cross* etc.

FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE

If anyone would like to consider organising a fundraiser for Ukraine, the hall is free most Fridays and there would be no hire charge. Please contact the Parish Hall Team or Nicholas or Sue.

MEETING POINT and LITTLE LIGHTS

It is the start of recommencing some of our church life. Judy Carr is beginning to build a team to restart a café on Tuesday from 10.30am during March we will focus this on inviting our church family. It will give the new team an opportunity to run things with smaller numbers before re-opening it more widely. **If you are interested in helping please let Judy know. It does not need to be a weekly commitment,**



All Saints Baby and Toddlers has recommenced as 'Little Lights' on Tuesday afternoons from 1.00pm. Carers, babies and toddlers meet for play, craft, snacks, song a short story and a prayer.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

During Lent we traditionally reflect on our discipleship. Part of that is the stewardship of our time, talents and finance. This week we continue our Stewardship Campaign and for those on the Electoral Roll and regular church members there will be a named envelope of information for you.

During this time, we are asking you to consider whether you could give some more time of your time, talents and/or money to help us re-build our church life. We have not held a stewardship campaign since the autumn of 2018, and we have spent a good deal of our reserves in the time since then. It is important we replenish some of these as well as getting back to keeping our income in line with our spending.

As far as finance is concerned, we realise an increase in giving is impossible for some people, faced with rising prices, and we do not ask you to increase your giving if that is not practical. However, some people are in a position to give more, and if you are one of these, please consider an increase that recognises it may be three years since you last changed what you give.

ECO CHURCH

As a church we would like to be better stewards of our planet and so we have committed to being part of the Eco Church network and work to become more 'eco-friendly'.

We can also all do our bit individually to help reduce climate change and so we are going to be including 'Green Tips' in our weekly newsletter and on a notice board in All Saints. We might not all be able to do everything, but each little thing we do is a step in the right direction.

This week's Green Tip is:

Green Tips



Meatless Mondays – swap a meat dish for a vegetarian one at least once a week. The processing of animal products – red meat in particular – is one of the worst offenders when it comes to omitting harmful CO2 emissions.

PARISH WALK...to 'Carole's' Green Space and Manor Farm Barn.

Meet 11am Saturday 19 March Church Green, Frindsbury ME2 4HJ

Spring is on its way at last and our walk this month will see greenery shooting all around us.

While we have fond memories of our December walk to the green spaces of Wainscott, there was (at least) one we missed, and we are planning to put that right. Our walk this month takes a varied and mostly level walk through Wainscott and mixes urban and rural sights, with the longer (3 miles) walkers returning through Wainscott recreation ground (outdoor gym!) and Manor Farm Barn, while the shorter walkers (2 miles) return to church. We will all meet back at All Saints church for hot and cold drinks and tasty treats.

This is a mainly urban walk, generally on roads with pavements. However, the longer walk will involve footpaths towards the end that could be muddy if it has been wet.

Dogs on leads welcome; children under 14 must be accompanied. All welcome. Please share, and feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours.

To avoid the need for signing in please e mail pa@allsaintsfrindsbury.org.uk to reserve a place*.

* Please note all participants walk at their own risk. We may take photos of the adults to share on social media and promote our activities, unless you let us know you do not wish your photo to be taken. High-vis straps will be available for wear (but are not compulsory).

DONATIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THIS PARISH

Our financial year is coming to a close. It is a year in which we have had to invest a significant sum in the care of our buildings. Unfortunately, our regular giving has dropped and plate offerings at all services have been significantly reduced by not passing the plate around as part of our COVID protection measures.

Donations can be made at our services by cash or cheque in the collection plate, a stewardship envelope or standing order for regular giving please speak to Nicholas, the Churchwardens, Sue Jones or Alison Mings.



We are now also offering this QR code in our printed materials. Scanning the code with the camera on your smart phone will take you to the Give a Little page for our parish. You can choose how much, whether to Gift Aid, and request a receipt.

SAFEGUARDING – VOLUNTEER ROLE AGREEMENTS

The Church of England Safeguarding Requirements expect all members who have already have a voluntary role in church to complete a Volunteer Agreement. These will start to be sent out to you by email or post. If you need a printed copy, please contact Sue Jones on 01634 296050. Please sign and return within the next week if possible. You will require two referees, and these will be provided by the Church Wardens.

VIRTUAL DROP-IN CAFÉ – ‘ZOOMOFFEE’

This continues to ‘meet’ on Wednesdays at 10.30am via the Zoom application.
Message Sue for more details.



PRAYER CHAIN

Carole Morrad has asked me to remind you that the Prayer Chain are always willing to take prayer requests. If the prayer is not for you then we do ask that you have the permission of the person you are asking us to pray for.

DEMENTIA RESOURCES

At this time, those who live with dementia are understandably disoriented and upset. It has been a difficult and concerning time for their families too. Carole and Annie, our Anna Friends, have gathered some resources which are now available on the website. In particular there are a number of online training and awareness courses available at no cost.

SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES

RELEASE THE PRESSURE - new helpline from Kent County Council

Mental well-being remains a huge concern at this time.

A new phone line is available through Kent County Council, offering 24/7 access to a highly trained and experienced team, to provide expert support no matter what a person is going through.

People are encouraged not to suffer in silence and to text the word Kent to 85258 or call the number 0800 107 0160, for free confidential support.

SAFE HAVENS

Mental Health Matters can help any resident of Kent or Medway aged 16+ by offering a warm, welcoming, safe and comfortable environment. Contact: 07850 901151 or 07808 79503

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Prayer Diary 13-19 March 2022

“...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” *(Philippians 4:6)*

Prayers from the Church of England to use in our prayers for the peace of the world

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.



We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Church's Ministry	<i>Praying for the people, groups and mission and outreach of the churches in our parish, diocese and worldwide Anglican communion</i>
Community	<i>Praying for our community, our parish and Medway</i>
People of the Parish	<i>Praying for those who live in Frindsbury and Wainscott, (FW), Upnor (U), Chattenden (C) and those who work on Medway City Estate (MCE)</i>

Lent 2	Sunday, 13 March
Church's Ministry	Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Community	Give thanks for family life and those we hold dear in our hearts, praying for their health, well-being and hope.
People of the parish	Bill Street Road (FW), Olivier Drive (FW), Trident Close (MCE)
	Monday, 14 March
Church's Ministry 	Pray for the work of Tearfund, our supported charity; as part of the DEC response, it is supporting their partners in Ukraine working around the clock to meet the immediate needs of refugees – providing support such as food, bedding and temporary accommodation.
Community	Pray for all in education: teachers, support staff and administrators, pupils and students; pray for Hilltop School
People of the parish	Bingham Road (FW), Omaha Place (FW), Tudor Grove (C)
	Tuesday, 15 March
Church's Ministry	Pray for our PCC meeting this evening
Community	Pray for our Drop In Cafe– and 'Little Lights' – baby and toddler group; for those leading and helping and those who will be coming along.
People of the parish	Bogarde Drive (FW), Parsonage Lane (FW), Upchat Road (U)
	Wednesday, 16 March
Church's Ministry	Give thanks and pray for our churchyard team
Community	Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable; pray for those who care for them that they would be strengthened and encouraged. Pray for staff and residents of Frindsbury Hall
People of the parish	Brickfield View (FW), Peckham Close (FW), Upnor Road (U)
	Thursday, 17 March
Church's Ministry	Pray for our Vicar, Nicholas Cooper, and family
Community	Pray for those in leadership - pray for wisdom and discernment for our world leaders
People of the parish	Brissenden Close (U), Pemberton Square (FW), Utah Rise (FW)
	Friday, 18 March
Church's Ministry 	On Global Recycling Day pray for our stewardship of creation as individuals and as a church
Community	Pray for Comic Relief Day supporting people to live free from poverty, violence and discrimination and funding organisations supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border.
People of the parish	Broadwood Road (C), Peninsula Way (C) Vanguard Way (MCE)
	Saturday, 19 March
Church's Ministry	Pray for our parish walk – for safety and good conversation
Community	Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
People of the parish	Brompton Farm Road (FW), Pier Place (U), Vestry Place (FW)