



NO SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY OR MARCH

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM HAS DECIDED THAT, OWING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING CONCERN OVER GROWING INFECTION RATES, NO SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL AT LEAST THE BEGINNING OF APRIL.

Visits to any of the church buildings should only be made in very exceptional circumstances, and your details should be entered on the track and trace record on the noticeboard in the vestry.

Please send contributions for future Pyramid Posts by mid-day on the Wednesday before the following Sunday.

Please send me items that you would like to share – prayers, readings, “thoughts”, news, photos, humorous or serious.

Philip Sandiford, Editor

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Weekly Lent liturgy that has been used in recent years will be published each Sunday up to Easter Sunday:

LENT LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2021

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED THROUGHOUT

1st Sunday in Lent [The bread and wine]
All Sing Hymn 180 v 1

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

(Leaders come to the front during the singing of the hymn)

Reading Matthew 26 vv 26-29

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the^[b] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

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During the reading the bread and wine are held up for everyone to see.

Place the symbols on the Cross

Reading hymn 599

Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed;
By whom the words of life were spoken
And in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken.
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
Ard be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

Sing unannounced hymn 180 verse 5 - readers go back to seats

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

ONLINE SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 21st FEB BY OUR MINISTER REV. ROSEMARY RICHTER:

The link below provides access to a brief online service provided by Rev. Rosemary Richter.

<https://youtu.be/jvXE9RRDyP8>

The theme of the service is "TEMPTATION".

ONLINE SERVICES WITH THE URC CHURCH

Banstead URC invite us to join its weekly online Zoom services at 10.30am each Sunday.

The link is on the URC's website.

The link will also be e-mailed out each Saturday as a reminder.

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TRACK AND TRACE:

Sometimes church members, and possibly others, do need to come into the church buildings.

If you have cause to do this, please will you fill in the details on the chart which is pinned to the notice board in the vestry. This is all part of 'Track and Trace' if it's ever needed.

Thank you *The Church Leadership Team*

DAILY THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY – REV. CHRIS MORLEY:

The Revd Chris Morley, supernumerary minister in our circuit, has begun a daily thought on You Tube called Take Five. Having seen a couple of them myself, I think there are many in our churches who will enjoy watching them regularly.

Here's the Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxkirCKDb-4ror1QLxFp-Kw>

LENTEN MATERIAL FROM REV. CHRIS MORLEY:

Chris writes:

I hope all is well with everyone at Banstead Methodist Church.

I wrote a Lent book some years ago, but I feel it still has value and would be grateful for some publicity.

Looking for a way to use Lent this year which isn't just giving up chocolate? Take a nibble from Chris Morley's website www.tasting-life.co.uk [1]. There you'll find daily thoughts and suggestions for personal reflection and growth. Each thought starts humorously but leads to something more serious. Taste and see if you like the flavour. Have the thoughts delivered daily to your inbox, follow on the website or buy the book (which some Ruxley members already have).

Details on the website.

Love Chris

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

24th Feb: Janice Barber

SIGNS SEEN OUTSIDE CHURCHES IN THE USA:

Under the same management for over 2,000 years.

Try Jesus. If you don't like him the devil will always take you back.

You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.

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FOODBANK UPDATE:

The latest news from Foodbank HQ

Thank you once again for the support from church members for the Food Bank. During the last week (week ending 12th February) we made 96 deliveries and fed 266 people, which means numbers are staying fairly static.

Our ongoing IT project has been a great success and to date we have handed out 173 refurbished laptops and tablet devices. This has made a tremendous difference to the home schooling of many local children. If you have an old laptop or device (which fills the criteria below) then please think of us before throwing it away.

Laptops/ tablet devices need to be wiped clean, have any necessary passwords attached, have the necessary leads (ideal but not essential) be windows 7,8 or 10 compatible. We cannot accept phones or devices with windows vista or windows Xp.

Our current wish list is below, (we have most other items in stock).

Longlife sponge puddings - not from chilled counter	Breakfast cereal (NOT porridge)	
Washing up Liquid	Tinned meat pies (Alcohol free so no steak & ale etc)	
Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Fish	
Sugar - 500g bags	Shaving foam	Ladies deodorant
Pasta / Beans with meat	Ketchup	Jam

I can be contacted on **01737 356201 or 07753 236115**, if you would like me to collect items. There are also Food Bank bins in most of the major supermarkets if you just want to pop an item or two in. These are still being emptied regularly.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
Janice Barber

NEWS FROM THE SCOUTS

Update from the Scout Section

The Scouts are currently completing their Chef Badge on Zoom.

This week during the meeting they cooked fish parcels in foil using the oven rather than the open fire we would usually cook on.

Maybe not very easy with 20 youngsters all working at different speeds! However, there were some rather tasty results, and I was amazed at the wide variety of veg that was used including potatoes, onions, peppers, spinach, tomatoes, cucumber, courgette, leek and carrot.

Not sure if that was their choice or mums!

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We are also learning about kitchen hygiene, how and where to shop, transporting and storing food, prevention of food poisoning and healthy diets.

The pudding – lemon meringue cheesecake will be completed in a few weeks' time, and I am really looking forward to that! **Raksha.**

Before & after pictures from the scouts.



NEWS FROM THE BEAVERS

Week 3 – let's make more noise!

Footballs and wooden spoons at the ready this week, as improvised drums. We drummed and clapped along to the very catchy "Happy" pop song. Half way through, I noticed one of the Beavers clearly was bored and instead was doing "keepy uppies" with his football. I'm pleased to report there was no obvious damage to his bedroom. The rest of us had fun on the drums.....spot our most energetic drummer in the screens below!

We're still working through the World Challenge badge, so to tie in with the song, we reflected on things that make us happy and for which we are grateful. Pleasingly, there were lots of mentions of friends, family and pets; along with the inevitable X-Box and computer games. Sometimes you can't fight against technology.

Continuing with the badge, we then spent some time talking about key facts about Spain, Australia and Japan. The children already knew a reasonable amount about Spain and Australia in particular and loved the idea of the massive annual tomato fight in Spain.

We finished with our Promise and a sigh of relief that it's now our half term break!

Tigger
Beaver Scout Leader
Liz Batten

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CHOOSE THE WORLD YOU WANT THIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT - 22 February to 7 March 2021

SEE DETAILS ON FAIRTRADE WEBSITE

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

In 2021, Fairtrade Fortnight will feel very different. 2020 has been a hard year for everyone and we know that physically campaigning and meeting people will continue to be challenging in 2021 but we have also heard from so many of you that you want to continue to support Fairtrade through this time.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You are part of the Fairtrade movement and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message. We just have to do this a little differently in 2021!

For more information go <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>