



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

SECOND 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, 28th FEBRUARY 2021

2nd Sunday in Lent [The towel and bowl]

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 John 13 vv 1-14

During the reading the towel and bowl are held up for every one to see.

Place the symbols on the Cross

Reading of hymn 383 vv 1&2

Servant of all to toil for man
Thou didst not Lord, refuse;
Thy majesty did not disdain
To be employed for us.

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Son of the carpenter, receive
This humble work of mine;
Worth to my labour give,
By joining it to thine.

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

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

ONLINE SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 28th FEB LED BY ALAN JAMESON

The link below provides access to a brief online service via YouTube provided by Alan Jameson.

<https://youtu.be/05VvHYiyawk>

The service can be viewed via this link at any time.

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.

MAR 28th – BANSTEAD 5 PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear Friends,

There is a B5 churches together service on Palm Sunday (March 28th) evening at 6.30 pm that will take place on zoom.

The Zoom Link to this service will circulated nearer the time.

Best wishes *Rosemary*



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2nd FEB - PEGGY & RICHARD - 30th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Having carefully published birthdays for February, I must apologise for missing the publication of our congratulations to Peggy and Richard on the occasion of their 30th Wedding Anniversary on the 2nd February.

We might have missed marking the occasion, but Peggy and Richard certainly didn't – I am assured a wonderful family get together took place!

Ed.

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

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JUST A LITTLE VERSE FOR EASTER

I really don't know what to say
Except that Spring is on its way
And Easter brings us hope again
That Jesus death was not in vain.

Love to all, *Peggy*

SIGNS SEEN OUTSIDE CHURCHES IN THE USA:

Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him.

Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the snake. And the snake didn't have a leg to stand on!

Where will you be sitting in eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?

Keep using My Name in vain. I'll make rush hour longer – God.

Anon

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

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 to: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>