



Emmanuel Parish

Community News Letter

22nd March 2020

BCP 4th Sunday of Lent

CW Year A

Liturgical Colour: Purple or Lenten Array



Worship at Emmanuel

On advice from the Archbishops, all Church services are suspended until further notice. However Emmanuel Church will be open during the following times -

Mon - Fri 8-8.30 am 12-1 pm 5-5.30 P

Saturday 8-8.30 am

Sunday 8.30-11.00 am

Everyone is welcome in the church during any of the above opening times for personal prayer.

If anyone needs to talk to someone they can leave a message on the church office phone (506723) or call Rev Stewart (07540 344870) or any other member of the leadership team Linda (213986), John (07834 376050), Jean (227211) or Sara (07889 094743).

The church website will updated as the situation changes. The church Twitter account (@EmmanuelChurchSouthport) will also provide updates and has links to other relevant accounts including those of Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of Liverpool etc.



The Church of England is asking everyone to join the national call to prayer at 7pm on Sunday 22 March by lighting a candle and putting it in their window.

Collect of the day

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. Amen.



Today we celebrate the gift of Mothers all over the world and give thanks that we are all here today because of them. For their love, care, support, nurture encouragement and keeping our feet firmly on the ground. Teaching us in all areas, being a guiding force, sharing in our joys and sorrows and being there to give us a hug and some sound advice when needed. Who will fight like a lioness to protect you. Who will cry, but smile and give you an encouraging wave when you leave the nest to make your way in the world, but hopes you will fly home as often as you can. No matter how old you grow, your Mother will care and worry about you until her dying day, as you are her child. So to all Mothers be you natural, Foster, Adoptive, Grand, both past and present a BIG THANK YOU for being you and helping make us all who we are today. To all children, what ever your age, love and cherish your Mother every day and always.



A very big thank you

Give heart felt thanks and prayers to our N.H.S staff of all disciplines, to carers in elderly care homes. Hospices and family homes who are at the fore front. To our police personnel and all public services. To teachers, supermarket staff, van drivers and all those in critical care rolls.

We may all have relatives , friends in these rolls. I have a sister and niece who are teachers and will be in work caring for the children who will in school, a young cousin who is police officer, a niece who works in a care home and begins her nurse training later this year. A sister in-law who is a hospital social worker assistant for the elderly A plethora of friends who are Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, Paramedics Police officers and of course our Sara who will be asked to come out of retirement and return to the front line of care. These are just a few who are in my life circle. So thank you from us all for all that you are doing for us all during this time of National CRISIS.

All we can do is follow the advice , be sensible and self isolate where necessary, to protect others, and contact 111 if you or a loved one are poorly, protect our vulnerable of all ages in the community , so as to ride the storm. Ride the storm we will, but it will take time, how long no one knows. It will not stop us communicating, so keep in touch with emails, telephone calls and bolster one another where you can. .

SO WITH THAT IN MIND why not use this news letter , which I will write each week until I am told to stop, and use it as a platform to place a message for a friend/ family member who maybe in isolation or if you are. Tell us ways you are dealing with the isolation and give some handy tips. Tell us what you are up to . Write a poem a limerick, an article, suggest good books to read good Bible passages to follow.

Let us all light up our windows with a candle each Sunday evening at 7 pm and join in prayer together and above all **TAKE GREAT CARE OF YOURSELVES, PLEASE.**



This is YOUR news letter so if you want an item included then Please email or phone in by Thursday email sally@cleverwebseo.com or phone 01704 227 157 Many thanks Sally.

What are we doing in our house

Well we are self isolating as like many we do have compromised health issues. However, this is not getting us down and we will be doing our normal housework, spending more time in the garden. Loads of books to read and drawers to sort out , letters to write, working from home and keeping the brain ticking. Phoning our children, grandchildren, elderly aunts, uncles , cousins ,who are many, siblings, nieces and nephews, friends. Family have been great, daughter is walking the dogs, grandson bringing in work from our office and dropping on the door step,. Keeping fit , saying a prayer and having a laugh together. I am making our Granddaughters 13th Birthday Cake , at her express wish, for her birthday on Tuesday and will be collected by a family member from our porch at an allotted time. Sad we will not be at the birthday tea but think of the party we will have when all of this is over and celebrating so many occasions.

Most of all looking forward to us all being back as a congregation, hearing the church bells ring, our choir sing , our Vicar deliver his sermon and taking communion together. **STAY SAFE ONE AND ALL AND KEEP SMILING .**

