



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

St Mary's Bransgore
All Saints Thorney Hill
St Michael's Hinton
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Sunday Service for 5th
April 2020

In light of the Government guidance, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice. Sadly, this means that we will not be conducting services or other events at All Saints, St Michael's or St Mary's for the time being. However, this is certainly not a time for your Christian faith to take a back seat!

- **Every Sunday morning we will be posting a film of a service** featuring some splendid hymns, readings, prayers and a short talk suitable for all ages. A variety of people from our three churches will be involved in this. Please make engaging with this a priority! A link to the service will be on the website and on our Facebook pages.
- We are working with our ecumenical friends to support the most vulnerable in our communities. As well as supporting our own Church family, **our particular focus will be on feeding children** who normally receive free school meals and their families.
- To this end, we'll be **collecting food** for meal packages. For details, see overleaf.
- **Volunteers** are to get in touch with Ben (01425 672850 / 07990695830 / vicar@bransgoreandhinton.org). Similarly, when you have found someone in need and have discussed it with them, please let us know how we can help them. More details of how you can help on the next page.
- Now that we're all in lockdown, this may be a good time to get into better habits with prayer and Bible reading. Perhaps have a go with the Bible reading notes overleaf.
- If you are able to so, please be in frequent contact with friends from Church and offer help if you are in a position to do so. Remember that we are all the Church and the response of the Church to this crisis is not just the responsibility of other people.

Benefice Prayer Bulletin

People: Joan Bennett; Maureen Small; Annie Thomas; Garry Rowing; Claire Williams; Trevor Lyons; Pat Wainright; Janice Beardmore-Wilde; Ken Dix; Peter Sanderson; Eric Letts; Hazel Voce; Pam Marchant; Ron and Sheila Baldwin; Canon Patrick Elkins; Jose Antonio Garcia; the family of Yve Gerwat

General: All who work in caring professions and, in particular, those working with COVID-19 patients; for the vulnerable and forgotten people of our communities; for families struggling to educate their children at home; for victims of domestic abuse; for those who have lost work; for the bereaved; for the government to make the best decisions on behalf of everyone

Bible studies

How much do you think you deserve in life?
Does God owe you anything for being good? What do you have to do to make God love you?

Read Romans 4.1-12

What does Paul mean when he says 'justified by faith' and 'justified by works'?
Was Abraham justified by faith or works? What did he do for God to 'credit him with righteousness'?
From what you know, was Abraham perfect?
We're not perfect either. What do we need to do to be Abraham's children and seen by God as righteous?

What's the best way to make peace with your friends/siblings/children when you fall out with them? Why would someone need to make peace between people and God?

Read Romans 5.1-11

1-2 How can we have peace with God? What does 'justified by faith' mean? Paul has been against boasting up till now (3.27). Why are people now allowed to boast? What is the difference?

3-5 Christians suffer. How can suffering as a Christian be for our good? How does suffering produce endurance? How does endurance build character? Why do Christians have really good reason to hope?

6-11 How can you be sure that God loves you? What is so surprising about God's love?



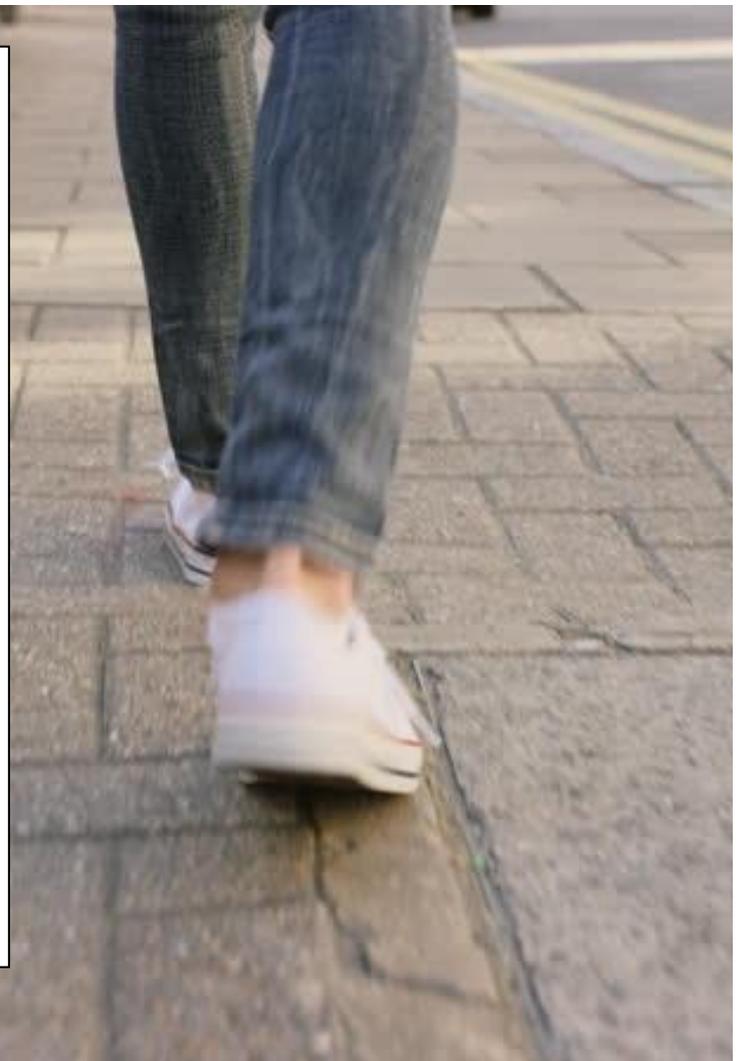
Some of you may now have heard the sad news that Yve Gerwat (née Reed) went to be with her heavenly Father on Monday 23rd March. Yve was a truly devoted disciple of Christ with a great love for others and a real passion to serve the community. She served our benefice as Churchwarden of Bransgore and Thorney Hill, during which time she got to know John who was also Churchwarden: their wedding was a day of great celebration for the whole Church. Please keep John and the family in your prayers and show them as much love and affection as you can.

Next time you go for a walk, why not put it to good use by praying for the houses, businesses and streets you pass? Here's a possible prayer you might use:

**Almighty God,
You hate nothing that you have made and hear the prayers of all who call upon you in faith:**

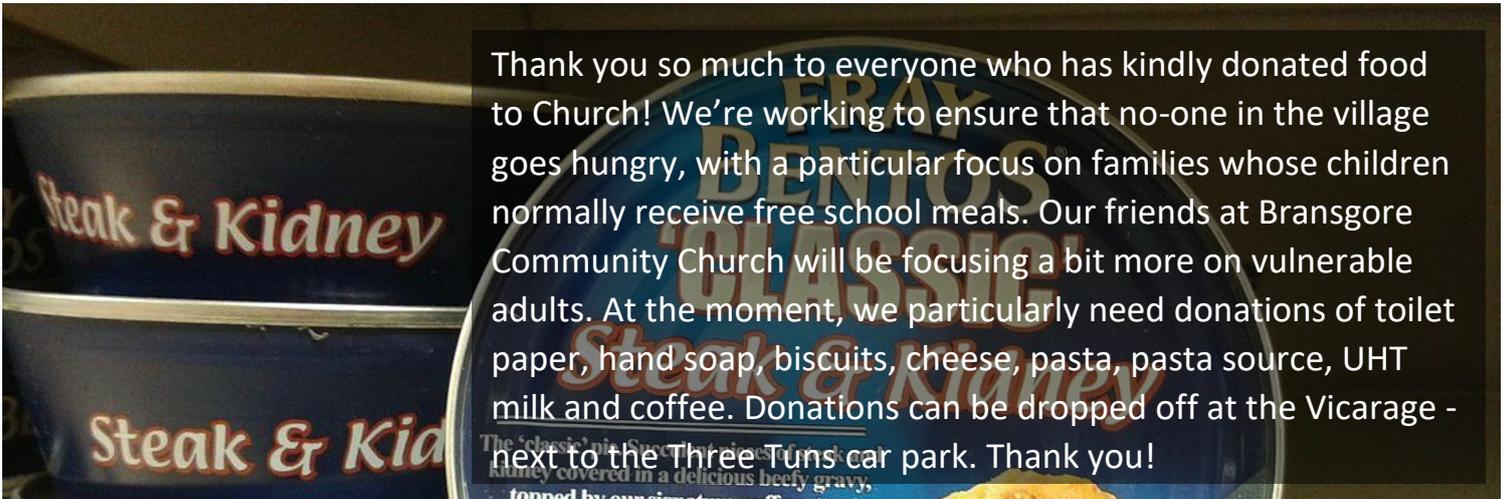
Have mercy upon all who live and work here. Be their fortress and might, their comfort and their joy. Prosper their work, bring them health, grant them the peace which passes all understanding, be with those they love and are unable to see, give them their daily bread and lead them not into the temptation to despair and give them that hope which can only be found in Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray.

Amen





Virtual Prayer Meeting: There's so much for us to pray for at the moment. We'll be having the first of our prayer meetings using Zoom (an app which enables face-to-face meetings online) next Sunday at 7.30. If you want to be there, please email Mo Pimenta (mopimenta43356@hotmail.com).



Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly donated food to Church! We're working to ensure that no-one in the village goes hungry, with a particular focus on families whose children normally receive free school meals. Our friends at Bransgore Community Church will be focusing a bit more on vulnerable adults. At the moment, we particularly need donations of toilet paper, hand soap, biscuits, cheese, pasta, pasta source, UHT milk and coffee. Donations can be dropped off at the Vicarage - next to the Three Tuns car park. Thank you!



Ben is collecting a list of names of those who are willing and able to help out in a number of practical ways: dropping off meals, doing shopping, collecting prescriptions and cataloguing butterfly collections (perhaps not the last one). Please get in touch if you've not done so already.