

During this time of great anxiety, we are always ready and willing to speak with anybody in the parish and to share problems or concerns.

Associate Minister: Revd. Debbie Hore – Tel. 722948

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Churchwardens: Mrs Shona Passfield – Tel. 07956 102253

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Please note the following new e-mail addresses:

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You can also keep in touch via our new Facebook page at:

Great St Mary's, Sawbridgeworth



The Parish Church of
Great St. Mary
Sawbridgeworth

Sunday 29th March 2020

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

Passion Sunday

FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK, WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALL CHURCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Virus precautions issued by the Church of England our church buildings must now be closed, not only for public worship, but for private prayer as well.

Please be assured that we will continue to pray for you, as we hope that you continue to pray for us at this difficult time.

We aim to keep in touch with you by phone, email, and through other forms of technology to ensure that pastoral care is maintained.

Please do not hesitate to call or email us if you are in any kind of need. Our contact details can be found at the back of this leaflet.

NO SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Please do continue to follow the Sunday readings at home.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 29th March (Passion Sunday)

<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Ezekiel 37.1-14	Psalm 30
Psalm 130	Lamentations 3.19-33
Romans 8.6-11	Matthew 20.17-end
John 11.1-45	

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 5th APRIL (Palm Sunday)

<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
<i>The Palms Gospel:</i> Matthew 21.1-11	Psalm 80
	Isaiah 5.1-7
	Matthew 21.33-end
<i>Liturgy of the Passions:</i> Isaiah 50.4-9a	
Psalm 31.9-16	
Philippians 2.5-11	
Matthew 26.14-end of 27	

Please pray for those who have died...		
	Ellen Rochford	Eric Mascal
Arthur Taylor	Chris Machin	Barry Sefton

VACANCY - Our Parish is currently in a 'Vacancy' – which means we don't have a full time Vicar at present. Our Associate Priest, Debbie Hore, is working hard to manage the workload, ably supported by our Lay Reader, Di Kitson. If you wish to speak with a priest, please contact Debbie; for other matters, **please contact Chrissy Goan** in the Parish Office. The Churchwardens are also available to assist if required. Please see the back of this leaflet for all contact details.

Anthony & Shona

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK is one of our priorities as a church. If you would like anyone included in our intercessions, please fill in a prayer Request Form which are on the table at the back of church, and pass to either Rev'd Debbie, Di, or one of the Churchwardens. Thank you. *Shona & Anthony*

Please submit notices for the PEW LEAFLET to the Parish Office by 1pm on Thursday for printing on Friday morning. PLEASE INDICATE (IN THE SUBJECT BOX) THAT THE EMAIL IS FOR THE PEW LEAFLET. Thank you.

Anthony & Shona

INDUCTION OF FATHER SIMON VIVIAN – Simon and family's arrival has sadly been postponed, we will update everyone as soon as we have details on the new date.

Anthony and Shona

VISIT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF THE CARIBBEAN – with regret, the visit will no longer go ahead as the Lambeth Conference has been cancelled

Rev Debbie

VISIT TO ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANDON – April 18th. This event is now cancelled.

Val Bright

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – following an announcement by the Diocese, the APCM will now be postponed until later in the year, details will be announced in due course.

Shona & Anthony

STATEMENT OF NEEDS: PCC APPROVAL FOR PROPOSAL TO PRIORITISE WORK ON THE CHURCH BUILDING – A committee has been formed and we are delighted to announce that Sarah Vickers has kindly agreed to take the Chair. Further information will be notified as soon as it's possible. Meantime, if you would like to join the committee, please contact one of the Churchwardens.

Shona & Anthony

FOODBANK - As Church is now closed until further notice we are unable to collect for the Foodbank. If you are able to shop please, for the time being, donate in Tesco, Sainsbury's or Budgens. All over the country Foodbanks are suffering; if you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Stay well and safe.
Ann & Cathy

DO YOU NEED ANY HELP? Shopping? Prescription collection? Someone to have a chat with?

We have launched a helpline together with our friends at the Congregational Church which is open 8am – 10pm every single day.

Simply call: 07549 006 777

Anthony & Shona