

St John's News from the Pews – 30 March 2021

Dear friends,

Then Jesus took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 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.'

Matthew 26:27-29

I hope you are having a good Holy Week. Personally, I am finding the "Listening to the voices of Holy Week" booklet of devotions very helpful. As we journey through this week, a reminder that we have a reflective Maundy Thursday service online on Facebook and YouTube at 8pm with Bible readings and prayers. This will be in place of Celtic Prayer. Please also join in on Good Friday with the Christians Together In Elmswell Service – this will be over Zoom at 10:00am (see Zoom details below).

Easter Sunday approaches and we shall be celebrating both in church and at home. There is a BCP spoken service of the Lord's Supper in church at 9:00am. Our main service will be an Easter celebration at 10:30am. You are very welcome - social distancing measures will be in place, but please bring a mask. Please note this service will also be streamed online live on Facebook. It will be loaded onto YouTube shortly after midday.

More good news - we will be able to sing the final hymn outside. Therefore, please don't park your car in front of the church tower (as that is where we will be exiting to sing). There is parking round the far side of the church by the kitchen and off the church driveway. There are also a couple of spaces for our use up in the Almshouses car park.

Sunday School will continue to be held over Zoom at 9:30am.



Last Sunday's Service

In case you missed the service on Sunday, you can access it by clicking [here](#):



Recycle those crisp bags



Do you have any crisp packets you would like recycled? If so, please pop them into the box in the church porch.

These will be collected regularly and taken for recycling. Please only put empty crisp packets in the box - no crisp tubes (e.g. Pringles), no popcorn bags and no other plastics.

Please also remember you can drop off foodbank donations at the Rectory.

Spring Harvest at Home

Did you know you can join Spring Harvest for a superb week of teaching and worship next week. It promises to be a great week – details are on their web site <https://springharvest.org/>

Coming up this week:

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| Tue 30 Mar 8:00pm | Compline online (Facebook only) |
| Thu 1 Apr 8:00pm | Maundy Thursday Service online (Facebook and YouTube) |
| Fri 2 Apr 10:00am | Good Friday Service – on Zoom (details below) |
| Sat 3 Apr 9:00am | Church prayer meeting (using Zoom) |
| Sat 3 Apr 10:30am | Coffee and Chat (using Zoom) |
| Sun 4 Apr 9:00am | BCP Lord's Supper in church |
| Sun 4 Apr 9:30am | Zoom Sunday School (Please contact Lisa for details) |
| Sun 4 Apr 10:30am | Worship in church and live online on Facebook (available on YouTube early afternoon) |

How to connect with us online:

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnselmswell/live>

St John's

<http://www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk/>

YouTube

Accessed from home page of St John's web site

Zoom

Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6852951296> or, load Zoom and use Meeting ID: 685 295 1296 and Password: 816262

*The veil of darkness transformed to the brightest light.
The most dreadful end became the most beautiful beginning.
The depths of despair fade to reveal hope everlasting.
The curse of death defeated by eternal life.*

With every blessing in Him,
Peter