

Church Notices for 3rd Sunday of Easter 18th April 2021



Hello Everyone,

Listen out for the St Laurence Bell tolling for 15 minutes prior to the funeral of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. If you missed the act of commemoration we held at the beginning of last Sunday's service you can find it on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzT0ggBXHPc>

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for the love he shared among us,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Most merciful God,
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
surround the Queen and the Royal Family with
your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This coming week is a big week in the life of St Laurence Church as we launch "**Larry's**" – **St Laurence Church Safe Spaces after school club** on Thursday.

We pray for it's work:

Loving Lord, we give thanks for the tireless work of Fr David and all those involved in bringing us to the launch of "Larry's," and for the support of the Baron Davenport, Davenport GW Cadbury and Grantham Yorke Trust Funds. We pray that this project will be a blessing to all those involved in it and help local young people to flourish in a safe space. Amen

Do spread the word to any secondary-school age children who may benefit. The club runs on Thursdays, 3.15-5.15pm in the Pastoral Centre. It's not too late to offer to help.

This first week all volunteers are asked to assemble on Thursday at 2.00 pm in the Concert Hall in the Pastoral Centre. Anyone who wants to know more is also welcome. At 3.15 pm if there are no young people we will be testing the equipment!

Contact Fr David for more information: Mobile 07821 151 484 Email David.Pycock@Blueyonder.co.uk

The **Bible Study** is taking a break whilst we get "Larry's" established. If you are interested in its continuance please let me know – and when would suit you. One possibility is 7.45pm Wednesday evenings prior to Compline.

Miles Ambridge still has a number of rooted cuttings of gooseberry, blackcurrant, autumn fruiting raspberries and rhubarb plants which he thinks should be sold and planted now rather than wait for Christian Aid week. He can leave them on his porch with a Christian Aid collecting box for the money and put them out by arrangement so do phone him on 0121 476 4768. Meanwhile do sow seeds and nurture cuttings ready to sell in Christian Aid Week.

This week's **Eco Tip**: When printing documents at home or work, remember to print double sided, and if possible more than one page per sheet. Any old documents that are only printed on one side could be used again to print on the other side (if you can work out which way round the paper goes in the printer...!)

This is the time of year when we start to update the CHURCH Electoral Roll (our membership list) in order to have it updated for voting at our **Annual Meeting**. If you are NOT already on the roll and wish to join it please contact Ruth Clarke : mrs.ruth.clarke@gmail.com or tel 07464 737568.

We have learnt that the Annual meeting can be held as late as June this year and we may well take advantage of this to enable more people to attend.

Rowena reminds us that we are holding a **Bric-a-brac sale** on Saturday 1st May outside the Pastoral Centre. If you could help on the day or on Friday 30th April to sort stuff then please phone her on 0121 605 9486. If you have donations please drop off at the Pastoral Centre Monday – Thursday 8am –

10.45am. If you can't gain entry (the main entrance is being kept locked) please leave outside the FIRST small door - Barry will see it before he departs at 11am (He is still part-furloughed.)

Ann Morrell sends us all greetings from Swindon. She was so sorry she wasn't able to say farewell in person to any of her friends at St Laurence. Not just Covid but also snow as she headed south in February. "I like the apartment very much and am beginning to feel at home in this small building of 14 flats, but we are all confined, so have not met anyone yet. It is very reassuring to know that this is the place to be and to see my daughter and family so often.

The programme the ministry team arranged for Easter and Holy Week was really inspired
With prayerful good wishes and love" Ann

There's something for everyone at Birmingham Anglican Climate Action's **Climate Challenge = Church Challenge!** A series of Zoom events will be held over coming weeks, led by a diverse group of experts. All will be held 7.30 – 8.45pm.

Revd Theresa has full details of each session if you'd like to know more before booking.

Thursday 22nd April - Climate Change: what's the rush? Caroline Egan and Hilary Lynch

Thursday 29th April - Just Theology: hope for a dividing world? Antony Reddie, John Nightingale and Ruth Harley

Wednesday 5th May - Inspiring Ideas for Parishes. Sheena Heaton and John Heywood

Wednesday 12th May - Eco Church and beyond. Paul Bracher and Patrick Gerard

To register contact beryl.moppett@gmail.com

There are a few places left for this weekend's services so I've included the Eventbrite links for both this Sunday and 25th April below.

Please remember that if you are coming to a service in church you must:

1. Pre-book by the deadline
2. Wear a face covering (unless exempt)
3. Social Distance at 2 metres
4. Avoid unnecessary conversation in church
5. Be prepared to sit where directed by the church wardens
6. Bring a small bottle of sanitiser for use before receiving Holy Communion
7. If attending the Sunday School Service bring a 'kit bag' of pencils & crayons, scissors and a Glue-stick
8. NOT attend if you have any symptoms of Covid or you have been told to self-isolate

Also, Public Health Birmingham is encouraging those attending worship to take a (free) lateral flow test within 48 hours of attending. They are not 100% accurate but at the same time they are detecting some people who are infectious but not displaying symptoms so they are helping to reduce transmission.

More information below and as the notices this week aren't quite as long as they have been we've included all the Community News too.

Blessings

Can Jan

For your Prayers

Those who are ill

Mike Cross (and Rosie his wife): now home but still far from well

Pat Turner: gradually recovering from arm surgery following her fall from her bike in the summer.

Vicki Reeves: in a lot of pain

Revd Canon John Barnett and his wife Janice: both having treatment for cancer.

Peter Valentine: father of one of our brides-to-be currently in hospital

Councillor Ollie Armstrong: still not well following Covid

Wendy Faulconbridge: congratulations on being pregnant but commiserations on having hyperemesis gravidarum (extreme sickness)

Dorothy G: surgery following fall

Those who have died
Edward Michael Thompson

Community News

The **Community Hotline** continues via Northfield Community Partnership ...

0121 411 2157 (10am – 3pm Monday – Friday)

for help including shopping and picking up medication as well as advice or if you'd just like a friendly phone-call.

Talking Bubble is a UK-wide service that provides an **over-the-phone befriending** service. If you are interested in volunteering they'd love to hear from you! (full training will be given). Or if you or someone you know might benefit from this bit of extra support, do get in touch: Tel 07923 342 453

talkingbubble@dialoguesociety.org

Birmingham Carers Hub is inviting anyone who cares for a family member or friend to join with them on the last Wednesday of each month for **Carers Zoom at Noon**. A cuppa and chat with other carers can be a real boost, and there will also be guest speakers. Book via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or to find out more about this and other carer support that's available, call 0333 006 9711.

Covid

“Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air”

As more shops and venues open, please do remember social distancing (2 metres) and mask-wearing are still necessary.

Meeting up with friends/family should still be outside only and in groups of six, or two households, with 2 metre social distancing.

Regular lateral flow tests are recommended for all adults and young people. For information on how to access these locally, or to have test kits posted to your home, see Birmingham City Council's website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/coronavirus_advice



Lateral Flow Tests are not suitable if you do have Covid symptoms. **If you have symptoms** book a test by ringing 119 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Adults aged 45 and over are now included in the groups being offered a vaccine. Book here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

If you previously **turned down the offer of a vaccine but have changed your mind**, just contact your GP, ring 119 (7am-11pm), or book online at www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

This can also be found in the 'Covid and Community' Section of our web-site. Click here to go the section and it is the top item

https://www.stlaurencenorthfield.org/community_coronavirus.html

**To book for services use EVENTBRITE LINKS below or, if this isn't possible phone
Revd Theresa on 07557472096**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE

In Pastoral Centre Sunday 18th April 8.30am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/148778792373 (booking closes today (Saturday) at 2pm)
HOLY COMMUNION Sunday 18th April 9.30am in church	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/148789735103 (booking closes today (Saturday) at 2pm)
SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE In Pastoral Centre Sunday 25th April 8.30am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151066296359 (booking from Sunday 9am – next Saturday 2pm)
HOLY COMMUNION Sunday 25th April 9.30am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151067251215 (booking from Sunday 11am – next Saturday 2pm)

SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday 18th April 8.30am Sunday School Service 9.30am Holy Communion	In the Pastoral Centre – needs to be pre-booked For those not in church by zoom and zoom-phone and available later on YouTube https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134 Meeting ID: 845 3303 0134
Monday 5pm Evening Prayer	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638 Meeting ID 89992167638
Tuesday 10am Gridiron ‘Coffee’ 5pm Evening Prayer	Contact Stuart & Chris Andrew 0121 628 0425 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638 Meeting ID 89992167638
Wednesday 10am Holy Communion 8.30pm Compline	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81798933169 Meeting ID 81798933169 By Conference Call only 01902 693302 Code 1139
Thursday 3.15pm “Larry’s” 5pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm PCC meeting	In the Pastoral Centre https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638 Meeting ID 89992167638 Link to be circulated
Saturday 10am – 11am Private Prayer	Entrance is at 10 min intervals via the vestry door and needs to be pre-booked. Phone Revd Theresa by 6pm Thursday please.
Sunday 25th April 8.30am Sunday School Service 9.30am Holy Communion	In the Pastoral Centre – needs to be pre-booked In church – needs to be pre-booked Also by zoom and zoom-phone and available later on YouTube https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134 Meeting ID: 845 3303 0134

How to Phone in via-Zoom to any of the above (except Wednesday Compline)

1. Enter 141 (to keep your number private)
2. Dial one of these numbers

0203 481 5237 0203 481 5240
0131 460 1196 0203 051 2874

3. Enter the Meeting ID (without any spaces) then #
4. When it asks for your personal ID enter #

How to Conference Call

Phone **01902 693302** and when asked enter the code **1139** and then say your name.
It then takes a few moments before you can hear and be heard.

Also - You can Phone a Service 24 hours a day!

freephone 0800 804 8044 for Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England.

And to hear one of the **St Laurence Ministers preaching: 0121 270 4690**

These are changed after the services on Sundays and Wednesdays (usually by early evening)

Contact Details

Parish Office – stlaurence@btconnect.com
0121 475 1518

Currently staffed remotely most of the time
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READER

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Prayer requests can be sent to prayer.request.stlaurence@gmail.com They will be shared only with the ministry team.

Twitter: @stlaurenceb31
Rector: @janetchapman5

Facebook www.facebook.com/StLaurenceChurchNorthfield

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/stlaurencenorthfield>

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

If you need to contact someone regarding a church safeguarding concern (adults or children), please call our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Rowena Nicholls, on 07724 170448. If you have an urgent concern for the safety of yourself or someone else, call 999.

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