

Newsletter for March & April 2021 – St Lawrence’s Church, Denton

Dear all,

I trust this update finds you and your families both healthy and safe. Since our last newsletter at the beginning of February it has been wonderful for me to speak to many of the congregation. It was agreed at a PCC meeting that I am going to assist with the delivering of these letters so that I can speak with more people (socially distanced) and offer prayers.

As the children and young people return to school and college, I felt it appropriate to share a prayer published by the Church of England:

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen.

Within our own community we pray for **Beryl Brown, Irene Corry, Rita Murphy and Elsie Ashworth.**

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night, those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort and heal them and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Throughout March, our Lent course will continue online via Zoom, if anyone requires the details please do contact me. Holy Week 2021 will begin on Sunday 28th March. Due to people isolating I have issued a palm cross with each copy of this newsletter.

Events taking place in March and April are detailed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Finally, if you know of anyone who we ought to include in our prayers, or if you would like a blessing, or to share a prayer, please do contact me at the Rectory on **0161 320 4895**

Yours in Christ,

Rev Jules MAMBU

Events due to take place throughout March/April 2021

Tuesday 23rd March	Chapter Meeting @ 3:30pm on Zoom
Wednesday 24th March	Lent Course @ 7.00pm on Zoom
Wednesday 24th March	Joint Deanery Synod Meeting @ 7.30pm on Zoom
Thursday 25th March	Mission Partnership Morning Prayer @ 9.00am
Sunday 28th March	<i>(St Lawrence's Open for Public Worship)</i> Palm Sunday Service - St Lawrence's @ 9:45am: Holy Communion - St Anne's @ 11:15am: Holy Communion
Monday 29th March	Eucharist with blessing of oils & Renewal of Vows at Manchester Cathedral @ 10:30am
Mon 29th – Weds 31st March	<i>Holy Week</i>
Maundy Thursday 1st April	Evening Service at St Anne's @ 6:30pm
Good Friday 2nd April	Veneration of the Cross at St Lawrence's 2:00pm - 3:00pm (Hangings removed)
Easter Vigil Saturday 3rd April	Easter Eve/Easter Vigil at St Lawrence's @ 6:30pm
Sunday 4th April	Easter Day Service - 9:45am: Easter Service at St Lawrence's - 11:15am: Easter Service at St Anne's
Tuesday 6th April	PAT testing at St Lawrence's & St Anne's @ 11:00am
Thursday 8th April	Mission Partnership Morning Prayer @ 9:00am
Sunday 11th April	- 9:45am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence's - 11:15am Holy Communion Service at St Anne's
Wednesday 14th April	St Lawrence's PCC Meeting at 6:00pm on Zoom
Thursday 15th April	St Anne's PCC Meeting at 7:00pm on Zoom
Sunday 18th April	- 9:45am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence's - 11:15am Holy Communion Service at St Anne's
Sunday 25th April	- 9:45am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence's - 11:15am Holy Communion Service at St Anne's