

# ST PAUL'S Church, New England

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**\*\*Vicar:** Rev Ron Watkinson.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March- 4th Sunday of Lent**

**Mothing Sunday**

Loving God, we thank you for our mothers; those who gave life to us; those who care for us. Amen

Readings: Exodus ch2 v1-10; Psalm 34 v11-20;

Colossians ch 3 v12-17; Luke ch2 v33-35

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Because of the COVID 19 Virus All Public Services are now suspended, as from last Tuesday, 17th March, in all Church of England churches as informed to us in a statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York. This means that at St Paul's our Eucharist Services on Sunday and Wednesday at 10.30am cannot now be held. We were allowed to have the church open for private prayer but as from Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March we will have to keep the church locked.

## Today & this week: Season of Lent

For the time being ALPHA; OASIS; T@4; SHED; LADIES Sat Time are all suspended.

**22 Sun:** Church open between 10.30-11.30am for prayer – come to be still, reflect & pray in this sacred space.

**Church open** from 6.30-7.30pm this evening on this National Day of Prayer. At 7pm all in this country are encouraged to **light a candle** as a sign of solidarity and hope at this very difficult time.

28 Sat: *CLOCKS GO FORWARD tonight 1hr.*

**29 Sun:** Please try and spend some time this morning & every Sunday morning in praise & in prayer, remembering those in particular you would normally be in church with.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Vi Houghton (Val's mum); Anne Rosam (knee op on 18<sup>th</sup> cancelled); Sally Rose; Jenny Baxter ;Lynda Barton; Toddler, Amelie; Judy; Doreen Clarke & Kenny Clare (Lynda's mum & uncle); Fran King; Roger & Pam Howland; Trevor & Marian Bentham; Ruth Atkin; Edna Hall; Edith Bean; Glenys Nordkvelle; Michael & Linda Clark; Sheila Riseley; Iris & Doreen Genever; Marian Wales; Sheila Onyskiw; William Masters; Mary

Campbell; Caroline Boyle; Doug & Margaret Scott; All known to you who are in need of prayer.

**Please pray for all you know who are bereaved :**

Pray for family of Jarek Samko.

Put a prayer request on the Prayer Tree near the organ. **Please also use the 'Thanks to God' board.**

### ST PAUL'S VISION PRAYER

We would like to see this lovely church go on for many more years to come, filled with people of all ages; a church that is vibrant & growing in strength & faith; a busy church; a church that people will be proud to call their own; a cornerstone of New England. Amen.

Birthdays: 24<sup>th</sup>-Diana Ward; 26<sup>th</sup>-Peter Barton

**Cancellation of our Mission from 2-5 April (Palm Sunday)**- but we do have some literature we would like to put through letterboxes in the parish. Please let Val know if you would be willing to do that, if it will be possible to go out! Don't forget that Jesus is with us wherever we go !

Please continue to pray for neighbours and friends who may be struggling in different ways at this time. Many of our church members are self-isolating and let us pray we may all keep safe, whatever our circumstances.

Thank you to those we know are caring for one another by phone, etc and do contact Rev Ron or Val (314117) if you need someone to talk to.

Christian programmes and services will be on television and radio, including Premier and UCB radio stations; many services will be accessed via Facebook or live-streaming. Look on AcrossPeterborough website for info or the Church of England website & Peterborough Diocese website.

**Psalm 27 says** "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear ? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid ?



**Nb: Sun 29<sup>th</sup> CLOCKS go forward 1hr .....**

**Call Rev Ron or Val on 314117 for enquiries about ALPHA Christian faith discovery course; weddings; baptism/christenings; funerals.**

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**Note: Please do not leave valuables in your car.**

**\*\*Safeguarding Notice in Porch & on N. Board.** We follow the guidelines of the Church of England in respect of the care of all who are vulnerable-esp the young & elderly