



St Michael and All Angels Church, Colehill

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Sunday 15th March

Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Lent Simple Lunch has been cancelled

Monday 16th March

Tuesday 17th March

8am Morning Prayer

7.30pm S&F Meeting

8pm Pause Meeting

Wednesday 18th March

8am Morning Prayer

11.30-1.30pm Centre Rendezvous

1.30pm Food Bank Hub

7.00pm Lent Course

Thursday 19th March

8am Morning Prayer

11am Lent Communion

Friday 20th March

8am Morning Prayer

9.30-11.15 Cherubs Toddler Group

12pm Funeral: Susan Crawford RIP

7.15pm Choir Practice

Sunday 21st March

Lent 4: Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Eucharist

NEW WEBSITE:

Please check out our new website –

<https://www.stmichaels-church-colehill.co.uk/>

ST. MICHAEL'S MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY

In addition to those items in the Prayer Diary, please pray this week:

For all affected by the coronavirus, for health workers on the front line, governments and local authorities dealing with the outbreaks in the UK and the wider world.

For those whose jobs and livelihoods are under threat locally following the collapse of Flybe

For our nation as we embark on a different path following our departure from the EU

For all those in the UK affected by recent flooding
Families needing to use the Foodbank

For peace in areas of conflict, especially for the people of Syria experiencing terrible suffering – for those on the Greek-Turkish border

For all working in the NHS and in the front line of medical care.

Freda Smith

holding St Michael's Cross

The sick & infirm & others in need:

Louise, Samuel Thomas, Diane, Gerry Stevenson, Alison Gethin, Kerry Smith, Hannah S, Glynis, Michael Dowie, Sally G, Alan Shove, Mark, Millie, Jude F, Rosanna

The elderly and housebound:

Georgina, Colin, Eric, Madeline, Frank, Brenda, Enid G. John W.

RIP

Susan Crawford

CORONAVIRUS – GUIDANCE FROM THE NATIONAL CHURCH

The Vicar is keeping up to date on advice from the National Church.

The Vicar has issued a statement – please take home and read.

Please also bear in mind that some activities might be suspended at short notice, especially those which involve vulnerable groups of people.

LENT ARRANGEMENTS

Lent Course based on Ruth Valerio's 'Saying Yes to Life' (the Archbishop's Lent Book)

Wednesdays 18, 25 March, 1, 8 April 7pm-8.30pm in Church Centre

(we will no longer be providing refreshments)

Short reflective service of **Holy Communion at 11am on Thursdays 19, 26 March**, using the Church of England Lent booklet as the basis for the homily/reflection.

EASTER FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY: If you would to make a donation to the Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in a yellow in a yellow envelope labelled Easter Flowers. Please write the name of your loved one on the back.

APCM 29th March, 11.30 AFTER THE PARISH EUCHARIST: There will be **NO 8am service on 29th March** to encourage all of us to worship together on that day. Notices are now on display on the church door. There are **3 vacancies** for Deanery Synod this year, and **5 vacancies** on the PCC. Nomination forms for CWs, Deanery Reps & PCC members and a sign up sheet are on the table at the back of church. Please consider if you would like to stand.

NEWS OF FRANK JOYCE: Frank, who hasn't been able to be with us in church for some time, has now gone to live in Swanage, near to his son and family. Frank, the stalwart gentleman, had continued to look after himself and cook his meals until only a couple of years ago, when he needed further help. It's a coincidence that he has now lives in Swanage, as he was stationed in WW2 nearby and thought that he would like to live there! He used his practical skills as mechanical engineer in his service to us at St. Michael's, both inside and in the grounds, working alongside his fellow worker Bill Jeffery, now living in Poole. His children, Angela and Christopher, were members of our Choir. He is happy where he is, and we have his address if anyone wishes to write to him - he likes receiving messages from us. Freda

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING COFFEE MORNING:

Saturday 28th March 10am to 12pm in the Church Centre. Lots of stalls, raffle, childrens crafts and refreshments. Come and meet your friends and support this good cause. Gunilla. *Any raffle prizes, paperback adult or childrens books and cakes would be gratefully received.*

EASTER DECORATIONS: Help prepare the decorations for Easter on Saturday 21st & 28th April, 10am-12pm in the Alec Moore Room. Tools and equipment provided. Hilary G

FOODBANK We would appreciate donations of breakfast cereals, fruit juice (not fresh or chilled), sugar, tea or coffee any chocolate or sweet Easter treats. Thank you.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you

have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

POST-COMMUNION

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Samuel 16.1-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41