

22 March 2020:
Mothering Sunday
Year A

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Welcome to a very different style Notice Sheet!
Events have moved very rapidly over the last week or so and we find ourselves suspending Public Worship until further notice... and cancelling everything!

(That includes: Friends of St Mary's AGM; Mandy Paine's Memorial Service and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.)

We are trying to keep in touch, keep you up to date and offer some resources to use for prayer and worship (see separate resource!), based on the website and Facebook Page.

If you support St Mary's by giving in cash or using envelopes you can put these through the Vicarage door periodically and they will be processed its usual way. Thank you.

Perhaps the most important one is to remind you that **St Mary's remains open each day** from about 8.30am to 5pm for private prayer. You can light a candle and a notice board makes suggestions of ways to pray.

You may be aware that **Fr David Rea** - the parish priest at Our Lady Star of the Sea for 23 years, died on St Patrick's Day this week. Please do pray for him and for the community at OLSoS. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that Our Lady Star of Sea have been holding Coffee Mornings to help raise money for the EPIC Appeal, and we received wonderful cheque for £230! What a truly lovely gesture of support from our brothers & sisters at OLSS! Thank you to them.

LET'S TALK A LOAD OF RUBBISH...and not just any rubbish, but valuable rubbish, because there is a collection container at the back of the church, where we'd love you to put certain items that cannot go in recycling bins at home. This bin takes: empty crisp packets, snack and biscuit wrappers, empty toothpaste/hand cream tubes,

milk bottle tops, those plastic ring carriers that hold six-packs of baked beans, wipes packaging, deodorant bottles and caps, and triggers from spray bottles. This means less rubbish goes to landfill, and everything collected earns points, which are converted into money, and donated to Aspens, an autism charity. Plus, it's a great way for us to all to do our bit towards a plastic-less Lent... and beyond. If you'd like to know more, visit terracycle.com or email abird@waitrose.com

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Anne Langley; Brenda Jones; Ness; Lucy Parkes; Robert Turrell; Nigel Sands; Christa; Richard O; Melinda; Valerie; Phil Shouler; Gordon; Ron; Vivian; Vicky; Matthew; Mary Wyatt; John; Angela; Claire; Danni; Bob; Sue Ralph.
those who've died recently: Fr David Rea **and those whose anniversary falls this coming week:** Doris Crabb; June Ward; Reginald Gale; Alfred Mildenhall; Reese Seeley; Patrica Bond; Fred Wheatley; Alan Smart; Jack Kilhams; Sister Dorothy-May of the Cross; Jean Ball; Peter Sheen; Dilys Mulder; Kathleen Hewett.

Next Sunday's readings (29 Mar: Lent 5): Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

God made known
in the strength and vulnerability of birth,
the joy and pain of motherhood,
in nights of sleepless love
and inner ocean's flow,
in demands without number
and questions without answer:
give us gratitude for the women who carried us,
for the carers who nurture us
and for the chance to pass on life to others;
through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

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