

THE PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. MARY AND
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HAMPTON IN ARDEN



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**Welcome to Our Bulletin for
The Parish Church of Hampton-in-Arden
Week commencing: Sunday 28th February 2021
Second Sunday in Lent**

Although we are legally allowed to remain open for worship, it has been the decision of our P.C.C. to follow Church of England guidelines and keep Hampton, Bickenhill and Barston Churches closed until further notice, to prevent the spread of Covid19
We understand that this is a difficult time for members of our congregation who are not able to use online facilities. If you are able to print this and future Bulletins and put them through the door of anyone you know who would like to be kept informed, but is unable to access our online services or website, it would be appreciated
. The Church is open for private prayer on Thursdays and Sundays
Thank you for helping us keep you safe

Please have a look on our website for links to online streamed services, recorded services and information, orders of service and updates on the Covid situation etc.

www.hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk

You can use the following link to join the live-streamed services at 8.15 am and 7.30 pm on Sundays

Meeting ID: 796 7286 9465 Passcode: 5nLGGE

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79672869465?pwd=c0JOTkdIRm5ITjhpc2R1N2grZU14QT09>

The 11 am Sunday live-streamed service for the 28th February can be accessed on the following link: <https://youtu.be/nHEGxS7Qgpo>

The link to the pre-recorded service is http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_z7TqcpBg

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS: We pray for the world, for all leaders, for all decision makers, for our parliament and our Royal family, thinking especially of the Duke of Edinburgh.

We pray for this church that services may start again soon and we pray for those who live in the villages that surround it.

We pray for the safety of all who work in schools and colleges as the children return to their classrooms.

We give thanks for the mild weather, the sunshine and the spring flowers that raise our spirits and give us hope.

We pray for those who are unwell: We pray for those who are sick and known to us, namely, Philip Russell, Margaret Possart, Chris Fellows, Alan Briscoe, Angela Jones, David Mort, Paul Robert Thomas, Tony Worthington, John Barton, Margaret, Ann Hall, Roz Ellender, Carole Orford, Agapios Constantino and Moira Kyle, together with those who are on our Prayer Board.

We pray for those who have died: We especially remember all who are recently departed, especially remembering David Cain and thinking of his families and friends at this sad time. We remember today all who mourn the loss of loved ones, those whose anniversaries of death are at this time and all whom we love but see no more.
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Readings for 28th February 2021: Romans 4.13-end, Mark 8.31-end

COLLECT: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

ALTERNATIVE COLLECT: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Hymns for this Sunday

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| 1. 15 All my hope | 2. 500 There is a redeemer | 3. 204 He is Lord |
| 4. 298 Let there be love | 5. 261 Jesus, lover of my soul | |

Readings for next week 7th March 2021: 3rd Sunday in Lent

1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2. 13-22

Lent 2021, Rather than meeting up, which is not possible, for group discussion, we will offer what is called a 'retreat in daily life'. We will be using a book to read together via Zoom – full details can be found on the church website.

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The following meeting will start at 7 pm on Sundays in Lent and will cover a chapter at each meeting, finishing around 9 pm with a night prayer

Topic: Lent Book meeting Sunday evenings

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83954836460?pwd=U1o3WGduRVQwTXZQRVZMd1VBd3RzUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 5483 6460

Passcode: 190701

This year the World Day of Prayer will be focused on the Pacific island of Vanuatu 'Build on a Strong Foundation' The Knowle, Dorridge, Bentley Heath and Hampton in Arden Churches have prepared a World Day of Prayer service. It will be available via Dorridge Methodist Church Youtube Channel from mid morning on Friday 5th March see below:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYvS6ljMihAWWn45ussoSOQ?guided_help_flow=5
or on the Dorridge Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Dorridge-Methodist-Church-170842826259456>

If you cannot access this online, the World Day of Prayer service will be on the phone line next Friday and Saturday 5th & 6th

It's easy to access. Just phone 0121 270 9089 and listen. There is an introduction, then there will be a short silence before the service begins. It costs just the normal cost of a local phone call.

We will plan for as many of us as possible to be "together" joining the online worship around 7 pm. If you've never been to a WDP service here is an easy way of trying it out! The Order of Service and ways to make a donation are on the Hampton in Arden Church website.

Services in March

Mothering Sunday 14th March: Normal live-streamed services

10 - 3 pm small bunches of flowers will be available to collect from our lychgate between these times. All ages are welcome. If your mum can't be with you for any reason, add your flowers to our Wall of Love in the lychgate. Do take a prayer card too.

Palm Sunday 28th March: live streamed services from Hampton at 8:15 am and 11 am.

Romans 4: 13-end

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."^[a] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Mark 8: 31-end

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[b] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."
