



Grasmoor Mission Community

The Churches of All Saints and Christ Church, Cockermouth;
St Bridget's, Bridekirk; Christ Church, Great Broughton;
St Bridget's, Brigham; St Luke's, Clifton; St Oswald's, Dean &
St Philip's, Mosser.

INFO' SHEET

Sunday, 22nd March 2020

The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Today's Readings

Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25-27

The Prayer for Today (Collect)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful,
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What a difference a week makes! Life has changed dramatically since last Sunday, with the introduction of various measures to counteract the Coronavirus. Under Government orders, **all church services and meetings are suspended until further notice.** This includes the following: Lent groups, Lent lunches, Thursday@Noon, Annual Meetings, the JUMP weekend, Good Friday Walk of Witness, Easter Day 'Celebration of Faith' and confirmation.

We hope to 'stream' a service from Christ Church on Sunday. See website. **Radio Cumbria** are broadcasting a 'virtual' service, 8am-9am on Sunday.

CHURCHES OPEN

Several of our churches are planning to remain open, as places of solace, and quiet prayer. Some will have prayer stations, and other resources to help our prayers. We will endeavour to have regular times of prayer in each church. May our buildings be like ancient wells: shared open space and spiritual refreshment.

FUNERALS & WEDDINGS

Currently, these can go ahead, subject to restrictions on numbers. This may change. (The funeral of **'Zetta' Cowen** will take place at Christ Church at 1.00pm on Monday. The funeral of **George Relf** will take place at Great Broughton at 12.00 noon on Wednesday.)

STAFFING

As always, clergy and others in leadership are available for any support or pastoral care, as needed. (Details below). Sue Lake will be working mainly from home, but can still be contacted via email, and the Ansa phone will be monitored. The Office will be closed.

TELEPHONE SUPPORT

The 'Linking Lives' team (Sue Gorman and Terry Peate) have kindly agreed that their phone line can be used as a helpline: **07975 515140**. If anyone is willing to be a 'telephone supporter' to someone who needs a 'listening ear', please phone this number.

FOODBANK

The Foodbank is already experiencing heavy demand and this will increase. Please continue to donate!

SHOP LOCAL!

Please support our local businesses. Wild Zucchini's are now offering a takeaway service, with a tasty menu!

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