

## Corona Virus

Following advice from the Archbishops, via the Bishop of Exeter, **all Church services have now been suspended.**

The Church will be open for private prayer during the usual service times and plans are being made to open the Church at other times as and when volunteers are available. Any further changes will be communicated to you as and when we receive revised guidance.

Meanwhile, you may like to access the BBC Radio Devon broadcasts which include a half-hour weekly service at 6.30am on Sundays, which is then also available on BBC Sounds at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p083r10x>

This service began during the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001. The BBC also broadcast a daily Pause for Thought at 6.25am on weekdays and 7.25am at weekends.

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## Lent Course

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus and guidance received from the Diocese, the Lent Study Group has had to be suspended. It is hoped that people can continue with the course at home and that those with a smart phone, and who want to, can join a WhatsApp discussion group to discuss the sessions.

The course we are following is one from 'Embrace the Middle East', a Christian charity with over 160 years' experience helping people of all faiths, and none, to free themselves from a life of poverty and injustice. Together with local Christian communities they are bringing lasting change to the Middle East through healthcare, education and community development projects.

The Lent Course is called "Journey to the cross". The sessions look at the people Jesus met during his ministry, the stories of those who live in the Middle East today and the challenges they face, and our own lives and the people we encounter.

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## Dates for Your Diary (all subject to change)

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| Fri 3rd April       | 7.30pm  | APCM, Church Hall          |
| Sat. 4th April      | 7.30pm  | Easter Beetle Drive        |
| Friday 10th April   |         | Good Friday                |
| Sat. 11th April     | 4pm     | Messy Church at Southway   |
| Sunday 12th April   |         | Easter Sunday              |
| Saturday 25th April |         | Church Yard Tidy Up Day    |
| Wed 6th May         | 6pm     | Carnival Concert in church |
| Sat 9th May         | 2 – 4pm | Church Open with Stewards  |
| Sat 9th May         |         | May Carnival               |
| Sun 10th May        | 10am    | Carnival Service           |

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## Jane Green's Funeral

Jane's funeral will be on Monday 30th March at 2pm at St Mary's. However, due to new guidance received from the Diocese, the plan at present is to have a private burial on March 30th with only close family present; the planned gathering at the Moorland Garden has been cancelled. A Memorial and wake will be arranged later when the current crisis has passed. Our thoughts are with John and the family at this difficult time.

## Second Reading

## James 5.

<sup>1</sup> Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. <sup>2</sup> Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. <sup>4</sup> Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you. <sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! <sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. <sup>12</sup> Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear – not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple 'Yes' or 'No'. Otherwise you will be condemned. <sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

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## Spectacles Wanted

Ray Shipton is organising a collection of any unwanted spectacles on behalf of the Plymouth Lions Club. There is a box on the table at the back of Church, near the font, in which you can place any spectacles you no longer need. They will be sent off to be used abroad where they will be very welcome.

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*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.*

Colossians 3:15