

ASW news – 15th March 2020

COVID 19: We have all been watching the spread of this nasty virus with anxiety. The hope is we can safely keep church services open. However, this does require an ongoing assessment about how we interact in church. The present procedures we have introduced at the advice of the Church of England nationally are as follows:

- No distribution of the wine at communion; the congregation receiving the wafer only.
- Individuals to remain in their seats and no physical contact at the peace.
- Blessings and receiving of wafers will be without touching.
- Clergy and servers will hand wash or use sanitizer before and after communion.
- Everyone needs to respect each other's space and sit no more than three a pew.

Coffee will also sadly be suspended after the 10am service from next week.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM):

Today at 11.45am in church. Anyone who is on the Electoral Roll is entitled to attend and to vote at the meeting. This is when the church wardens and members of the PCC are elected, the financial report for 2019 is presented and plans for the coming year are outlined by the Vicar who chairs the meeting. There are a few copies of the agenda and reports at the back of the church.

LENT COURSE 2020: has now started at St John's, Milford with Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning options. Tuesdays – March 17th and 24th; and Wednesdays – 18th and 25th. Barbara Steele-Perkins, an experienced priest and spiritual director, will continue leading us through the theme '*Praying with the Saints*'. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

MESSY CHURCH: A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Messy Church yesterday. We had great fun making things together, in our worship and a lovely tea to follow.

EASTER LILIES: Every year we use lilies to decorate the church at Easter. If you would like to dedicate a lily in memory of someone, please put your donation in the box at the back and fill in one of the slips beside it. The names will be on a list in the Book of Remembrance at Easter.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S VISIT: We have heard from the Diocese and sadly the events and service with the Archbishop have been postponed while the COVID 19 is an ongoing issue. Hopefully, new dates will be arranged and we will let you know when they are.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – the Portuguese Way: A talk by Richard Morris, trustee of the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT) on Wednesday 22 April 2020, 7pm-8.15pm. St John's Centre, Merrow, Guildford GU4 7AB. Please see porch noticeboard for more details.

MEN'S GROUP: We are meeting with St John's Men's group on a monthly basis. Each meeting we have a speaker and for 26th March it will be Dr Triska – Our Doctor's New System. Please see James if you are interested in more details and times.

CAMEO – A day in the life of MAF in Arnhem Land 15th April: We have invited Reg and Mo Webb (daughter and son in law of Austin and May) to speak at the CAMEO group in April. Their son Tim is a pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), an international Christian organisation whose mission is to fly light aircraft in some of the world's poorest and remote communities. Surprisingly one of these locations is Arnhem Land in the north of Australia. Reg and Mo have been privileged to visit Arnhem Land and to fly with MAF and apart from visiting some interesting and remote places also

met some fascinating people. This will be a brief overview of this largely unknown area and of the work undertaken by people in difficult circumstances. Please join with us for coffee and an interesting talk.

BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY MAY 8th: Please put this date in your diary as we will be hosting a lunchtime concert at the church with refreshments afterwards. More details nearer the time.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tues, 17th	8.30am	Pop-up Coffee
	7.45pm for 8.00pm	Lent Course at St John's, Milford
Wed, 18th	10.15am	CAMEO
	10.45am for 11.00am	Lent Course at 68 Church Road, Milford
Fri, 20th	(9.00- 10.30am)	(Little Saints Suspended)
	6.15- 8.30pm	Choir Practice
Sun, 22nd Mothering Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion (Coffee suspended)

FORTHCOMING:

March, 25 th	Men's Group (Milford)
April, 15 th	CAMEO – A day in the life of MAF in Arnhem Land
May, 8 th	BANK HOLIDAY Concert
May, 27 th	CAMEO – “So far so good”