



The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

Registered Charity Number 1179471



All Saints' Sedgley, St Andrew the Straits and St Peter Upper Gornal

NOTICE SHEET - Sunday 22nd March 2020 –

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

As we explore what it means to do church differently, we will continue to send you electronically the Sunday Readings for your personal use.

If you are aware of people at the moment who may benefit from receiving this notice sheet and the readers sheet, please let us know.

Although there is no public worship, for as long as we are able to do so we will have the churches open for private prayer at the times when we would have had our Sunday morning worship. Therefore: -

All Saints 8am – 8.45am

10.30am – 11.30am

St Andrews 9.30am – 10.30am

St Peters 10.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 10am – 11am

This will and can only be whilst observing the governments advice on social distancing.

This means that we will need to wash our hands for 20 seconds on arrival or to use appropriate hand gel and observing the:

CATCH IT

BIN IT

KILL IT

However, if you are poorly in any way please do not come.

Parish Prayers: Open Church – Private Prayer – we hope to have the churches open for these brief times of prayer, observing the social distancing advice.

Currently all church groups including all children's and young people groups are postponed until we receive new advice from the Church of England and the government.

NOTICES FOR THE WHOLE PARISH –

OPEN CHURCH PRIVATE PRAYERS – All are welcome to come into church for private prayer on Tuesday at St Andrews and Thursday at All Saints from 9.15am till 9.45am for all or part of this time and on Wednesday at St Peters 10am till 11am.

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH- It is **very important** that we all maintain social distancing and good hygiene at all times with hand washing as a priority and or using the hand sanitizer provided. Remember if you are poorly in any way please do not come.

Remember –

Catch it – sneeze into a tissue.

Bin it – bin the tissue.

Kill it – wash your hands.

Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.

You can find full details of the current advice on the internet at this address:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

LENT COURSE – Both courses are currently postponed. Please speak to Guy or Jan for further updates.

PAUL WILLMOTT – please pray for Paul and his ministry as the schools have now closed.

AS MENTIONED ABOVE ALL CHURCH GROUPS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED FOR NOW. **SPRING TEDDY BEARS PICNIC** - This event, was planned for 26th March, and has of course also been postponed due to the Corona-virus outbreak. We hope it will be held later in the year.

NOTICE FOR ST PETERS –

THE EASTER BUNNY DRIVE, THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIAL AND PENTRENANT HALL have now been postponed. Please have a word with Dave or Sheila Moss if you need more information.

NOTICE FOR ST ANDREWS -

St Andrews ADCM was not able to take place. We are currently awaiting advice from the Chancellor of the Diocese who will advise us on holding the meeting at a later date.

NOTICE FOR ALL SAINTS –

LADIES SOCIETY - The meetings planned for 6th April and 4th May are cancelled. June and July meetings will be reviewed closer to the dates. Geraldine Baker.

MOTHERS' UNION - All Mothers' Union meetings will be suspended until further notice. Thank you. Liz Williams

FOR AFTER THE CRISIS!!!! DO YOU LIKE FOOD! Can you provide sandwiches, cakes or sometimes simple buffet food? We are putting together a team of people to help provide food for All Saints Church social occasions. If you feel you can help, even if occasionally please give your name to Gail in the Parish Office. 01902 540289 or email admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. Thank you.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - The Charity of the Month for March is 'Make a Mothers' Day'. This is a Mothers' Union project that raises funds to support families worldwide. There are leaflets at the back of All Saints church which provide further information on this work.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are ill, bereaved, or suffering, those known to us and those who are unknown to us, that they may feel the closeness of the Lord's healing heart and His comforting arms around them.

A PRAYER ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
Lord in your mercy ...

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN ISOLATION

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Lord in your mercy ...

PARISH OFFICE – The parish office is open Monday to Friday 10-12.00 noon. 01902 540289 and my email address is admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. **Can items for the pew sheet be sent to me by Wednesday 12 noon please.** Thank you. Gail. **Please note that Revd Guy Hewlett's usual day off is a Monday Revd Catherine Mitchell's is a Friday and Canon Jan Humphries is a Saturday.**



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