

The following people have asked for your prayers:

Read on **Sundays and Communion:**

Barbara Jones, Carol Smith, Mason Taylor, Peter Brown, Christine Billing, Audrey Foster, Olga Keeble, Pamela Cook, Gerry & Rosemary Robinson.

Read at **Morning Prayer:**

Phil Taylor, Pat Lockett, Joyce & Peter Barry, Renee Samways, Ian Littlewood, Angela Greaves, The Hindley Family (Carol, Hannah & Matt), The Bayliss Family (Christine, Grant, Beth & Sarah).

Prayers for the families of the departed:

Derek Taylor, Joan Bickerton, Joseph Berry, Margaret Allcock.

Prayers for the parish: Holland Walk, Byron Walk, Copley Walk, Capel Way

Prayers for groups and activities:

Voice for Life, Tapestry Group, Soup Lunch.

Mission Support - United Christian

Broadcasting (UCB): pray for their ongoing broadcasting ministry as they share the good news and explore Christian discipleship.

While all our **regular public services of worship** have been suspended, baptisms, weddings and funerals are still possible in church but with small numbers of people and other restrictions.

All groups associated with St. Mary's have been cancelled until further notice.

The **PCC** will do business by e-mail. It is not yet clear what alternative arrangements, if any, will be possible for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Thank you to Miriam Harvey who has looked after all the administration in the office this week, while Gail was on leave, handling the flurry of cancellations for the Parish Hall and Church, and guiding the anxious wedding couples and baptism families.

The April edition of **This Month** is now available in the south porch. Those magazines which are normally delivered by hand will be posted this month. Posting will be possible in future months if people make an extra payment. We will also arrange for the magazine to be sent to people by e-mail if they wish.

Giving to St. Mary's - As you will appreciate, the current situation will be financially challenging for St Mary's. We will lose a lot of income from wedding fees, concerts, open plate and the shop, for example. Thank you to those who will continue to give by standing order. If you give using the weekly envelopes, we encourage you to drop them in the collection boxes in church, post a cheque, or contact us for details to arrange a standing order. We appreciate that some people's personal finances will suffer as a result of the crisis, and they will find themselves less able to give.

Beam Heath Trust Distribution 2020

Due to the current Covid 19 situation, Trustees have decided to re-schedule Claims Day from Wednesday 17th June until Wednesday 21st October. There will be the usual two sessions at the Parish Rooms from 3pm till 4.30pm and 6pm till 7pm. Visits to existing recipients are due to begin in August.

Trustees have been able to keep the Dividend at £40 per household for 2020.

The criteria for qualification for the Dividend are unaltered and will be published in the Public Notices later in the year.

Trustees must point out however, that the situation by August could be quite different to that which is existing now and that there is a distinct possibility that 2020's Distribution will be deferred until 2021. Should this be the case announcements will be made at the appropriate time.

*Kevin Hammersley (Chairman)
The Beam Heath Trust*

Prayer at Home

As indicated above, resources are available online, and we will make these accessible on our website. There's enough on this sheet to help you to pray though:

- maybe light a candle - but keep safe!
- settle yourself with a couple of minutes of silence
- some opening words: O God make speed to save us; O Lord make haste to help us.
- read one or more of the Bible passages referenced on this sheet for 22nd March
- say one of the Collect prayers
- say the Lord's Prayer
- bring your own thanks and petitions to God
- say the Grace

Note that throughout you will be saying 'us' and 'our', even if you are alone, because our prayers are always in communion with others.

A Prayer if you miss receiving Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament, I love you above all things, and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

St. Mary's Online

Readings for Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1: 20-28
Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 33-35

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1-13
Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-41

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The internet is a particular blessing at a time like this. For those who have access please note the following:

St. Mary's website stmarysnantwich.org.uk will be kept up to date with the latest information, and help in finding prayer resources will be added.

St. Mary's Facebook page [facebook.com/stmarysnantwich](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysnantwich) is a more immediate and interactive way to keep in touch.

The Facebook page will be used to live stream from church, for example, on Thursday this week Susie did a Little Fish session in St. Nic's that has been seen by 53 people including many children.

Watch out for live streaming of services - Compline, Communion ... with just one or two people in church but others able to watch and interact at home.

We have a new system for subscribing to an e-mail bulletin and many of you will find yourselves already subscribed if we have your address (you may of course unsubscribe any time). Do check you're signed up for this. You can subscribe here:
<http://stmarysnantwich.org.uk/newsletter/>
This is very helpful in the current situation, but will continue to be useful once we get back to normal. Thanks to Peter Bennett and Susie Boxhall for their work on this.

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Sunday, 22nd March 2020 Mothering Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**St. Mary's Church is open during the day
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm for individual prayers.
All public services of worship
are suspended until further notice.**

Please respect our building and other people by following the public health protection guidance displayed at the church doors.

**St. Mary's people will support anyone
who asks for help. We can offer:**

Regular social contact by e-mail and telephone
Listening and emotional support
Spiritual support through shared or individual Prayers and Bible Study
Deliveries of pre-paid goods and medicines (no cash)
Raising donations to supply and deliver small essential items

**Please contact us for yourself or give
these details to people you know:**

To give your contact details or make specific requests:

Parish Office:
Phone: 01270 625268
E-mail: office@stmarysnantwich.org.uk

To have a chat about things:

Time to Talk:
Phone: 07931 273674
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