

ST COLUMBA DRYPOOL

Sunday 15th March 2020

Welcome to Church Today!

10:30am Holy Communion Service

Readings: Ephesians 2: 1-7 & John 14: 1-7

The service will be led by Revd Dave & Dave (N)

At Communion we welcome everyone to the Lord's table that love the Lord Jesus. If you would prefer a Blessing please come forward but keep your hands by your side so we know.

The Special Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A St Columba's Prayer

Loving Father,
by your grace you have made us a family
who follow Jesus and reach out to our community.
We are loved by you – show us the depth of your love.
We are brothers and sisters - help us to love one another as Christ has loved us.
We are followers - lead us to love you with all our heart.
We are witnesses - empower us by your Spirit to love our neighbours as ourselves.
We exist to make disciples - use us to bring in, build up
and send out disciples for your glory. In Jesus' name. **Amen**



*At St. Columba we encourage people to pray for each other in an informal way after every service as the need arises.
All prayer is confidential.*



Coffee, tea and orange are available at the back of church after services. Do consider staying!



*If you need a lift to Church please contact
Margaret (588357) or Liz (797110).*

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TODAY'S READINGS (NIV)

Our focus as a church in 2020 is Growing in Unity. Ephesians is all about God's plan to unite all things under Jesus, and how the church is the place on earth where we see that happen today. Chapters 1-3 describe how God has saved us through Jesus, and chapters 4-6 tell us how to live out that salvation at church, at home, at work and in prayer.

Ephesians 2: 1-7

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

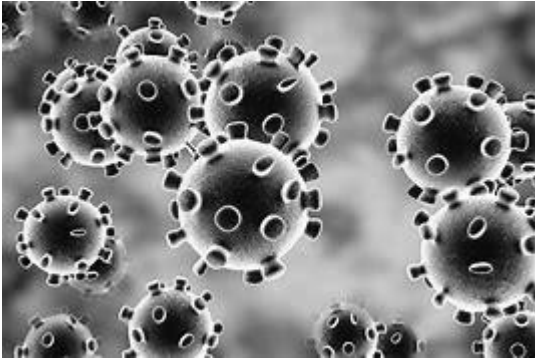
John 14: 1-7

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

THE NOTICES



The Coronavirus

It is the Church of England's view, in light of the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in the United Kingdom, that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands".

WE will therefore

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- Suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace. The suggestion is to say "Peace be with you" to each other without physical contact.

In the coming days if anyone needs help with shopping etc (or knows someone who needs help), please let Dave or another Church Member know.



The Church's 60th Anniversary

Following the destruction of the first building during the war, the Church was rebuilt and opened in the Autumn of 1960 so this year marks our 60th anniversary.

It is proposed to celebrate this on *Sunday October 11th*, which will also be our Harvest Festival. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please contact Margaret Liversedge (588357 or 07913976322).

A preliminary meeting is due to be held on *Wednesday March 25th*.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events in St Columba's Church unless stated

MARCH	
Monday 16 th	7:30pm DCC
Tuesday 17 th	10am "Starting Blocks" Children's Group Noon Tuesdays in Church Group – *** LENT COURSE
Wednesday 18 th	10am Knit, Crochet & Stitch Group 2pm Flower Guild
Thursday 19 th	1:30pm Short Mat and Carpet Bowling in the Hall 4:30pm Thursday Night Thing – *** LENT COURSE 7:30pm *** LENT COURSE
Friday 20 th	7pm Regency Dancers in the Hall
Sunday 22nd Lent 4	10:30am Mothering Sunday Service Readings: Ephesians 2: 8-10 & John 15: 9-17 The service will be followed by the usual 4 th Sunday lunch
Tuesday 24 th	10am "Starting Blocks" Children's Group Noon Tuesdays in Church Group – *** LENT COURSE
Wednesday 25 th	11am Prayer Shawl Group 1:30pm Knitwits
Thursday 26 th	1:30pm Music Group Practice 1:30pm Short Mat and Carpet Bowling in the Hall 4:30pm Thursday Night Thing – *** LENT COURSE 7:30pm *** LENT COURSE
Friday 27 th	7pm Regency Dancers in the Hall
Sunday 29th Lent 5	10:30am Morning Service Readings: Ephesians 2: 11-18 & John 13: 31-35
<p>During term time the following groups meet: Brownies & Rainbows Monday 6.15 – 7.15pm in the Hall Guides Monday 7:30 – 9:00pm in the Hall ----- St John's usually have a Communion Service on Wednesdays, 10am On Sundays St John's have a service at 6:30pm</p>	

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Items for the next Notice Sheet to Richard (588357) by Friday please	