



**WHITELEY CHURCH
NOTICE SHEET
Sunday 29th
March 2020**

5th Sunday of Lent
(Passiontide begins)
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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Suspension of Public acts of worship

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Church of England has, for the time being, suspended public acts of worship.

Therefore there will be no services run by Whiteley Church at the Whiteley Community Centre on Sundays for the foreseeable future, or throughout the upcoming Holy Week before Easter, and no groups (i.e. Monday Minis, Open Door Café, Craft Circle, House Groups or Prayer Groups) will physically meet in the week.

We do not intend for this to stop Whiteley Church being there for you and for us all to there for each other. We have already arranged the following:-

- To replace Sunday morning worship, Amy intends to share a short video service via our Facebook page at the time of our usual Sunday service (10.15am).
- We have formally set up a prayer group so that if Whiteley Church receives prayer requests we can have multiple people pouring power into prayer over that situation.
- Our lent group will hold their home group sessions over a chat group instead of meeting in person.
- Jo has kindly taken charge of our basics bank collection box for those who wish to contribute.

We aim to continue to review our outreach and support and will keep you updated.

We will update our Facebook page regularly as things develop or changes are made and we will continue to send this weekly notice sheet to our email distribution list. If you know anyone who would like to be added to our email distribution list please ask them to email our notice sheet email address (whiteleychurch@hotmail.com) and request to be included.

Let's keep in contact with each other and look after each other in this difficult time.

Prayers and blessings to you all and your loved ones.

Sunday Video Service 10.15am on our Facebook page

Amy will be leading communion during a short video service, please have a small piece of bread each and a cup of juice/wine/liquid each ready to join her.



(This will all be trial and error for a little while, so bear with us if we experience any technical difficulties. If we are able to share to other platforms we will keep you updated over the following weeks).

[Resources for Home Worship and Prayer](#)

The Diocese of Portsmouth have created a web page full of various resources for home worship and prayer. Please click [here](#) to be taken to the page.

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Easyfundraising.org.uk

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whiteleychurch

Prayer Requests:- If you have a prayer request please send a message to the Whiteley Church facebook page or contact Rev. Amy Adeniran or the Churchwardens who will anonymise it and pass it to our newly set up prayer group.

If you want to help us pray for matters received by Whiteley Church and become of the prayer group you'll need Facebook Messenger and to let us know so that we can add you to the group

Basics Bank Donations

Sadly the Fareham and Gosport basics bank have had to temporarily close due to a shortage of volunteers in a position to run it. We will let you know when this situation changes.

Facebook: [FarehamandGosportBasicsBank](#)
Website: friendsofthehomeless.org.uk

Monday Lent Group

Using the book:-
'Saying yes to life' by Ruth Valerio

The Monday evening lent group have already adjusted from physically meeting to now discussing the lent book in a Facebook messenger chat starting at 7.45pm on Monday evenings.

Please speak to Amy for more information or to be added to the chat group.

The book 'Saying yes to life' is available on Amazon, either as a hard copy by post or a downloadable kindle edition.

Kind request for your continued generosity of donations

Whilst we may not be running services at this time we have no intention for 'church' to stop - we are still here and all our clergy are still working their socks off (especially at a time where they are trying to come up with new ways of mission and outreach when it can't be done physically).

The clergy and Diocesan staff of the Church of England are who the majority of the Parish Share that we pay every year supports alongside other training for lots of people who are part of the Church of England family (clergy, staff, volunteers etc).

Therefore, at this time, we make a request of you: that you kindly not make changes to your regular donations to Whiteley Church (either through the Parish Giving Scheme or standing orders) in order that we can continue to support not only our own church here in Whiteley but the wider church.

(If you would usually have made cash donation to the collection plate and would be happy to set something up to join our other regular givers, please get in touch and we'll let you know how).

You can donate to Whiteley Church electronically, using our unique QR code.

Simply scan this QR barcode with any appropriate smartphone app, then select a donation amount (or enter your own), and pay securely online.



What does the Coronavirus mean for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the associated elections?

The Church of England has publicised that the legal deadline by which to hold an APCM is being extended until October, but other than that we still await further details.

We were due to have a few vacancies come up for this years meeting, and it would be unwise for us to lose momentum on considering these positions:-

- ◆ Churchwardens
- ◆ Deanery Synod Representatives
- ◆ Secretary (not a nominated position, but we in need of a volunteer to take up this position)
- ◆ Church Council

If you want more details on what is involved in any of these roles please let us know and somebody will be happy to have a chat.

Please prayerfully consider whether you could help Whiteley Church through being nominated for one of these positions, or whether you believe somebody has a talent and a gift which would be well directed to one of these positions.

