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*Making Christ known in the community of Holmes Chapel so that all can share in the joy of God's love*

**NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020: 4TH SUNDAY of LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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**Hello friends at St Luke's and my brothers and sisters in Christ during these strange times. Happy Mothering Sunday!**

This is the first of our weekly Link newsheets during the coronavirus restrictions. They will be printed by Judith as normal and left in the church porch, which will be open on weekday mornings. Could networkers arrange delivery to their networkees? It would be good if everyone received a newsheet, especially those in isolation.

I am also making available prayer sheets, so that we can pray at the same time on Sundays at 8.30am or 10am, and/or Wednesdays at 10.30. We may be prevented from meeting together but we can still pray the same little service at the same time, in our own houses and flats.

Because we are a church that seems to appreciate printed liturgy, I will produce three Morning Prayer sheets. One for Lent & Passiontide (our present season), one for Eastertide (once Easter Sunday is here), and one for those who are sick or near to the ill. If you are a networker and virus free, please take copies from the church porch and deliver them to your networkees. They are available for anyone who would like them. Do not return any to the piles thank you (for virus precautions).

I will encourage everyone to use the Passiontide sheet on the 29<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April, together with the Bible readings provided on this sheet, for your own time of prayer on those days. The readings are from the list of the C of E daily lectionary.

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March readings: Psalm 77, Exodus 2:11-22, Hebrews 9:1-14.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March readings: Psalm 79, Exodus 2:23-3:20, Hebrews 9:15-end.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March readings: Psalm 85, Exodus 3:21-4:23, Hebrews 10:1-18.
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March readings: Psalm 86, Exodus 4:27-6:1, Hebrews 10:19-25.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March readings: Psalm 102, Exodus 6:2-13, Hebrews 10:26-end.
- SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March readings: Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.

We are unable to join together to pray and hear from God's word. But we can pray together in our different places. Hopefully this will help sustain our fellowship and our spiritual growth in these troubled times.

**Yours in Christ, Rob** tel. **01477 668695** or **07591 730255** email: **vicar@stlukesholmeschapel.uk**

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**This week:** Thursday 26 March at 11.20am at Macclesfield Crematorium MBC, Cemetery Lodge, 87 Prestbury Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3BU: **Funeral of Trevor Howkins**, followed by refreshments at the Victoria Sports & Social Club, Victoria Avenue, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7BE

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**April Magazines** (50p each): available at the back of church or from the Print Room in Church Walk

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