

# Welcome!

Sunday 29 March 2020

Worship at Home

## Passion Sunday

10.30am Worship at Home  
with Paul Taylor  
All are invited to  
Worship in their own home

We suggest that we all worship at 10.30am on Sundays, so we continue to “gather” even if we are all in our own homes. You can use the attached worship sheet (also available on the church website). We will be sharing a short video message which will be available on our Facebook page from 10.30am on Sunday. You do not need to register for Facebook to view the video.

Go to [www.facebook.com/ashbournemethodist](http://www.facebook.com/ashbournemethodist)

## Prayer Pointers for the week ahead....

All physical meetings & events have been cancelled until further notice & the buildings are closed.

Be sure to read the April edition of Connections magazine, which is now available on the Circuit website: [www.ashbournemethodist.org.uk](http://www.ashbournemethodist.org.uk)

If you would prefer to have a paper copy sent or delivered to you, please let us know, and if you would like to try printing a copy at home, in the usual format, please contact John for advice.

Daphne and John: [dysters@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dysters@tiscali.co.uk) or 344086

Please pray for all our housegroups, and:

### Sunday 29 March

10.30am Worship at home see above

### Monday 30 March

2.00pm Craft & Chat at home

Please pray for attendees who will be missing their time together

### Tuesday 31 March

10.00am kids@cornerstone at home ~  
join us for a story time online at  
[www.facebook.com/ashbournemethodist](http://www.facebook.com/ashbournemethodist)  
Please pray for the usual attendees

12.30pm Please pray for Church Lunch

As you eat your lunch today, please spend a little time praying for those who are not able to come to our church lunch in Ashbourne.

6.30pm Minister's Vestry Hour Prayer  
Tim, our Minister, is usually available at church during this time.

Please pray for our church community, including Tim

### Thursday 2 April

9.30am Time for Prayer at home  
Usually, people are invited to come to our church building to join in a time of prayer at 9.30am on Thursdays. We suggest, if possible, people use this time to pray at home

### Saturday 3 April

10.00am Pray for The Cornerstone Coffee Shop  
We serve many regulars who come on their own or with friends, but who appreciate the coffee shop's warmth, friendliness and love.

Many of them will be missing spending time in the coffee shop, and may be feeling particularly isolated at the moment.

Please, if you are able, spend a few minutes holding them before God.

We pray for our Church, our Town, our Country, our World, that you will be with us & those who have the responsibility of caring for others, those who make decisions on our behalf & those around us at this worrying time. Amen.



**Family news**

+ Congratulations to Stephanie Cole who has a special birthday on 2 April.  
+ Erik & Lena Tettelaar have now reached Singapore on their travels, & Richard & Marion Shaw are in Spain, staying there for the present time. Remember them in your prayers.

**Keep in Touch!**

We have an amazing group of people who are keeping in touch with each other. Whether you are a regular worshipper at Ashbourne Methodist or whether you are housebound, why not make a phone call to someone you have met at church or you know. It might be just what is needed & you could be the answer to someone's prayer. *Joyce Odell*

**New Deadline for items for the Weekly Notices**

Please note that during the current Covid-19 situation, the deadline for items is now noon **on Wednesday**.

**Correction**

Anne Wills' telephone number in the new directory is incorrect. It should read: 077151719 64

**COVID-19 Coronavirus**

All of our church buildings are now closed until further notice. This is in line with the latest instructions from the national Methodist Church & the Government. Please heed the latest government instructions & DO NOT leave your home except for the reasons allowed. Please continue to support one another by phone.

**Thursday Time for Prayer**

Instead of meeting for Time for Prayer, why not all "gather" for prayer at home from 9.30am to 10.30am on Thursdays - & make yourself a cup of coffee in a virtual Cafe at Cornerstone afterwards, if you have time!

**Craft & Chat at home**

Please join us on Monday afternoon to sit & craft any time between 2pm & 4pm. We can still do something together even though we are separate at the moment. Don't forget the cup of tea you will need to help you along, & if you feel like it perhaps you could phone someone up to do the chat part as well as the craft part! Look on our Facebook page to see photos of what people got up to last Monday.  
If you would like a copy of our Craft & Chat prayer please get in touch. Please email me too if you would like to be added to our Craft & Chat email list or WhatsApp group. In the next week we will be launching a new craft project. Look out for details of that very soon!

*Clare Sales [gatefarm10@btinternet.com](mailto:gatefarm10@btinternet.com)*

**Pennies for Lent**

In view of the current situation, I will let you know next week how this will happen. *Pat Fielding 345695*

**Quick Questionnaire** – we need your help! We would be very grateful if as many people as possible (including those who attend church infrequently) could fill in a very short questionnaire for us. It's online and will only take a couple of minutes to complete (paper copies also available). This will be used to help us track progress for our Plan for Growth. Just type the following into the address bar of your web browser: <http://tiny.cc/p4g>

**The Real Easter Egg**

Celebrating 10 years of the Real Easter Egg. This is the only chocolate egg to tell the Easter Story - & it is made from Fairtrade chocolate too! Palm oil free. The packaging is completely plastic free. £3.99 each. Order from Clare Sales (342321 or [gatefarm10@btinternet.com](mailto:gatefarm10@btinternet.com)) as soon as possible & by the end of March at the latest please. Clare can deliver these to you if you wish.

**Glass Recycling**

The question of glass recycling came up in a conversation in The Coffee Shop last week, so I thought I would clarify the situation.

Only glass bottles & jars (clean please!) can go in the Blue Bin. They can be recycled several times to make new bottles & jars, & also glass wool insulation for homes. Other glass objects have a different composition & therefore cannot be put in the Blue Bin; these include cooking equipment (eg pyrex), decorative glassware (eg vases, bowls), window & mirror glass, & glass fibre insulation. If taking these types of glass to the 'tip', it is best to ask where they should go. *Pat Fielding*

**Ashbourne Food Bank is seriously short of food.**

None of the shops will allow them to bulk-purchase, so they are relying on individual donations. When you next do some essential food shopping, please consider whether you can buy something for the food bank & put it in the collection point in-store. DO NOT make a special trip to buy food for the food bank. Items needed:

- tinned meat for a main meal
- tinned veg including potatoes
- tinned fruit
- rice pudding.

**Bible readings**

Would you be interested in us sharing recordings of people reading the Bible, for you to listen to in your own time? These would probably need to be made available online as we are trying to limit physical contact. If you think this is a good idea, contact Stuart Green 300338

**Book Aid**

Sorry to have to change this, but in the circumstances I am unable to receive books until further notice, when the virus scare has ended. But, anyway, please have a sort out and hang on to them for now! Many thanks, *Richard Odell, World Mission Secretary 419319*