



# BROMLEY AND SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES WEEKLY HERALD



2 MAY 2021

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about. –  
*Margaret J. Wheatley*

### Weekly diary

When	Service	President	Reader	Intercessor
<b>Sat 1</b> <b>St Phillip &amp; and St James</b>	10am	Paul Jenkins	Valerie Pearce	
<b>Sun 2</b>	10am	Valerie Pearce	Brandy Pearson	
<b>Thurs 6</b>	10.30	Coffee on the lawn		

*We pray for those worshipping in newly opened churches, online at home and outside.*

## Chaplain's notes

### Mediation

There has been a little ambiguity in the invitation to speak to Ruth Adams, Mediator and perhaps a lack of enthusiasm to engage with this process. Ruth has now given her telephone number to circulate to all of you to make communication direct and easy and encourages you to call her for a conversation.

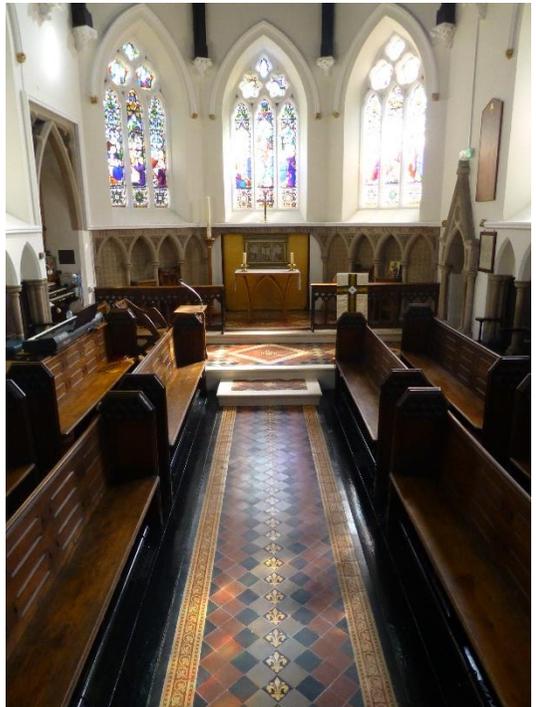
The number is 01223 423374. You can also use the email already circulated: [rev.r.h.adams@gmail.com](mailto:rev.r.h.adams@gmail.com).

### Chapel

The Chapel floor will be ready by Ascension Day (13 May). The Worship Advisory Group (WAG) will meet before then to discuss how we safely return to the Chapel.

### Books

Dorothy Nicholson is happy to continue to sell your once-loved books. She is asking for volunteers to take books that cannot be sold to a charity shop please contact her. Thank you.



### Skip reassurance

The company who provides our skips confirmed that on collection the skips are taken to a transfer station where contents are sorted and recycled where appropriate.

## Weed Treatment

The weed treatment company are coming in spray the hard surfaces with weed control on Tuesday 4 May. This is a regular event that happens 3 times a year to keep things under control.

## Compost Bins

There are new posters on the Compost Bins.

Please do not put caddy bags in the compost, even if the bags are described as compostable, they are not suitable for our compost as they do not break down quickly enough.

Thanks to Maily-Clare for taking on this smelly job!

As a reminder for the compost bins:

Yes Please	No Thank You
Raw vegetables and peelings	Cooked food of any kind
Fruit peelings	Fish, meat or pasta
Crushed eggshells	Cat food
Paper tea bags	Citrus peel
Cut flowers	Died or coloured paper or card
Shredded white paper	Any plastic
	Growing plants, bulbs, big pips

## Bromley Little Theatre collaboration

The Bromley Little Theatre are planning to celebrate the re-opening of the theatres in the week of 20 to 24 July on out South Lawn. There will be a performance of Midsummer Night's Dream as well as live music and other activities. Since their programme will run from 6.30pm to 11pm, we can join in with activities in the afternoon as well as running the bar in the evening and keeping the profits! If anyone would like to volunteer for the planning group please let me know.

Auditions for Midsummer Night's Dream will be held this weekend on the South Lawn by appointment only and BLT will observe strict Covid protocols.

## Monthly Maintenance Contribution (MMC)

The trustees review the MMC every year and apply a small uplift. The number has not been agreed yet but a decision will be made at the next Trustees' Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday 5 May. This is why you have not received the annual notification. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused you.

## Coffee Mornings

The morning of Monday 19 April started a week of blue skies and bright sunshine. The reduction of lockdown protocols was enjoyed by Collegians in an atmosphere of warmth, peace and quiet in our cloisters and the gentle hum of catching up conversations in groups of 6. The week was one of celebrations: Richard's 90th and Cecil's 82nd birthdays, with the first of our resumed Coffee Mornings in between. It was a week when the resumption of meetings in the beauty of the gardens displayed College life at its best and Collegians hugely enjoyed it. We did come into the sunshine after months in the shade.



## Jus B

Cecil has been a valued Trustee of Jus B for many years. Ned McWurter of Jus B attended this morning's Coffee Morning and made a presentation to Cecil to mark his recent retirement. He shared how Jus B has continued its work amongst young people and their families during the year of lockdown. The last two weeks Coffee Mornings raised the sum of £157.90 for Jus B.



## Fire Alarm this week

Please note that the fire alarm will be sounded at 10am on **Tuesday 4 May** as the first Monday of this month falls on a Bank Holiday.

## Lockdown easing roadmap

Full guidelines on <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Step 2 From 12 April

Hair cuts, pedicures, gym, pubs, restaurants and cafes with gardens, domestic holidays, outside attractions, libraries and community centres etc.

### Step 3 From 17 May

Rule of 6 indoors: pubs, restaurants, home entertainment. Cinemas and theatres can reopen, accommodation for holidays. Restricted Chapel opening with risk assessment

### Step 4 From 21 June

Larger events, night clubs, no legal limit on social numbers. Chapel can open completely if all is well!

*We pray for the people of India as they battle a surge of infection.*

Norwich Cathedral

**Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

Galatians 6.7

This text speaks particularly powerfully to me in this Covid-season. For a long time, people in the developed world have become accustomed to thinking that we can do whatever we like to the world in which we live – we can pollute it, drive our fellow creatures to extinction, ravage its natural resources to their limits for the convenience of the rich – and there won't be any consequences for us. Technology will come to our rescue, or we can distract ourselves with entertainment, gossip, and the latest toys.

Covid is a sharp reminder that our actions have consequences, and that we are not masters of the universe. If we want a future for our world, we will need to learn to live better. If we want to harvest righteousness and justice in our world, then we need to learn to sow love.

*The Revd Dr Peter Doll, Canon Librarian*

## 5<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us  
the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### SCRIPTURE

#### Acts 8:26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.'

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **1 John 4:7-end**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## **Psalm 22.25-end**

### **John 15:1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**



St Mary's Ruins East Somerton

## Prayer list

<b>Anglican Cycle</b>	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
<b>Rochester cycle</b>	Rochester Archdeaconry The Venerable Andy Wooding Jones, Archdeacon
<b>College</b>	Robert and Diane Dennis and Bob Wallace
<b>Community</b>	Bromley Council and Mayor HM's Opposition
<b>Collegians moved away</b>	David and Diane Cossar, Pam Dawson, Frank and Yvonne Gough, Sarah Grove, John and Joyce Ilson, Charles Potter, Mary Watts, and Ken Hewitt
<b>Those who are sick or have asked us to pray</b>	Jenny Balmer, Matthew Coxen, June Dakin, Maureen Edmonds, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, John Harris, Peter Hemming, Geoffrey Howard, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Paul and Jane Merrick, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Dominic Tye, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting and Julian White
<b>Years Mind Anniversary</b>	George Harrington Howlett and Jack Williamson
<b>Those who have died</b>	The people who died in the crush at the Lag B'Omer festival, near Mount Meron,

*Please ask for copy of complete prayer booklet. Please let Jo or the Chaplain know when to take someone off the prayer list.*