



# BROMLEY AND SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES WEEKLY HERALD



7 MARCH 2021

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**



The most dangerous thing in the world is to try to leap a chasm in two jumps.  
*David Lloyd George*

## Weekly diary

When	Service	President	Reader	Intercessor
Sun 7 March	10am	Valerie Pearce	Richard Handforth	David Darling

*Please follow communion protocols – there is a laminated sheet for ministers. We hold each other in our prayers: worshipping online, in person or quietly alone.*

## HOLY WEEK

The worship group has met and come up with some ideas for Holy Week and Easter. We are aiming to decorate the Chapel according to tradition and use the moveable trolley for outside services.

Mary Kemp's Last Supper figures, lovingly knitted with tiny cups and plates and a Passover loaf



### Palm Sunday

**10am Procession around the Colleges** using the pathways, with songs and “palm” branches and Palm Gospel with Eucharist in Quad.

### Monday to Wednesday

**2pm Stations of the Cross** – we have leaders for Tuesday – Robbie and Wednesday – Brandy and need one more volunteer for Monday – it would be nice to have a lay leader?

### Maundy Thursday

**4pm Eucharist.** We hope to have a foot washing equivalent. One idea is to have pictures of where Pope Francis washes feet, one for pictures of the feet of Collegians and one for shoe cleaning! More ideas welcome. The sacrament will be reserved for Good Friday and moved to the Chapel for safety. Collegians can keep watch in Chapel or outside.

A garden will be prepared on the Credence table with flowers and candles. The stripping of the altar can be replaced by a reading of Psalm 22 and music – a time of reflection and silence.

## Good Friday - Liturgy

**10am Passion Eucharist** with dramatic reading of John's Passion. Volunteers needed for parts – see Notice Board. There will be the Veneration of the Cross, but this will be carefully spaced, using the usual refrain. Communion from reserved Sacrament.

## Saturday vigil

**4pm Vigil readings and New Fire.** The new paschal candle will be lit from the New Fire and processed past a “guard of honour” of Collegians to the Chapel. It will be placed in the new stand in the Chapel where the Easter Garden will be. The service will end with the Easter Acclamation Alleluia!

## Easter Sunday – Resurrection Eucharist!

10am Service in Wren garden with mobile Easter Garden and Easter songs of Resurrection. We will sing out from the Wren garden with the fire pits. The Chapel will also be decorated with Easter flowers by Ruth Allton and helpers.



## Chaplain's notes

### Spring cleaning



Paul with the water jet cleaning the stone slabs in the Wren garden – removing slippery growth and brightening the stone

Spring is coming and we want to welcome the season with new growth in the grounds and smart and clean Quads. Please cooperate with the grand tidy-up. The clean-up has started with the pathway in the Wren garden.

The Colleges need to have a protocol for furniture in the Quads. I understand this has been quite strict in the past, and do not want to be that prescriptive, but storage items and furniture need to be of a reasonable size and of quality materials to present consistent good taste. As good neighbours we try to accommodate those sensitive to muddle as well as those who find it difficult to be tidy.

Soon we will be able to welcome visitors – including Sarah Mullaly the Bishop of London who is preaching on Founder's day – we want to make a good impression!

## Recycling of books and clothes

Dorothy Nicholson will take your once loved books and sell them for you. (Flat 17).

## Conversations with Trustees

There have been 16 requests for meetings with Trustees. This is an initiative by the Trustees in response to the investigation last year and Collegians' request to get to know the Trustees better. This is a great opportunity so get your requests in soon.

## CHARM

I have been speaking to CHARM: Church Housing Assistance for Retired Clergy to promote our accommodations here. They are confident that they can send us many suitable candidates. This is good news for broadening the net for our residents and mixing up the personalities and backgrounds – of course within our Charitable purpose.



Ruth and Jill expertly pruning the roses ready for our Summer enjoyment. I am told that the deeper the pruning, the more beautiful the roses!

## Armenian Genocide petition

Paul Allton has put a petition on the Notice Board. Please sign if you want to ask our Government to recognise this hidden and long-standing atrocity.

You can also sign online:

<https://barnabasfund.org/armenian-genocide/#petition>



## Electricity contracts

Our Energy consultant has come back to us to say that bulk buying will not really work for us.

One reason is that we would have to buy centrally and then recharge; Collegians have a very wide range of electricity usage.

Also most of you have got very good deals which makes the central buying unfeasible.

So, sorry, we tried but you are better off being independent.

Worth a try!

We are investigating other ways to keep us warm including improved insulation; a big challenge in a listed building.

I am reminded of the famous charity that provided red flannel underwear – honestly it is true!



*Let's be accommodating,*

*cooperative and kind      Chaplain Jane*

## Lenten reflection



This was shared with me on Facebook so I share it with you!

### **Wholemakers of Love**

“We can read the history of our 13.7-billion-year-old universe as the rising up of Divine Love incarnate, which bursts forth in the person of Jesus, who reveals Love’s urge toward wholeness through reconciliation, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. Jesus is the Love of God incarnate, the wholemaker who shows the way of evolution toward unity in Love. In Jesus, God breaks through and points us in a new direction; not one of chance or blindness but one of ever-deepening wholeness in Love. In Jesus, God comes to us from the future to be our future. Those who follow Jesus are to become wholemakers, uniting what is scattered, creating a deeper unity in Love. Christian life is a commitment to Love, to give birth to God in one’s own life and to become midwives of divinity in this evolving cosmos. We are to be Wholemakers of Love in a world of change.” *Sister Ilia Delio*

## Covid lockdown

Vaccinations go on apace. Everyone now has had their first jab and already feeling more confidence and freedom.

The schools are back on Monday, teachers and students relieved to be getting back to classrooms, playgrounds and friends.

Some of our neighbours are still shielding so please continue to observe protocols:

HANDS	Wash hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
FACE	Wear face covering inside. Open windows!
SPACE	Keep 2m apart or 1m with face-covering and ventilation

## Foodbank

Remember to continue to support the Foodbank.

## Anna Chaplain

Sophie Sutherland on 07962 156673 for conversations and more.



## Third Sunday of Lent

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Scripture

#### Exodus 20:1-17

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## Psalm 19

## John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand  
the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,  
the only God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Prayer list

<b>Anglican Cycle</b>	Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
<b>Rochester cycle</b>	Beckenham deanery The Rev Canon Jeremy Blunden, Area Dean; Mrs Sarah Poole, Lay Chair
<b>College</b>	Paula Dudley
<b>Community</b>	The Royal School of Church Music and Music Therapists
<b>Collegians who have moved away</b>	David and Diane Cossar, Frank and Yvonne Gough, Charles Potter, Pam Dawson, Sarah Grove John and Joyce Ilson, Mary Watts, and Ken Hewitt
<b>Those who are sick or have asked us to pray</b>	Jenny Balmer, June Dakin, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, John Harris, Cecil Heatley (recuperating), Ken Hewitt, Geoffrey Howard, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting, Julian White, Peter Hemming and Matthew Coxen
<b>Years Mind Anniversary</b>	Mary Calvert
<b>Those who have died</b>	

Ken Hewitt may be nearing his death and we have been asked to pray for this ending of a long and faithful journey.

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

*The Chaplain prays for collegians, the church locally and around the world, global issues and community in the Offices.*