



THE PARISH OF ST MARGARET'S, INGOL



**Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by.**

(Isaiah 26: 20)

I hope as you read this letter that you are now in isolation and as such are preventing the spread of this awful virus. Please continue to isolate yourselves to keep yourself and others safe.

Hallo there,

It's so good to make contact with you, and I hope that you and yours are all OK, have not succumbed to the dreaded virus and have everything you need. There are many of us that have been beavering away helping those who need help. It is a huge privilege to be able to do so, I pray that we all keep well and can continue to help out. I am concerned though that there may well be people who have not gotten in touch and may need help. Please call and let me know if you are struggling, or you know of someone from our church who is struggling and there is something we can do, ring me on 01772 727208. Please be assured that every day I am thinking of each and every one of you and am holding you close in prayer at this difficult time.

It is strange to think that as we approach the Easter season, we cannot meet in church to reflect, revere and celebrate this holy time. In an effort to help us all have the opportunity to worship during Easter, I will be sending out e-mails, to those of you who have ones, with the liturgy and prayers for the day on Palm Sunday, each day for Easter week and for Easter Sunday. Please find enclose your palm cross, blessed in church and with the service for Palm Sunday ready so you can raise your palm on Sunday and join me, and the whole congregation, in worship at home at the appointed time. I will commence worship at 10am, as usual.

Please continue to join me in prayer at either 8am or 4.30pm, if we do so we will surround Ingol, Tanterton and Cottam with a circle of prayer that will encompass everyone. Christ said that whenever two are more are gathered in his name, He will be with us, an amazing and comforting thought that we can, by praying together, ensure that His light and love will encompass and shine on so many people in our community. Don't worry that you don't know any fancy prayers or can't get the morning prayer on your phone APP, just find a quiet space at 8.30 and or 4pm, light a candle if you have one, be still and just ask the Lord to hold our world, our community, our congregation and ourselves close at this time of trouble. Ask for His forgiveness and love for all and that His light may shine in every heart at this time of darkness, that He may attend to our needs and bring us His peace.

With the suspension of public worship and social distancing measures church and the church hall are closed so the hall bookings that generate income and donations we receive from you to be able to keep our doors open are not happening at the moment. We, as ever, are dependent on your generosity, as you will be dependent on the generosity of others. Can I, at this point, say a huge thank you to all of you for all your generous giving to date, we have been able to do so much with your kindness. A big shout out also goes to those of you who have envelopes and pay by standing order, these donations will help to keep us going. Please keep filling those envelopes, they can be collected by our team or brought into church when worship restarts. Thank you. I am making a plea to those of you who donate by giving on the plate in church each visit. As this is no longer possible at the moment, can I ask that you, and maybe also those of you who have envelopes, seriously think of paying by standing order? I have enclosed a standing order form for your help, if you have problems with this please call Geoff on 724565 or contact him on sandgw2@virginmedia.com and I know he will be happy to help you sort this out. If you would rather, I have enclosed some envelopes for you. Please do not be offended by this request. We understand that this is such a difficult time for everyone and that finances are as difficult as ever, but if you could help continue God's work in and around our parish, and keep our church going, it would be so very much appreciated. Please remember to fill in all addresses on envelopes so we can claim Gift Aid from your donation. Thank you so much, your help and generosity are much appreciated.

So, as we approach Holy Week we will have to celebrate our Lord's death and resurrection in different ways. Please look out on the website, www.thestmargaretschurchingol.co.uk, for services during the Easter period, there will also be the readings for the week for you to follow. There will be Compline for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, a short service for Maundy Thursday, maybe you could get a bowl and towel and wash hands when you read the bible reading for the day, and do spend some time in silent prayer as we watch with Christ on this most Holy of nights, at 3pm Friday please stop and hold silence for a short while, remembering His death on the cross and on Easter morning....well wherever you are on Easter Sunday I am sure you will hear me raising the roof to celebrate Christ risen! Please join me. I won't be stopping for the likes of Covid 19, nothing will stop me celebrating, and I hope you feel the same. God is with us, we are not alone, let your faith guide, bolster and comfort you, let prayer sustain you and let God's love shine in your heart now and always.

Take heart and remember "perfect love casts out all fear" – 1 John 4:18

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he [it is] that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." - Deuteronomy 3:16

With love and every blessing

Rev Rie

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Parish of St Margaret's, Ingol

Prayer and worship at home.

Sunday 5th April



If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type. If alone, read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at. You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still. Hold your palm cross as you worship today.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Please hold up your palms while this prayer is said

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PALM GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

THE COLLECT

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

**Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent Your our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon
the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

FIRST READING; - Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL READING; MATTHEW 27:11-54

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words, or be prompted by the words here)

We pray for our world, especially at this time of anxiety and fear...

We pray for our nation and its well-being...

We pray for neighbours, family and friends and we remember all those self-isolating at the moment...

We pray for all who are sick, worried or anxious, and for those who feel cut off from loved ones...

We pray for all those in the nursing and caring professions, and for our emergency services...

**Lord Jesus Christ,
You humbled Yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the courage to follow You
and to proclaim You as the Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE GRACE

We conclude our prayers

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.**



Readings for the coming week

Monday—Psalm 36:5-11, John 12:1-11

Tuesday—Psalm 71:1-14, John 12: 20-36

Wednesday—Psalm 70, John 13:21-32

Thursday—psalm 116:9 to end, John 13:1-17,31b-35

Friday—Psalm 22:1-21, John 18 and 19.

Saturday—Psalm 31:1-4,15-16. John19:38to end

With every blessing—Rev Rie