

	Newsletter March 2020		
	Services in March		
	1 st March	8 am	Said Communion
		9.30 am	Café Church in PMH Theme: Giving Forwards
	8 th March	9.30 am	Sung Communion with Choir
	15 th March	9.30 am	Morning Worship with Children's Activities
	22 nd March	9.30 am	Mothering Sunday All Age Worship
	29 th March	9.30 am	Sung Communion with Choir
<i>If you have any items that you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to Emily by the 14th of the month. They may be edited, and will be reviewed for inclusion by Philip.</i>			

Upcoming Events	Philip's Secondment - Update
<p>5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April Lent Group in the Parish Centre, drinks from 7.30pm finish by 9.15pm. The study material is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book which focuses on the environment. This will be instead of home groups over the Lenten period, but all are welcome.</p> <p>6th March World Day of Prayer Service at church 2pm followed by refreshments</p> <p>15th March Lenten Lunch in the Parish Centre 12.30pm (sign-up sheet at the back of church)</p> <p>19th March Memorial Service John Edwards 11am</p> <p>21st March Mothering Sunday Flower Posy making 3pm Parish Centre materials provided</p>	<p>Philip's Secondment - Update</p> <p>As stated in last month's newsletter, the Bishops have requested that Philip be seconded to work full time in his vocational role from March until the end of June. March will be a month of transition, as others take on various duties in the Parish.</p> <p>Bishop Michael of Hertford has offered to take all the services in St. Giles from Palm Sunday (5th April) until Easter Sunday. From 26th April, the Revd Liz Lavelle, curate at St. Francis, Welwyn Garden City, is to be re-deployed for half her week to the parish of Codicote. Further support will come from members of the Welwyn Team.</p> <p>Although Philip and Liz (his wife) will continue to live in the Vicarage, he will only pick up on parish work in July. Arrangements are being made so that issues that would normally be dealt with by the Vicar are handled by others in the interim. Philip will honour prior commitments to the Church and individuals during March – June and will be in contact as necessary.</p> <p>Please bear with us as we all adjust to these temporary ways of working. We will endeavour to ensure that the life of St. Giles Church continues to flourish throughout this period. We shall look forward to our return to "normality" in July.</p>
Dates for your Diary	Children's Easter Trail
<p>5th April Palm Sunday 8am Said service of Holy Communion, and 9.30am Café Church in PMH (theme: The Week before Easter)</p> <p>9th April Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Evening Communion</p> <p>10th April Good Friday 9.15am Parade of the cross from the church to the Green, followed by a short service at 9.45am and hot cross buns in the PMH. 2pm An Hour at the Cross in Church</p> <p>11th April Children's Easter Trail around the village from 10am - 4pm, with the Church and Parish Centre open from 2 - 4pm for the final egg, refreshments, and craft. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you have a spare hour to help.</p> <p>12th April 6am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast 9.30 am All Age Communion</p>	<p>Children's Easter Trail</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Collect a trail sheet on GOOD FRIDAY from the Peace Memorial Hall from 10am until midday, or at the Goat after midday 2) Enjoy the trail from 10 am - 4 pm Easter Saturday, find all 12 wooden eggs and their hidden message to complete your trail sheet 3) Collect your Easter treat from the Parish Centre from 2 - 4pm <p>The Parish Centre will also have crafts for your children to enjoy, as well as homemade cake and refreshments that may be purchased.</p> <p>Please Note: It is 1 Easter Treat per completed trail sheet, and the number of sheets is limited. There will be Easter Treats for most dietary restrictions, including nut-free and dairy-free. The last egg is located in the church, which will be open from 2 pm – 4 pm for you to complete the trail and claim your prize!</p>
Worship and Service Review	
<p>We are reviewing our pattern of worship, please fill in a hard copy of the survey (see back of church), or online: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QG2Y9FS</p>	
Bury St Edmunds Coach Trip - 9 th May	
<p>Please sign up by the 22nd March- min 16 people needed!</p>	