Dear Church Family,

Welcome home Pam and Malcolm Chilton safely repatriated this week from New Zealand.

Who would have imagined that our preparations for Holy Week would take such a different focus this year? Although we will journey through Holy Week ‘virtually’ as a parish we are nonetheless united through our prayers and in the Passion of our Lord.

As Lent comes to a close, we are reminded that many of us committed to give to our quarterly mission focus **Turning Tides**. You may well have taken a collection box home at the start of Lent. As we are not worshipping together in church at the moment please keep this box until we meet again in church, you may even wish to continue collecting in your box.

**Family Support Work (FSW)**

We are normally regular givers of food and other items for families in our diocese who are in need. Unfortunately, this way of helping is no longer available to us for the foreseeable future. However, the needs of the families and the children in particular have not disappeared and are even more acute at this time. FSW have told us that their biggest challenge at the moment is food for the food bank and are asking their regular contributors to the food bank to consider making a financial donation to enable them to fill the gaps in their supplies. If you would like to do this, here is the link to their Just Giving Page: [https://www.familysupportwork.org/get-involved/donate/](https://www.familysupportwork.org/get-involved/donate/)

Please also read below re flowers and FSW.

**Easter Flowers**

Your flower arrangers, Dot in St. Laurence’s and Lucinda in St. Mary’s are trying a new idea. There will somehow be an Easter flower display, possibly virtual, and it will feature on our Facebook page and hopefully here in the newsletter next week.

Usually at Easter people donate money for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to do that this year, we ask that you donate to FSW, see above. If you are not able to access the FSW Just Giving Page you can donate by cheque, made payable to Goring Parochial Church Council, and we will make the donation on your behalf. Send cheques to the Parish Office, 16 Ilex Way, Goring by Sea, Worthing, BN12 4UZ. Please indicate that the donation is for Easter Flowers.

A list of names in whose memory this is given will be published in this newsletter. Please contact Lucinda 07905161991 or lucinda.e.m@gmail.com to arrange this.

**Palm Sunday**

Unfortunately the donkey that was due to visit us on Sunday has had to be postponed till next year. (Sad!). We had also ordered fresh palm leaves (as well as the traditional palm crosses) for you to wave and to take home to make your own cross. These are being kept in water until 'Come Back to Church Sunday’ when they will be available. Please look out for Palm Sunday ideas on Facebook and join Fr. Keith’s Live Facebook stream for a special service. (10am. This Sunday).

**A brief reminder of our key arrangements during Lock down.**

**Worship**

Fr. Keith is Live streaming regularly at the following times:

- **Tuesday.** 18.00 Talk and Evening prayer. BCP
- **Thursday.** 10.00 Talk and Morning Prayer. Common Worship.
- **Sunday.** 10.00 Talk and Morning Prayer. Common Worship.

[https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/)
Please also continue to check out the parish Website and Facebook page regularly for information and updates and events and sharing of news and information.

**During Holy Week Fr. Keith will be Live streaming every day. Details to follow on Facebook and the Website.**

**Prayer and Study Groups**

These are continuing in many ways and through telephone calls and use of social media like What’s App and Skype etc. Lucinda Cox has offered to provide assistance where she can to anyone who would like to set up a Skype or WhatsApp group. She can be contacted by email: lucinda.e.m@gmail.com

If you have a prayer group that can open to others or would like to join a group please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know and they will try and match you up.

**Pastoral visits**

Please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know if you have a personal pastoral concern or may know of somebody in need.

We are keen that this newsletter is a communication where we can keep in touch and share what is happening in our lives, and not just Wardens Warbling. **If you have something that you would like to share, especially to encourage us all, please send to Gill Keevill** (gilliankeevill@me.com) **or mobile number:** 07715120841.

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God Bless you all, Gill, Janice, Ruth and Geoff.