



**St. Michael's, Verwood**  
& All Saints, Three Legged Cross

## Sunday 22nd March

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Welcome to St Michael's Verwood & All Saints Three Legged Cross. Visitors from other Christian churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our services. However, if you prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please come forward for a blessing. Afterwards, stay for coffee and please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

#### The Collect & Readings

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.



**St Michael's Open for Prayer today 22nd March**

**8 – 8.45am**

**10-11am**

**6-6.45pm**

**Please pray for Charli and Adam who are getting married at St. Michael's on Sunday 22nd March.**

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## Message from the Vicar

As we find ourselves in these most difficult times, we are faced with a situation that we have not encountered before. Many of us have gone through troubles and sad and challenging times, but nothing resembling the situation we face today.

To some extent we have seen it coming as this virus swept across the world and made its way to us. And now we cannot fail to recognise the devastating effect that Coronavirus (COVID-19) can have upon us. As more people are proving positive and dying from the virus in the UK, our government have warned those who are over 70 or who have underlying health conditions, to self-isolate.

We have now heard from our Archbishops that public worship in the Church of England has been suspended until further notice. With consideration of the current situation this is a sensible precaution. However, this does not mean that the church is closed.

For the time being we will not be meeting together for services in St Michael's. But the building will be open at certain times of the day for people to come in and pray. Perhaps to light a candle and to acknowledge God's presence with us.

If you come into church to pray, please observe the social distancing guidelines and keep your distance from each other, but please know that you are welcome as you come into the house of God.

We are working on other ways to keep us connected via the website, email and telephone and will share those details as soon as possible. We will be publishing times when the church will be open on the website and on the noticeboard outside the church. I will be using our new daily prayer list so that I can pray for each one of you over the course of the month. But please let us know if you fall ill or are anxious. We trust ourselves into God's care.

Keep safe. God bless you,  
Much love,  
Deborah  
01202 823707

Please check our **Calendar of Services and Events** on our website for details of when the Church and Parish Office will be open. This information will change regularly, so please do check before you travel to the Church or Parish Office.

### Self-Isolation

If anyone is in self-isolation then please get in touch via email or telephone so that we can continue to support you.

If you would like to volunteer to help then please also get in touch.