

Church opening times

While services have been suspended, it does not mean that the church will be closed. Rather we are going to try and be open for people to light a candle and engage in private prayer.

You should still maintain required hygiene procedures (hand washing etc) that have been outlined in various sources.

St John's should be open most mornings and we are going to try and have the church open in the afternoons between 2:00 and 4:00

If you have internet access and would like to keep up to date with the encouragement and advice being given by our Archbishops, Justin Welby and John Sentamu, please log on to the Church of England website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

Daily services, prayers and readings can also be accessed here.

If you have a mobile phone you can stay in touch via our WhatsApp group.

(Please be aware that being on

WhatsApp will expose your mobile number to everyone else in the group).

To join the group, contact Sarah at:

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and leave your name and mobile number.



May the Peace of the Lord be with each one of us today and. always

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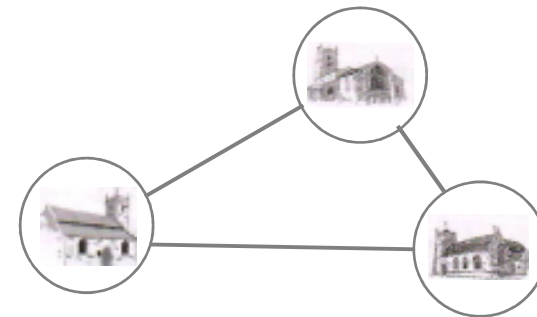
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The Parishes of Washingborough with
Heighington, and Canwick

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Welcome to the Washingborough Group of Churches

In line with advice from both the Government and the Church of England, we are suspending services at our three churches. All meetings (e.g. Lent Courses, Bible Studies, etc.) are also suspended.

This does not mean we are closed for business. St John's will be open for private prayer and we are investigating ways to support you without risk of spreading infection. For further information please go to our Benefice website:

www.washingboroughgroup.org.uk

Collect for Mothering Sunday

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.

(or)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we are unable to meet together today, here is a bunch of flowers for each one of you, with our love and prayers:



Readings for Mothering Sunday
1 Samuel 16:1-13 and John 9:1-49

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank Him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your heart quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Ways you can help and support others in our communities

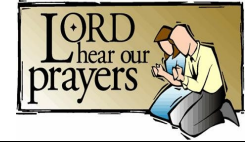
1. Establish regular telephone contact with an elderly friend or neighbor, to ensure that they are not feeling lonely and isolated. Keep them updated about what is happening in the benefice and check they have everything they need.
2. Print off and distribute a paper copy of the Pew News and pass to those church members you know do not have internet access. (Please do not do this if you are showing symptoms or self-isolating).
3. Help support the "Meals on Wheels" project that Washingborough Academy is setting up for the elderly people in the village (see our web page for information on how to get involved)

And finally, on a lighter note:

Daddy, what did you do during the Great Covid-19 Panic Buy?



The most dangerous job going lad,
Rear Gunner on an Andrex Truck.



A prayer for all those affected by COVID-19

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Our prayers are also asked for:

The sick and troubled and those who love and care for them:

Freda, Ann, Mary, Peter, Ian

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Those who have died and those who particularly miss them:

The Rev Canon Brian Barnes, John O'Neil

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From the Book of Remembrance for March:

Ted Townley, Ethel Swann, Robert Dakin, Maud Marshall, John Elkington, Stanley Owen

If you have an urgent prayer request please contact the Rector on 01522 800240.

If you have an item to include in the Pew News, please email to: pewnewswhc@hotmail.com by midday on the preceding Thursday.