

Notices 21<sup>st</sup> March

### **Sunday services**

**Explorers** (our group for 7-11's) meets over Zoom at **4.00pm**. If you'd like an invitation please contact Alison [youthwork@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:youthwork@stlawrencebovingdon.com)

Next week is Palm Sunday. If you would like to take part in the extended Passion reading at the 10.30 service, please contact Charles. (To maintain social distancing there will be fewer readers than normal).

### **National Day of Reflection 23 March**

We will be joining in this day of reflection which marks one year since the beginning of the first lockdown. The church bell will toll at 12 noon to start a minute's silence and after that the church will be open for anyone who wishes to light a candle, reflect or say a prayer until 2.00pm, and again between 5.00 and 7.00pm. There will be further details on our website.

Why not use this day to connect with someone who is grieving? This might be in simple ways such as having a chat with them, sending a card, a message, or giving them some spring flowers.

### **Lent lunches**

Our Lent lunch discussions continue next Wednesday 24th March over Zoom. You can join from 12.45pm for a chat with your soup and sandwich, or at 1.15pm for the discussion based on our Lent reflections, 'God's story, our story.'

Daily reflections are available in a booklet, via daily e-mail or by downloading the App. Each reflection includes a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer.

- To buy the booklet, download the App or sign up for daily e-mails go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>
- The App also has a daily activity for families

You can join in our own take on the challenge via facebook <https://www.facebook.com/slcbov> or Instagram @slcbov. There's a daily photo challenge and a Lego challenge too.

### **Cuppa and chat**

Cuppa and Chat continues at its regular time on Thursday 25th March at 10.30am. Why not put the kettle on and join in? The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday.

**Private Prayer** church opening Wednesdays & Sundays

**There is one space to be filled during March which is Sunday 21st March 2pm – 4pm.** If you can help with this date please let me know.

### **Real Easter Eggs**

We still have a small number of Fairtrade Easter Eggs (Original) available. Each egg comes with a booklet telling the real message of Easter and costs £5. If you'd like one please contact Helen [admin@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:admin@stlawrencebovingdon.com) You can read more about the eggs here <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-easter-egg>.

The Easter eggs are now available for collection. They will be in church for collection during private prayer and on Sunday at the services. Please contact Charles to arrange collection if these timings are not convenient.

### **Don't be an April Fool - come join in our Easter Egg Hunt!**

On April 1st, we will have hidden decorated eggs around the village for children to find. Bring your egg down to the church on Sunday 4th (time tbc) to swap it for a chocolate one!

Please mark yourself as 'GOING' on the FB event so we have an idea of how many people are taking part.

This event will be kept within social distancing guidelines.

We are only able to provide one Easter Egg per child, while stocks last. Please only take one of the hidden eggs.

### **Bovingdon Easter Egg Hunt**

And while you're hunting, keep an eye out for Bovingdon Baptist Church's #jesusrocksbovi painted rocks. Find one, take a photo and upload with #jesusrocksbovi and re-hide it!

If you have any questions, please email Nicki at [events@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:events@stlawrencebovingdon.com)

### **Do you need support?**

If you would like help with shopping, a prescription collecting or if you'd just like a chat, contact [support@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:support@stlawrencebovingdon.com) As a return to church is hopefully continuing from now on we are looking for volunteers who can help others return to church by giving a lift to those in need. If you would be happy to be on a list of volunteers offering transport, please contact Helen [admin@stlawrencebovingdon.com](mailto:admin@stlawrencebovingdon.com)

### **Supporting our church financially**

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...or by choosing Amazon Smile when you shop on Amazon <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>

You can also give directly online via our website <https://stlawrencebovingdon.com/giving/>

Regards

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