

## **Notices for w/c 7<sup>th</sup> March (as sent out by e-mail on 5<sup>th</sup> March)**

### **Thank you**

Its almost a year since we first went into some form of lock down and I would like to say a massive thank you, to you all, for the support you have given, offered and continue to give over this period of time. Maybe it was a phone call, joining services and events on zoom, volunteering to help keep the church open for private prayer, the list is amazing. This week it was to find a suitable home for a frozen turkey. The HUB (DENS) were extremely grateful and wished to express their gratitude. Thank you all.

### **Returning to Church**

The Standing Committee of the PCC is considering a careful return to church next Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> March). In this case there will be an 8.00am Communion (BCP) and a 10.00am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday. 10.00 and 10.30 services will continue to be livestreamed either on Zoom or You Tube. Further details to follow.

We will continue to keep the situation under review so that we can return to church for Sunday services as soon as it is safe to do so.

### **Lent lunches**

Our Lent lunch discussions continue next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

The next Cuppa and Chat is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Why not put the kettle on and join in? The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday.

### **Messy Church and Explorers**

Messy Church and Explorers are both one week earlier than normal in March, in order to keep clear of Holy Week and Easter. Messy Church will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Explorers on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, both at 4.00pm.

### **Private Prayer church opening Wednesdays & Sundays**

There is one space to be filled during March which is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If you can help with this date please let me know.

### **Fairtrade**

Fairtrade fortnight ends this week-end. Look out for Fairtrade goods when you shop and help to ensure a fair price for farmers and growers.

We've ordered a small number of Fairtrade Easter Eggs (Original) from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, which come with a booklet telling the real message of Easter. They cost £5 each. 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>

### **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 during lockdown?**

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)

### **Supporting our church financially**

You can help St Lawrence financially while you shop....

...by registering with Easy Fundraising; just click on this

link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencechurchbovingdon/?q=st%20lawrence&at=cause-autosuggest>

...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/>

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