



**St. Cuthbert's
Notice Sheet
Sunday 5th April 2020
*Palm Sunday***



It was with great sadness that we had to close the doors of St Cuthbert's Church until further notice.

Please remember the building is not church, the people are. Together we will get through this. Be kind and stay safe.

Please check the website and our Facebook page for updates, or contact Nick, Tish or Fiona.

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**Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do**

***Stay at home***

\*Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)

\*If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times

\*Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

**Every Sunday .....**

**St Cuthbert's Live service on Facebook**

10am on St Cuthbert's Facebook page  
[facebook.com/stcuthbertscofe](https://www.facebook.com/stcuthbertscofe)

**Every day .....**

**Daily Prayer at 7pm** - the facebook page is the place to come every evening at 7, for 20 minutes or so of prayer and Bible reading.

**PRAYER DURING THE DAY**

A booklet for daily prayer was delivered to the home of only some of all our church family before lockdown started. However all church families have been contacted and will be prayed with weekly, if they so wish.

**Palm Sunday** - obviously we can't give out Palm Crosses like we usually do, so we've posted some! The lucky ones among you will get a genuine Palm Cross courtesy of Tish and the Royal Mail - thank you, Tish! The rest of us are invited to make our own, either by following the instructions here <https://bit.ly/2wXHFy0> or by getting paper and scissors and setting to work. Have it ready on Sunday though - you'll need it to join in the live worship at 10am.

**Saying Yes to Life** - our Lent Course has been overtaken by events, but there will still be a live video for the final scheduled session, **starting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th April**. Again, go to the St Cuthbert's Facebook page to access it. The focus will be on practical steps we can take to work together for the good of creation locally.

**Good Friday** - there will be a live video at 2pm on the St Cuthbert's Facebook page to help us engage with the most solemn day of the year in our Christian faith. This year, it takes on a new depth and poignancy as we battle the ravages of the virus. Please spread the word to friends who use Facebook.

**Easter Day - a crowd sourced reading.**

Do you have a smartphone? If so, I need you to take part in our Easter service. Please can you record yourself reading one paragraph from John 11:1-44, and send it to me - via email, WhatsApp, Facebook or whatever. Please finish by saying "This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God." That's important. I want as many people as possible to take part in declaring our Easter faith. Gents - leave the ladies to read the words of Martha & Mary, but ladies, don't restrict yourselves to those parts. Together we want to proclaim, in the face of Covid-19, that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.



Dave Lee is still working at the Foodbank (observing social distancing!) and can

take donations down for you.

**No further food donations should be taken into church whilst it is closed.**

\*If you can drop off items to Dave at home, [70 Riversmead, EN11 8DP], brilliant! Do ring him to see when it would be convenient.

\*If you want Dave to pick up donations from your home, let him know and he will arrange to do that.

**Please ring 01992 443005 or 07766 280058**

Dave usually goes to Foodbank on Thursday afternoons to take St Cuthbert's food to the warehouse at Brookfield Farm, so he needs donated food **by Thursday morning each week**, especially whilst the church is closed.

**Priority donations are:**

TINS OF PEAS, CARROTS, POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, TOMATOES, BAKED BEANS, CORN, MEAT, anything along the vegetable line, but try to avoid chick peas.

TINS OF FRUIT, PINEAPPLE, ORANGES, MIXED FRUIT – ANYTHING WITH FRUIT IN THEM!!

LONG LIFE MILK

**But please, NO PASTA for a while – Foodbank has a Pasta Mountain at the moment, which is laughable when you think of all that panic-buying recently of pasta!!**

Anything else of course is OK to donate, but the above are priorities and shortage items.

Don't forget you can always donate with money if going shopping is out for you at the moment. Again, I can call and pick up, or you can drop it through my letter box.

Once more, **THANKS** for caring, for donating, for doing what you can.

**Please pray .....**

For recently bereaved families. Nick did 5 funerals last month, including Doreen Houlding. (There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Doreen later in the year.)

For those who are bereaved or facing family illness, where the restrictions prevent visiting or make normal contact difficult.

For all the children of key workers who are being looked after by local schools - Forres, Cranbourne, St Catherine's and John Warner in particular.

**For the Ladies in Church**

Ros Scarborough has set up a St Cuthbert's Ladies WhatsApp group for all the ladies in church to be able to stay in touch during this time of no services, coffee mornings, group meetings etc.

If you've been missed and would like to be included, please message Ros so she can add you to the group.

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