

Berrow Benefice Newsletter 1



Dear Friends

We are very aware that not everyone has access to online resources, so, in a very fast changing situation we will be trying to send out a fortnightly Newsletter to try to keep everyone updated with what is happening in our benefice community. Our Church buildings may be closed, in line with Government restrictions, but the Church itself is very much up, running and active.

We are continuing to have regular weekly services which all are welcome to join with either via phone or online. Details of how to access the services by phone are contained in this Newsletter, for online instructions go to <https://www.berrowbenefice.org.uk> and click on the Phone Church menu. We will also be having all our usual Holy Week and Easter services, via Phone Church and again details of times of services are contained in this Newsletter.

We are also keen to offer help and support to any within our community who may need it. If you know someone who could do with a regular cheery phone call or is suffering hardship through loss of income due to Coronavirus, please do urge them to get in touch with me initially and I will pass their details onto the appropriate person.

In these difficult times, we need to stick together as a community and help each other out as best we can, so please do let me know if we can help in any way.

With God's blessings, Revd Julie James

Phone Church

The idea behind Phone Church is to enable the community to still come together, worship together and socialise together, even though we can't actually be in the same place at the same time. We have a shortened service, and then there is an opportunity to go round and update everyone with how each person or family is doing, so that we can stay in touch and help each other out. We're doing it through a system called Webex, which means that people can participate either by phoning in or via the internet, depending on what's easiest for them.

The instructions for joining a service by phone are very simple;

Dial in on one of these two numbers:

020 7660 8149

or

020 3478 5289

You will be asked to type in an access code or meeting number using your phone keypad; in both cases the number you need is:

957 933 830

followed by the hash key #

That's all there is to it. If the host (Rev Anthea) is not yet at the meeting you'll probably just hear phone music but once she is online you'll be able to speak to her and all the others who have joined the meeting either online or via phone.

Our next scheduled service is Palm Sunday on Sunday 5th April at 11am, so if you think you might like to join us and can't get hold of a service sheet via the internet, just give Rev Anthea a call on 01684 833 278 and she'll get one posted through your door by someone nearby.

Holy Week Services

All our Holy Week Services will be done via Phone Church this year, but we still aim to go through the whole week following in Jesus footsteps as he walks the way of the Cross towards an agonising death, but then experiences the power and joy of resurrection on Easter Day. Our services are as follows;

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 5 th April	11am	Palm Sunday Service
Monday 6 th April	7.30pm	Compline with Meditation
Tuesday 7 th April	7.30pm	Compline with Meditation
Wednesday 8 th April	7.30pm	Compline with Meditation
Thursday 9 th April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 10 th April	2pm	Good Friday Meditation
Sunday 12 th April	11am	Easter Day Service

In addition, Rev Julie intends to do a video service for the 6.30am Sunrise Service, which we'll aim to upload on the website so those who wish to can come together and view that very moving and uplifting start to Easter.

We do hope you will be able to join us for all or any of our Holy Week services. We are hoping to be able to put Palm Crosses in all our Church porches, so that you have access to these too for Palm Sunday.

Contacts

Rev Julie James is the main contact and co-ordinator for all our efforts in the benefice. You can contact her by phone on **01531 651 795** or via email at **julie.m.james@btinternet.com**. She would be equally glad to receive offers of help or requests for help, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Cathy Powell-Chandler is our pastoral visitor, organizing phone calls and much else to help people out, so she is your next go to person if you'd like us to give you a call. Her phone number is **01452 780 444**, email **katepowellchandler@gmail.com**.

Alternatively, if you have a friend or neighbour who you know is a church person and you would rather make contact via them in the first instance as they are a known friendly face, that is absolutely fine, they will pass on your request to the right person.

There is also a very active Covid19 Pendock Support Group, co-ordinated by Sarah Valentine, who you can contact either via the Pendock/Redmarley Area Coronavirus Support Group Facebook page or this email address - **pendockareacovid19@gmail.com**. They are organizing prescription delivery/collection service and making sure folk in isolation have all the essential items they need, and just generally co-ordinating help for those who need a hand.

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