

Notices for week beginning 22 March 2020
(Lent IV, Refreshment or Mothering Sunday)

Notices for this Week

Day	Time	Place	Event
Sunday	3 pm	Launde Abbey	Concert Live-streamed from the chapel: the Aquilae Duo perform music for flute and harp by Bach and others.
Monday	3 pm	Church	Funeral of Mr Roy Daykin

Other Dates and Information

Annual Meeting The church AGM has been postponed. There are two vacancies for PCC members, and Jenny has received two nominations. If you would like to be nominated please ask her for a nomination form.

Celebration of Marriage *From Nick* As part of our outreach to the wider Uppingham community, we have planned a Celebration of Marriage, for which we are inviting back about 50 couples who have been married in the church since 2013. *This event (originally scheduled for 16 May) is now unlikely to take place until a later date; information will be updated as necessary.*

General Notices

Suspension of Services On the instruction of the archbishops, all church services except weddings and funerals are suspended until further notice. Rachel's message on this subject is reproduced below for the benefit of anyone who did not receive it originally.

Easter Lilies Even if there are no services on Easter Day, there will still be Easter lilies, and the list of donors will appear as usual. Nicky Jervis will be happy to receive donations and names for the list.

Readings for next Sunday (Lent V, Passion Sunday) Ezekiel 37: 1–14; Romans 8: 6–11; John 11: 1–45

*All material for the notices should be sent to **Philip Riley** (pgroc@tiscali.co.uk) by **1 pm Friday**. Please also inform Philip if you would like the pew sheet sent by email. (The pew sheet is also available on our website: www.uppinghamchurch.co.uk.)*

A Message from the Rector

Dear brothers and sisters,

You may well have heard that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued the instruction that all public worship is to cease with immediate effect. This means that there will be no services in our churches (apart from funerals and weddings) until further notice.

We are hoping to be able to record a simple service of the word for Sunday which we can share in together. Details of how to access this will also be sent to you.

Our churches will however remain open for private prayer. I will put into both churches sheets of prayers which you might wish to use and take with you.

These are difficult times for us all but let us remember that God is good and his faithfulness everlasting. Keep safe and look after each other. If there is anything that I can do to support you in these days then please do let me know.

Every blessing
Rachel

Pause for Reflection

Christian worship shares in a human-Godward movement that belongs to God and which takes place *within* the divine life. It is precisely into and within *this* that we are brought by the Spirit to participate as a gift of grace.

Alan J. Torrance, Persons in Communion

The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind bloweth over, it it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him : and his righteousness upon children's children.

Psalms 103: 15-17