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NUNEATON FOOD BANK

13th May 2020

Distributed: 1582.1kg to 191 people of which 59 were children.

Shopping List : This week we are still in need of:

URGENTLY NEED: Sponge Puddings, Tinned Potatoes, Instant Mashed Potato, Tinned Carrots,
Pot Noodles, Small Jars of Coffee,

You can also donate money via the website www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk

We can no longer accept Infant Formula Milk & Baby Food due to UNICEF directive.

Sunday 28th June 2020

*The Parishes of All Saints, Chilvers Coton &
St Mary the Virgin, Astley*

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update – Churches can start to open again

The government have announced that churches are now able to open, but only for individual prayer and funerals. Other services will be allowed after the 4th July with certain restrictions.

The Church of England have published many pages of guidelines, including Risk Assessments that need to be carried out before any church can open. Keep checking the Church of England website and our websites (www.allsaintscoton.org or www.astleychurch.org) for more information. We are waiting for more guidance from the government and from the Church of England with regards to the new restrictions from the 4th July.

We plan to open both churches, All Saints, Chilvers Coton and St. Mary the Virgin, Astley, for individual prayer only, on Sundays, starting on Sunday 28th June. Coton will be open 10.30-11.30am and Astley will be open 3.30-4.30pm. Both PCCs have carried out risk assessments and agreed that our churches can open. There will be no toilet facilities available at either church. Each visitor will have to use the hand sanitisers on entry and there will be one-way systems in operation with different exits, so please follow the steward's instructions. Anyone with any Covid-19 symptoms must stay away from the church buildings. Of course, this is all subject to change if there is a rise in the number of people with Covid-19 symptoms.

We will continue to publish short reflections of the Bible readings each week. These will be available via the church website, church Facebook pages, or by post to those without a computer or smart phone.

If you are reading this and you are aware that we don't have up to date details of how you would like to be kept in touch, then please let Joanne in the Parish Office know how you would like to be contacted.

Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, and that the church, our communities, our nation, and our world will be changed for the better.

May God bless you,

Frank

PRAYER

For all those suffering from the Corona virus.

For all those working in or for the NHS. Those trying to find a cure, all those people still working to support us all, including the staff in the shops and supermarkets, the delivery drivers, school staff, funeral directors, and the list goes on...

For those in need of any kind of healing prayer especially those known to us including: Violet McClaughlin, Stuart Fleming, Anthony Jordan, Lady Rose, Marie Kent, Robert Commins, Lesley Colclough, Paul Johnson, Anthony Proctor, Ray Baker, Linda Ramsell, Gary & Valerie Hill, Ken Hollis.

We Remember the family and friends of Tony Freeman, Sydney Fryer, Laura Smith and John Ronald Newman. May God bring them his comfort and strength at this time.

NOTICES

SYCAMORE COUNSELLING - Urgently need volunteer receptionists. If you can help please call 02476 744544. *Thank you.*

FEELING LONELY OR ANXIOUS? - Tune in to UCB or Premier Christian radio, or watch the Christian television channels on Freeview. Or telephone a friend or relative. Or telephone Rev'd Frank Seldon on 02476 346413. Better still, pray to God. 'The Lord will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be dismayed.' (Deuteronomy 31:8b).

WORSHIP AT HOME - We have designed a leaflet that will enable us all to share together in worship whilst remaining in our homes. If you have not received a copy via e-mail, please contact Joanne in the Parish Office and we will send you a copy. If you are not on e-mail, we will post you a copy.

THE GUARDIANS OF STUBBS POOL - Are a community led group who work with relevant local authorities to ensure those who are elderly, disabled or alone and need help during the 12 week isolation. They ask for no money but you can if you wish make a donation on their 'fund me page'. If you need their help you can contact them on guardiansgrow@icloud.com or telephone 07894 675947.

HELPING YOU TO WORSHIP - We have posted on the All Saints Church website a link to a resource for us to use while we are prevented from gathering together physically to celebrate Holy Communion. It is called 'An Act of Spiritual Communion'. Guidance notes are included, and I commend this to you. *Frank*

CHURCH CLEANING - We are hoping to have a rota for cleaning the church each week between the services. If you can help, please contact the churchwardens or the Parish Office. Thank you.

STEWARDS - We are looking for volunteers to be trained to be stewards at funerals in church. If you can help, please speak to Frank.

FREE DIAL-IN WORSHIP PHONE LINE - The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and full worship services from the Church of England.

BIBLE READINGS -

28th June - Genesis 22: 1 - 14 and Matthew 10: 40 - 42

5th July - Romans 7: 15 - 25a and Matthew 11: 16 - 19 & 25 - 30

12th July - Romans 8: 1 - 11 and Matthew 13: 1 - 9 & 18 - 23

19th July - Romans 8: 12 - 25 and Matthew 13: 24 - 30 & 36 - 43

26th July - Romans 8: 26 - 39 and Matthew 13: 31 - 33 & 44 - 52

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have any prayer requests please either e-mail or telephone the Parish Office or Frank, and we will pass your requests on to the Prayer Chain. We will pray for you, or your loved ones, and it will be kept confidential. Please let your family, neighbours, friends and colleagues know about this. There are lots of people wanting prayer but not sure how to pray so they are asking Google! Please offer to pray for the people you know and meet. *Frank*

A CALL TO PRAY - Have you wondered why there doesn't appear to be a cry of prayer coming from our whole nation? I have, and so have some of my colleagues. Please read 2 Chronicles 7:13-14. I firmly believe that God is calling on the Christian Church worldwide to cry out to God in prayer. He is longing to hear from us speaking from our hearts. Will you pray for our nation, its leaders, and the church worldwide? *Frank*

ASTLEY PCC - Has set up a Just Giving page so donations can now be made to Astley Church via this link <https://justgiving.com/stmary-astleypcc> on our Astley Church website or Facebook page. If anyone would like to continue to make their weekly plate contribution or make a donation, please consider sending funds direct to Astley PCC church account, or anyone can send a cheque payable to Astley PCC to Churchwarden Jeanette Sutton, 90 Ansley Road, Nuneaton, CV10 8NU if you do not have a computer. Should anyone need Astley PCC church account details please contact Jeanette on 024 76342410. This will all help maintain church funds in these difficult times. Thank you. *Jeanette and Leonard.*

THANK YOU - To everyone who has continued to donate to our Churches during the closure, whether it be through much needed monetary donations or through giving your time doing those important little jobs around the Church grounds. Please know we very much appreciate it.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Emily and Ali on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter on the 13th June at 7.36am, her name is Emilia Florence Elizabeth. Also not forgetting the proud Aucott and Sumpter grandparents.

SAD NEWS - The passing away of Tony Freeman, please pray for Janet and family & friends. His funeral service is here at Coton on Thursday 2nd July at 12.30. Please note number limitations and social distancing applies. Thank you.