

We pray for Bishop John, for Bridget Hathaway, for the Anita Goulden Trust and for the work of Self-Help Africa.

Please pray that the exhibited religious art and the other activities during this event provide opportunity for conversation, fellowship, creation and worship, for all people in Bewdley.

We pray for all those whose baptism anniversaries fall at this time.

We pray for the sick, their families and all that care for them especially Jo Richards, Maureen Dew, Georgia Wainwright, Joan Davie, Pat Batchelor, Kate Jones, Marilyn Gould, Val Sears, Roger Hawkins, Jo Poole, Jack & Beth Dewar, Mel Wilkinson, Marg Gwilliam, Edna Minett, Zain, Sandie Golding, Nancy Munslow, Carolyn Stanley, Richard Woodford, Pete Foster, Gaynor Radford, Helen Stark, Anne Stark, Meg Ellcocks, Margaret Jones, Katie Hawkins, Frank Homer, Dorothea Bates, Melody Jones, Mary Sanders, Val Weaver, Denise Bullock, and Mavis Workman.

We pray for all who mourn and those who have recently died especially Ian Howell.

HALLOW COFFEE MONEY THIS MONTH IS FOR
Open Doors

In North Korea, choosing to follow Jesus is a brave and challenging decision. When Kim Sang-Hwa* found her parents' secret Bible, she knew the whole family were in great danger. If the North Korean authorities found out, they'd be sent to a terrible labour camp. And they would never leave.

Courageously, she asked her father about Jesus – and made the decision to follow Jesus. More and more Christians in North Korea and other World Watch List top 10 countries are making the same dangerous choice. With your support, Open Doors is able to distribute Bibles and vital aid through secret networks, and reach hundreds of thousands of North Korean Christians.

“Thanks to your support, the secret believers experience that God loves them and provides in everything they need,” says Sang-Hwa.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

BENEFICE OF HALLOW & GRIMLEY WITH HOLT

**PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL**

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers o his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Old Testament: Isaiah 50 vs 4-9a
Epistle Reading: Philippians 2 vs 5-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 26 vs 14-27 end

**In light of the
Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.**

All Requests for the pew sheet should be sent to

benefice.admin@hallowchurch.co.uk
by Thursday midday.

For further details of our churches and their activities visit our websites

www.hallowchurch.co.uk

www.holtchurch.co.uk

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Help us Choose a Name!

As you probably know, locally we have now become a group of four churches:

Hallow, Lower Broadheath and Grimley with Holt – which is quite a mouthfull!

Recently we decided it would be good to have a name for our new group:

1. To reflect our identity as a group working together.
2. To enable us to come together intentionally.
3. To make communicating with people outside the church easier- through a joint front page for a website, invitations to particular events and so on.

Can you help us choose a name?

There will be suggestion boxes in all our churches and Post Offices until Easter- and we will consider all the suggestions carefully. Or email your suggestion to rev.kalantha@gmail.com

There will be a prize hamper for the winning entry!

CORONAVIRUS self-isolation and shielding

If you know of anyone self-isolating, or shielding, please let Rev Kalantha know. It is very important that we offer as much support as we can. Please do contact Rev Kalantha if you wish to discuss any of this.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern about a child or vulnerable adult, please contact Rev Kalantha or Cynthia Hammond whose details can be found on our website.

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.**

Are you wondering how to observe Holy Week in lockdown? Here are a few ideas:

1. Saturday 4th: Bake some Lazarakia (what??)

Lazarakia are little buns, shaped like 'Lazarus', traditionally eaten in the orthodox church. In the orthodox church, the Saturday before Palm Sunday is known as "Lazarus Saturday". The great and powerful sign of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is celebrated alongside the joy of Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem. These days of joy and triumph fall between our general penitential "Lent" and the Passion of Holy Week.

This could be a fun thing to do if you have a few people in your household- or indeed if you are just one or two but like baking.

It's a fairly simple recipe (all-purpose flour means plain flour!).

Have a look:

<https://akispetretzikis.com/category/pswmi-zymes/lazarakia>

2. Sunday 5th: Show your palms

What if everyone on Sunday April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday? It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

3. Thursday 9th: Wash those feet and set a place at "The Lord's table"

If you live with someone else, then provided you are all clear of COVID symptoms, get a basin and wash one another's feet.

As you come to your evening meal, set an extra place to remember Jesus. Take a bread roll or a slice of bread and share it with everyone around the table. You can remind each other to "remember Jesus" and do the same with whatever you are drinking.

4. Friday 10th: Make an Easter Garden

You can do this outside or inside- you can use a flower pot on its side as the tomb, make some crosses using twigs from the garden. Decorate your garden with flowers or foliage. Retell the story of the crucifixion of Jesus with those in your family and think about the risk taken by Joseph of Arimathea in asking Pontius Pilate for the body.

5. Saturday 11th: Decorate eggs!

You can blow or hard boil eggs and then paint them or colour them in, here are some tips:

<https://www.theguardian.com/.../decorate-eggs-easter-competit...>

Light a fire!

It's traditional at Easter vigil services on Holy Saturday to light our Paschal candles from a newly kindled fire. Why not start collecting your garden waste now- while collections are suspended, and light a fire, with everyone else, at 8pm on the evening of Holy Saturday. I'll be sending out some prayers and suggestions to go with the fire lighting later this week; but this would be a sign to ourselves and others that the resurrection light of Jesus continues to shine in our hearts and our communities. You can get everyone in the family involved