

# Church News

St Peter & St Paul

Cranfield 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a community church, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and serving this community in His love."



## Easter 6

Bible readings  
Acts 17. 22-31  
John 14. 15-21

Collect for this Sunday

*God our redeemer,*

*Who hast delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son:*

*Grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to  
life,*

*so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;*

*through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,*

*Who liveth and reigneth with thee,*

*in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, now and for ever.*

## Ascension Day - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

### Bible Reading - Acts 1.1-11

On this special day in the church's year we are reminded that Jesus died, is risen and is ascended to the Father. He didn't die again but is still alive and we can approach Him through prayer. At this difficult time our prayers are a great comfort and so important for those families in the village who have recently lost loved ones.

Our charity for this quarter is Mercy Ships. If you would like to make a donation you may donate through the church website or contact Trevor or the churchwardens.

## Cranfield Parish Church

Rector:	Vacancy	☎750214
Wardens	Mr Andrew Pearson	☎751358
	Mrs Jo Stannage	☎752116
Reader	Mr Trevor Dimmock	☎751321
Safeguarding	Mrs Anne Dimmock	☎751321

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## Church Finances

Many churches are struggling to pay their Parish share to the Diocese in these difficult times. We have pledged to continue to pay our full share for as long as we can.

The Bishop has expressed his thanks to us for our efforts to date.

A number of people who normally make their offering in the weekly collection plate have asked how they may continue to contribute.

Our church is a member of  
**The Parish Giving Scheme.**

New arrangements now exist which enable anyone wishing to give on a regular basis to do so by a simple telephone call.

Please call **0333 002 1271** and quote St Peter & St Paul, Cranfield 320632335.

**Thank you**

Congratulations to our Churchwarden Andrew and his wife Linda on the birth of their second grandson.

## Church opening

There is much pressure on our Bishops to reopen churches for private prayer. As soon as we are given permission we will of course re-open the church with instructions to preserve social distancing.

It is unlikely that Sunday services will restart in the immediate future.

## Pew Top Sales

If you have been using your time in lockdown to spring clean and empty your cupboards please save any bric a brac for the next Pew Top sale (whenever it might be) or let Emily Ward know that you have some items to be stored. She can be contacted on her Facebook site.

## Streaming of Sunday services

Please visit the church website for links to live services from other churches. If you don't use a computer you can listen to hymns and reflections by phoning 0800 804 8044

**Cast all your anxiety on him  
because he cares for you"**

1 Peter 5:7