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St John's Weekly

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Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

Dear Church Family Friends - In view of the country situation, and following a discussion with the District Chair in the context of the continuing illness of the Rev Ali Facey, it has been agreed that the Rev Rosemary Fletcher will formally take Pastoral Charge and become the Minister of St John's Methodist Church, Potters Bar for the immediate future. This will enable Rosemary to be signposted as the Minister of St John's and avoid the confusion of her sending letters and pastoral messages to the congregation when she is not shown as the Minister.

Ali continues to make progress and is aware of this change. We continue to pray for Ali, Chris, Luke and Bethan, and for Rosemary and her husband James in these very challenging times. We all look forward to welcoming Ali back to her ministry at St John's and in the wider Circuit as soon as her recovery allows.

If you are in particular need of **practical help** with errands at this time, whatever that may be, please contact Myra Sloper (01707 875846) myra.sloper@icloud.com who is co-ordinating a small team of St John's helpers OR for **pastoral support** please contact Helen Barlow (01707 662254) foodtech16@hotmail.co.uk

All church meetings, groups and external bookings remain suspended at St John's and the premises are closed.

Message from Rev Kathleen Richardson

(Kathleen is an ex-President of Conference and was due to take our church Anniversary Service on 29th March)

"We didn't think when first I agreed to be with you that the Church Anniversary would not be celebrated in your church today. I am thinking of you. I have in fact had the virus but am recovering and grateful to be so.

One day this will be over and lament will again be turned into joy.

Greetings and love, Kathleen"

Tony Ware's funeral is on **Tuesday 7th April at 10.00am**. Please remember Pat Ware and her family in your prayers. You can follow a live-stream of the funeral using the following login: it is best to login 5-10 mins before 10.00am. www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view

Order ID: 21215 Password: jfeuepvn

Rev Dr John Amankwatia (john.amankwatia3@btinternet.com) will continue to offer pastoral care by telephone to all those at St John's that he has already been in touch with. Phone: 07501983377

RESOURCES

Our website has a growing list of worship resources (including details of streamed services) and details of **How to make a Palm Cross with paper**, for Palm Sunday! www.stjohnspb.org.uk

Radio/TV Programmes:

Sundays

Sunday Worship: BBC 1 - 11.00am

Songs of Praise: BBC 1 - this week at 1.15pm

Good Morning Sunday: Radio 2 - 6.00am

Something Understood: Radio 4 - 6.05am

Sunday: Radio 4 - 7.10am

Sunday Worship: Radio 4 - 8.10am

Choral Evensong: Radio 3 - 3.00pm

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)

Pause for Thought : Radio 2 - 5.45am, 9.20am

Thought for the Day: Radio 4 - about 7.45am (Mon-Sat)

Daily Service: Radio 4, Long Wave only - 9.45am to 10.00am

Choral Evensong: Radio 3 - 3.30pm (Wed)

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC by Cameron Bellm

May we, who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we, who have fewer risk factors,
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we, who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health
or making their rent.

May we, who have the flexibility to care for our own children when
their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.

May we, who have to cancel our trips,
Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we, who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the
economic market,
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we, who settle in for a quarantine at home,
Remember those who have no home.

May we, who have access to electronic communication,
Remember those who do not and feel even more isolated.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around
each other,

Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.
Amen