

Prayers: Her Majesty the Queen and all her family as they mourn the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Kath Zammit, whose arm is now out of its plaster cast.

Eileen in James Wilks who has spent so much of the year in and out of hospital.

Joan in Orchid Care Home who still leads a service faithfully every Monday.

Helen Wheeler as she provides care and support for her mum in Stroud.

Mark and Mel as they look after Mark's mum in Worcester.

Those we will be appointing as warden and PCC members at the APCM on Monday May 24



**Sunday
18th April
2021
Easter + 2**

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Simon and Yu Ling Goh & family
Tue	Colin & Linda Gough
Wed	Jane & Colin Gould and Katie
Thurs	Richard & Pauline Gray, James & Daniel
Fri	Angela Gunston
Sat	Peter and Caroline Haines, Josh & Talia
Sun	Andy & Carol Hall

Two Churches One Faith

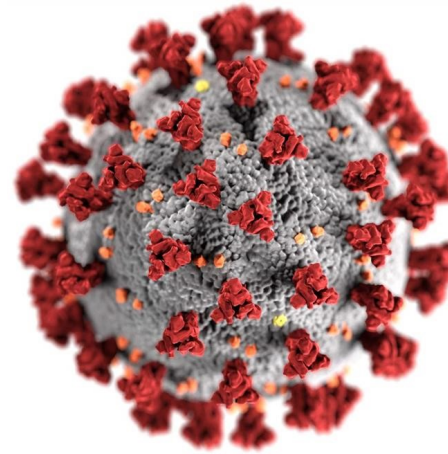
Thanks to those who came to *Transforming Church Together* on Monday. We joined with members of St Mary, Redcliffe in Bristol by Zoom.



**Zoffee
at Noon**

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***This
Time
Last Year***

Services Next Week			
April 25th	9 am	Holy Communion in church	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise Online	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion in Church	Raymond Adams	Psalms 89:19-45
11.00 am	Holy Communion Online		Luke 13:1-9

What Happened?

Good Friday – It was really cold but a spiritually uplifting experience to be outside and singing on the morning of Good Friday.

This picture gives you an idea of the social distancing. However, there were a lot of us spread from one end of the car park to the other with the musicians in the middle. We asked those coming to the service to park in Morrissons or the Haydon Centre.



Just a few of the many people who worshipped on Good Friday

Our portable PA system was really effective. Who knows? It might even find its way outside again as the weather warms up. Singing together outside was a real joy.

And we had a brilliant Easter Service from Lesley Mead and her all-age team. It was great to see so many people involved in this. The dancing, singing, story-telling, Easter Garden creation and, of course, the puppets, made it a memorable morning.



Virtual SonRise Service: We had little time to advertise Andy's online service. It deserved a wider audience. We will be making an updated version available for next Easter Day.

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh

It is with great regret that we had already compressed and uploaded the online service for last Sunday before the death of the Duke of Edinburgh was made known. Bishop Viv made the following comment which reveals his practical interest in church issues. She says:

"I had the privilege of meeting the Duke of Edinburgh on a variety of occasions while I was Dean of Leicester Cathedral. He advised me on a possible design for a new heating system in our Visitor Centre and was honest and humorous about the frustrations of illness which he bore with fortitude while continuing with royal duties and public commitments.



We give thanks for his life and service to our country and beyond, and for his support for Her Majesty the Queen"

What Is Coming Up?

Over the next two weeks we will be thinking about the pandemic one year on. The two sermons will be:



This Time Last Year April 18

Why Couldn't He Have Done Something? April 25

After that we will have a short look at the issue of prayer through the lens of Alpha.

Then as Pentecost approaches we will look at the Holy Spirit through the themes of

Streams of Living Water May 16

The Helper May 23

The Best is Yet to Be May 30



There will be two full online sermons from J John on the subject of *Serving God* as we approach the end of lockdown. They will be on **June 6 and June 13**

That will lead us on to four BIG New Testament words

Diversity June 20

Rejoice! July 11

Abide! July 18

Imitate! July 25



For our summer all age season I will be stealing the wonderful ideas of Dr Paul Brand who along with Philip Yancey has written a book about the extraordinary characteristics of parts of the body from the perspective of a doctor. Together they draw out the spiritual meaning. I have done a few of these in school as assemblies.

Bone August 1

Skin August 8

Blood August 15

Breath August 22

Brain August 29



You will see that there are a few weeks not allocated to a theme. That is because we are really hoping that we will be coming out of lockdown at that point and I would rather wait to see where we are by that time.