



The West Hereford Team Ministry
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Dear all,

As we look out of the window at the minute and see some days offering both sunshine and snow, we are reminded of the delicate balance of life, and how changeable life can be. We proclaim Happy Easter, Christ is Risen! and 5 days later the nation mourns the death of HRH Prince Philip. When it snows, does that mean that the sun has gone from the world or that it has ceased to shine? No! It only means that the snow clouds have, for a time, hidden the sun from our view, and on occasion we are blessed to glimpse both snow and sun side by side. When Prince Philip died, or whenever someone dear to us dies for that matter, does that mean that we can no longer proclaim, Christ is Risen, or experience Easter joy? Of course not! What better time to commend to God those who have gone before us than this Easter season, full of resurrection hoped joy, and Christ's promise that death is not the end for us because it was not the end for him.

If you would like to offer prayers for HRH Prince Philip, The Queen and the royal family, we are including the service of prayers produced by the Church of England. And St Nicholas' church will be open on Saturday before the funeral, between 1.30 and 2.30pm for anyone who wishes to come and pray. Messages of condolence are invited to be added to the online condolence book as physical books are not encouraged at this time. If you would like to offer a message and would like us to add it to the online book for you, please do let us know and we would be happy to do so.

Church services will resume this week, April 18th with 2 services each week:

18th April: Eucharists at All Saints at 9.30am
and Holy Trinity at 11.00am

25th April: A Service of the Word at St Michael's at 9.30am
and a Eucharist at St Nicholas' at 11.00am

Covid restrictions will be in place: social distancing, mask wearing, no congregational singing, communion in one kind and the rule of six outdoors after the service.

We are really looking forward to seeing some of you at these services over the coming weeks.

We realise that for many of you the uncertainty and anxiety about lockdown restrictions and health continues even as we move towards more freedoms. We want to continue to remind you that we are here for you. If you need a chat, prayer, or some practical help then do reach out – either by phoning 01432 273086 or by contacting your Pastoral Coordinator.

We hope these resources help you feel connected as we worship as a scattered Church. Please be assured that you are not forgotten and that you are remembered in our prayers.

God Bless, Ruth and Jo

From the Parish Reps:

Dear all,

A candidate submitted an application for the role of Team Rector on Friday 9th April after being approached by Helen Dimmock, Ecclesiastical Secretary to the Crown and Lord Chancellor. The interview will take place on Thursday 22nd April. As it is an internal candidate no orientation day has been arranged.

Please pray for the reps in discerning the right outcome of the interview. This outcome will be communicated as soon as possible after the interview.

Best wishes, The Parish Reps