

# Welcome to St. John's in Farsley

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Church

We are really sorry, but St John's is now closed for everything, even private prayer, along with every other church in the country, because of the spread of Coronavirus. The challenge for us is how to keep in touch with God and each other, how to be sustained spiritually, when public gatherings for worship cannot take place. Please see Sue's clergy letter.

We plan to hand deliver this Notice sheet, along with Sue's letter, to those of you who are not on email for as long as we can within Farsley itself, and to keep in touch with people living further away by phone. We may have to stop these deliveries as early as next week, in which case we will rely on phone calls, so do please make sure that Janet and Lorna have your number.

For those able to access our website, Sue will post videos of Sunday worship (including a short sermon), prayers and links to some online resources, to help us keep going as Christians. Huge thanks are due to James who is doing an amazing job keeping the website up to date, and we do recommend that you look at it regularly if you can.

<https://www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk>

*Readings for this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent,  
Ezekiel 37. 1-14 and Romans 8. 6-11*

## Collect for the day

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices

**Support at this time** If anyone requires any help or support to contact the Church Wardens.

**Offers of help** If anyone would like to offer help to deliver notice sheets, do any shopping etc for those housebound contact the Church Wardens.

**Donations** If anyone would like to change their Giving to contact Joel our treasurer or Church Wardens so we can keep our monies coming in.

[treasurer@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk)

**Emailed Notice Sheets** If you would like to receive a notice sheet via email please pass your details on to Helen. [notices@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk](mailto:notices@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk)

## Prayer resources:

1. At this time when many are feeling isolated because regular activities have closed, try a regular pattern of prayer through the day using the pattern at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/everyday-prayers>

2. Lectio365 is a great reflective prayer resource. Take a look at <https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

## Prayer

Dear Lord,

For all that is good in life, thank you,

For all the love of family and friends, thank you,

For all the kindness of neighbours, thank you,

May those who are vulnerable, lonely or homeless, find support,

May those who are sick, receive healing,

May those who are anxious or bereaved, be comforted.

Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers, with wisdom,

Bless health workers and key workers, with strength and well-being,

Bless and sustain each one of us, as we adapt to a new way of living.

May we grow in love and compassion as a community, and as a nation.

We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Notice sheets from The Church in Rodley and Farsley Community Church are also available. Notices for this sheet to be sent by Wednesday at 9:30am.*

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