

Glastonbury Together in prayer

A news sheet for members of Glastonbury churches during the crisis caused by Covid 19



From Praise to Condemnation

The story of Holy Week starts with Jesus arriving in triumph in Jerusalem and ends with his death on the Cross just a few days later. It is a special time for Christians as we follow the story in real time. In more normal times we would be in our churches several times during the week starting with the distribution of Palms on Palm Sunday and followed by special services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. This year we cannot join together physically to remember these events but we can and should join together in prayer. If you have a garden you can celebrate the arrival in Jerusalem with your own greenery. We should then remember the Passover meal that was the last supper and the prayers in the garden before the suffering on the Friday. Pray through these times at home and you will be joining others spiritually when you cannot be with them physically. Resources for worshipping at home that were given in the last issue are now available on the Churches together in Glastonbury web site at:

<https://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/glastonbury/features/homeworship/>

National Prayer

Following the call for candles to be lit on 22nd March we are now all asked to display a poster of a candle in our windows and to pray together at 19:00 every Sunday whilst the current situation continues. The page on the Churches Together in Glastonbury website dedicated to resources for worshipping at home, as given above, has a link to the Churches Together in England website where a printable poster of a candle can be found.



The Body of Christ

The body of Christ is his Church but also refers to the Eucharist which was established on Maundy Thursday.

Spiritual Communion

A prayer attributed to St John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, is being used by Catholics who cannot get to Mass, others may like to use it.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Good Friday

On Good Friday we would normally meet for a walk of witness to the town carrying a cross and praying at a number of stops along the way. As we cannot do that this year a virtual walk for you to follow is given on the next page.

A virtual walk of witness



Incorporating Stations of the Cross

We start our walk remembering that Jesus was condemned to death and was made to carry his own cross.

We pray for the members of Glastonbury Methodist Church and their minister Tina

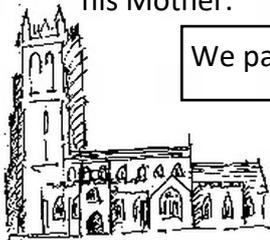
We remember the first time that Jesus fell, and the meeting with his Mother.

We Pray for the members of Glastonbury URC and their ministers, Tim and Rowena.

We remember Simon of Cyrene who was made to help Jesus carry his cross.



We pause at the War Memorial and remember those who have died for our society.



We remember Veronica wiping the face of Jesus and his second fall.

We Pray for the Anglican community at St John's and their ministers David and Diana

We remember Jesus meeting the women of Jerusalem.
We remember Jesus falling for the third time.

We pause in our thoughts at the gates of the Abbey and pray for a strong Christian presence on our town.



As we pause at St Margaret's alms houses we reflect that Christians have always worked for the poor in society and pray for our continuing work in our town.



We remember Jesus stripped and his clothes taken

We pray for the New Benedictine community at St Mary's the monks Bede and Anselm and the people they serve



We remember Jesus being nailed to the cross

We pray for the Anglican community at St Benedict's and their ministers David and Diana



We reflect on Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.

We pray for the members of the Grace church and their pastor Tony Martin



We remember Jesus being taken down from the cross

We pray for the people of our town, our civic leaders and all who work for our benefit.



We remember Jesus as he is laid in his tomb