WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED, ESPECIALLY
Amanda, Audrey, Lynne Andrews, Daniel, Esther, Muriel Hickman,
Esme, Kath Bland, Kelly, Jane Parsons, John Perrin, Eunice Podmore,
Isobel Saunders, Margaret Shotter, Sara, David & Gwen Tidey, Pat Veasey,
Patricia, Kath

AND THOSE KNOWN ONLY TO GOD
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THEIR FAMILIES
AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME
Dorothy Smith, Dorothy Lambert, Jessie Sandalls, Spike Hughes,
Louisa Scott-Dickeson, Elizabeth Staff, Winifred Moore

COLLECT
Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the
confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and
in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in
this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

POST COMMUNION
Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us
firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore
rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God,
now and forever.

READINGS
Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–31
Psalm 8
Response: [O Lord our governor,] how exalted is your name in all the earth.
2 Corinthians 13.11–13
Matthew 28.16–20

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus
Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the
anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that
we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Healing Prayer Group, Prayer Meetings, Craft & Chatter, Lunch Club, Coffee Morning and Toddler Group all cancelled until further notice.

St Michael's Annual General Meeting – This has been postponed. We, at St Michael's hope to hold our ADCM as soon as feasibly possible.

From the Treasurer of St. Michael’s Church - I am very grateful to all of you who are maintaining your current Standing Order this is very helpful in dealing with our regular utility bills, which I trust will diminish over the late spring and summer if this fine weather keeps up. I am also very grateful to those who have decided to put their blue Planned Giving Envelopes through my letter box it is so kind of you to make the effort to keep the Church funded - John.

Boring statistics – Our website has been viewed by 143 people between 20th April and 15th May.

Daily Prayers – The Church of England publishes daily prayers if you have access to a computer https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer

Remember – “Thought for the Week” can be accessed on our website ... Sunday’s 9.30am ... we all do together.

New photos on our website to remind you of our church and it is still waiting for our return. Resident congregation still in place! Keep those photos coming of all the exciting things you are doing to keep ourselves busy. Our church is waiting for you and the wonderful wildlife is proving colourful and magnificent. These are being added to all the time!

St Peter’s Team Ministry - VIRTUAL CONGREGATION mean we can send emails out to all including St Peter’s, St Michaels, TFG, Junior Church, Choir and anyone who isn’t currently on the any list will be able to join. The existing lists will continue as they are group specific. To Join please our virtual congregation please follow one of the following links. http://eepurl.com/pW9cFL http://www.stpetersbexhill.org.uk/virtual_congregation.html. Our Facebook group is also a great place to keep in touch and already has daily prayers, links to online services and the odd funny picture.

The flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Louisa and Adrian from Iain Scott-Dickeson
CoE Communication 5th June - The House of Bishops met via Zoom this afternoon, as it has done regularly throughout the current pandemic, and continued to review advice to clergy on the Church’s efforts to limit the spread of the coronavirus, to protect the vulnerable and health services.

In a discussion led by the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally, who chairs a group examining how the Church of England might proceed once the current restrictions for COVID-19 are relaxed or lifted, the House of Bishops recognised that there have been some welcome signs of improvement in the current situation, including a reduction in new cases and hospital admissions giving evidence for hope.

While church buildings remain closed for public worship, in line with Government advice, the Bishops agreed in principle to a phased approach to lifting restrictions, in time and in parallel with the Government’s approach, with three broad stages as infection levels improve:

- An initial immediate phase allowing very limited access to church buildings for activities such as streaming of services or private prayer by clergy in their own parishes, so long as the necessary hygiene and social distancing precautions are taken
- Subsequently access for some rites and ceremonies when allowed by law, observing appropriate physical distancing and hygiene precautions
- Worship services with limited congregations meeting, when Government restrictions are eased to allow this

The Bishops agreed that the decision on the timing of when to implement the revised advice on ministers or worship leaders praying and streaming from their church buildings should be made by individual Diocesan Bishops, depending on their local situation.

The Bishops were clear once again that this is guidance – not an instruction or law – and that it will be constantly reviewed depending on the national situation. National Church of England guidance will be updated in the coming days with further advice on how the staged process could be implemented and with factors and information for dioceses to consider.

Bishop Sarah said: “We are hugely grateful for all that our churches and clergy have been doing to support the Government’s message to stay at home, to support the NHS, and to save lives.

"Nevertheless, it now makes sense for us to start to look ahead to the potential easing of restrictions so that our clergy and churches can be prepared.”

Also, please read Bishop Martin’s open letter to parliament on our website.