

## Weekly Notes for Sunday 4 April 2021

Hello everyone,

We have seen such a lot of each other recently which has been lovely and very enriching. Last weekend with meeting our ministerial candidate and hearing him preach and then during the week of course as we look forward to Easter.

Thank you so much to Deborah for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services – very moving. We are so blessed to have you as our friend and Interim Moderator.

FYI, the latest edition of [Across the City](#) is here.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

As we celebrate Easter, please remember in your prayers families who are still separated because of Covid restrictions.

Please pray for Sharn Waldron and her family as her mother, aged 90, has been diagnosed with cancer of the bowel and kidneys and is being sent home from hospital with care.

Please continue to pray for Anne & David Nunn whilst Anne is in the specialist rehab unit and David is only allowed very limited visits.

And we continue to pray for others who are unwell and in hospital, unable to see their families without restrictions.

Please pray for our ministerial candidate as we await his response. We pray for God's guidance, trust and love to be with him as he discerns whether the way forward is right for him.

National Girls' Brigade has been encouraging the Brigades members to write prayers. There are more details and some of the prayers on their website <https://www.girlsbrigadeministries.org.uk/post/a-prayer-for-gb-in-2021/>.

Abbie has won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in her category! Well done Abbie!

Just in case you are unable to access their website, Abbie's prayer is below ...

### My Tablespoon Prayer

Dear Father god,

Thank you for all the fun times at GB and BB. There are lots of fun times and giggly times. Bless all the leaders, helpers and families involved in brigades. Give them patience on Zoom. Please keep us all going to the end of this time and keep our spirits up.

AMEN

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### HOLY WEEK DISPLAYS

Please remember to take a few flowers to leave at the foot of the cross tomorrow/Sunday. While there, have a look at the Brigades Easter gardens and around the special activities Lucy has put around the grassy area.

If you are unable to get down to church please click on this [link](#) to our website which we regularly update with pictures.

Many thanks to everyone involved in setting this up.

## WORSHIP

Sunday morning's Easter service is being led by Rev Liz Caswell and includes Holy Communion. It's the usual Sunday morning link for zoom – please email Maggie if you need it.

## Future Services – all Zoom

11 April	10.30am	Penny Flynn
18 April	10.30am	Rev Dr Mike Wilson
25 April	10.30am	Go4th

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## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Footprints Café is opening again on Monday 12 April in line with Covid regulations. A BBQ is planned and free ice cream too! Please give them your support!

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## TIME FOR TOTS

If Time for Tots is to reopen after the pandemic, it needs fresh vision and people to lead it.

Please keep this in your thoughts and prayers - maybe God is calling you to offer? Or someone you know?

This is the time to talk, decide and offer.

Please talk to Rosemary Heald or Mary Simuyandi if you want to know more.

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## ONLINE

Don't forget there is a really rich selection of URC resources on line. Have a look at [www.urc-eastern.org.uk](http://www.urc-eastern.org.uk) and [www.urc.org.uk](http://www.urc.org.uk). I cannot emphasise enough how helpful these website pages are and they really are updated every week, sometimes daily!

And there are a lot of updates and news in the [Synod newsletter](#). In particular, it currently includes details of **safeguarding training**. If you are subject to DBS checks under Sawston Free Church, then you do need to attend safeguarding training on a regular basis. You can email our Children's & Youth Development Officer, Nicola Grieves [cydo@urceastern.org.uk](mailto:cydo@urceastern.org.uk) for the new dates and to book your place.

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## A PRAYER

God of towels and jugs and dirty feet  
you revealed your glory  
in the apparent foolishness of service.

God of towels and jugs and dirty feet  
I reveal my foolishness  
in my all too obvious thirst for glory.

God of towels and jugs and dirty feet  
wash my feet, wash my hands, wash my heart  
then send me out with fool's towel  
to wipe your glory into our Covid-stained world.

Amen

*By Rev Phil Nevard, a URC Minister in Devon*

Please remember to share this email with others you know who don't receive email.

If you have read this far, thank you! I'd be really grateful if you could reply to me with "Happy Easter" so I know you got this far! 😊

Keep safe and look after yourselves.

Happy Easter!

Maggie XX