

# Connect

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## St John's Services on Facebook Live

**Every Sunday morning at 10am, Joy will be live on Facebook bringing us a message live from the Vicarage!**



The reading for Sunday will be from Ezekiel 37:1-14 'The Valley of the Dry Bones'

If you have a Facebook account, please log on to the St John's Owlerton group and request to join. If you miss the 10am slot, the video will remain there to view later on.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/506247916213547/>

We are looking into other ways to bring the message directly into your homes for those without a Facebook account. Please bear with us on this.



You can follow the themes for Joy's talks using the Church of England's Sunday Worship app.

Download for free from the App Store and Google Play.

Take care, stay safe and 'see' you on Sunday!

# st John's

OWLERTON

29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

**Church Services and events are suspended until further notice**

## Help when self-isolating

**The St John's team are here to help while you are self-isolating at home.**

Please contact:

Claire on 07496 935379  
or [claire@stjb.org.uk](mailto:claire@stjb.org.uk)

Joy on 07496 531257  
or [joy@stjb.org.uk](mailto:joy@stjb.org.uk)



Claire and Joy will contact others in your area that can to help get shopping, pick up prescriptions, and offer support.

## Mums Virtual Bible Study

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
at 2.30pm



The Mums Bible Study group will be meeting on WhatsApp for a time of fellowship, study and asking questions.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Amanda on 07906 267017 or Bec on 07904 371243.

# Foodbank at Winn Gardens



As Middlewood Nursery is now closed, we are unable to access the pavilion to operate the Winn Gardens Foodbank for the time being. We are going to be working with the S6 Foodbank Central Hub to support their work and hopefully access a local space where we can give out much needed supplies.

There are 5 things that need to be said in the light of this:

1. If you are a foodbank user, and need our support, please call the **Foodbank Hub Helpline 0114 321 0733** to confirm your eligibility. They will tell you where you can go to get food. This is subject to eligibility.
2. If you are able to volunteer as a helper for S6 Foodbank during this crisis, please copy the following link into your browser to access an application form [www.ncsheffield.org/response-volunteer-application-form](http://www.ncsheffield.org/response-volunteer-application-form)
3. If you would like to donate to the foodbank, and are well enough to do so, please drop it at S6 Foodbank, 6 Gilpin Street, S6 3BL on Tuesdays or Fridays 9am – 1pm. Alternatively, you can make a donation to the foodbank by copying this link [www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/p-hiladelphianetwork/s6foodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/p-hiladelphianetwork/s6foodbank)
4. If you, or someone in your household, is self-isolating or unwell and you need emergency supplies or other support, please call the **Sheffield City Council helpline 0114 205 7120**.
5. Remember to socially distance everyone! Look after your loved ones, and check on your vulnerable neighbours. Stay well, and if you have prayer needs, let us know by emailing [office@stjb.org.uk](mailto:office@stjb.org.uk)



## NHS VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS

The NHS is 'rallying the troops' for the war on coronavirus, with volunteers being called up to help vulnerable people stay safe and well at home.

The nation is looking for volunteers to help up to 1.5 million people who have been asked to shield themselves from coronavirus due to age or underlying health conditions.

Members of the public can sign up quickly and easily at [goodsamapp.org/NHS](http://goodsamapp.org/NHS) to become NHS Volunteer Responders, and can be called on to do simple but vital tasks such as:

- Delivering medicines from pharmacies
- Driving patients to appointments
- Bringing them home from hospital
- Making phone calls to those in isolation at home

## StJB Small Groups

Our church small groups have always been a source of fellowship and support to many of our church family.

This has never been more important than now! We are blessed to live in an age where staying in touch has never been easier.

Social media platforms such as Facebook, Messenger and WhatsApp are a great way to stay in touch, as well as FaceTime and video-conferencing software such as Zoom that allow people to see as well as hear each other!

**Use these great tools to stay in touch at a safe distance!!**

# Vision Sunday



## Vision Sunday postponed

As we are currently unable to meet, our Annual Church meeting will now take place later in the year.

The current PCC Trustees will remain in post, including those who were due to step down in April, and we will elect new trustees when we are able to hold the AGM.

If you are interested in standing for PCC, please email Claire at [claire@stjb.org.uk](mailto:claire@stjb.org.uk).

# GOOD FRIDAY



## Eggstravaganza

This wonderful event for children has had to be cancelled for 2020 – apologies to all that had been hoping to attend. See you next Easter!

## Regular Giving

Although we are not meeting together, the work of the church is ongoing. While we are aware that, for many of us, finances are uncertain, we want to encourage you to keep giving what you can, when you can.

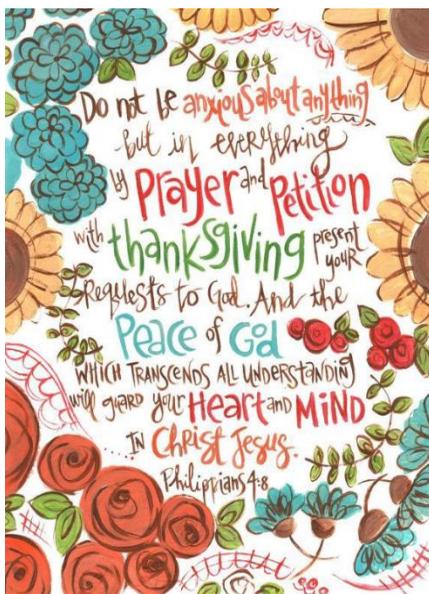
The regular standing orders underpin the church's finances. If you usually give through our giving envelopes or the collection plate, please consider doing one of the following:

If you use online banking, you could set up one-off or regular bank transfer to:



**Owlerton PCC**  
**Sort Code 05-08-48**  
**Account number 20012285**

You can also give by cheque made payable to **'Owlerton PCC'** and posted to Claire Keppas, Owlerton Vicarage Office, Forbes Road, Sheffield S6 2NW.



# Stay Safe and Well

**As you will all be aware, we cannot meet in church at the moment due to the risks of infection from Coronavirus (COVID-19).**

While we are unable to meet together physically, it has never been more important to support each other and our community. Please check in with family, friends and neighbours to offer help and support where you can do so safely. That might be helping to get some shopping, pick up prescriptions, or just a chat on the phone or from the recommended 2 metre distance.

Social distancing does not come naturally to most of us, but at this time it is absolutely essential. Stay at home as much as possible, only take necessary journeys and do not gather together.

Equally, being mindful of our own bodies and taking any symptoms we experience seriously is really important. If you, or anyone in your household has a fever and/or a new persistent cough then everyone in the household MUST self-isolate for 14 days.

Please stay safe and look after one another through this time of uncertainty and worry. Kindness, faith and hope will be the tools to get through this together.



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## Farewell Service for Nick & Penny Dawson

Sadly, because of the current restrictions, we will be postponing the Farewell Service for Nick & Penny to later in the year.

We are in touch with

### Hog n' Roast

who were due to provide the catering in the hope that we can re-arrange!

We have already received lots of donations towards the farewell gift for Nick and Penny, thank you for your generosity. If you would still like to contribute, gifts can now be given via bank transfer to:

**Owlerton PCC**  
**Sort code 05-08-48**  
**Account number 20012285**  
**Reference: Nick & Penny gift**

If you are unable to give online, cheques can be made payable to **Owlerton PCC** and posted to:

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# Thank you!