

Gulworthy Notes April 2021

We are nearly there!

I have been looking back a year to my first online contributions of notes from Gulworthy and confused myself completely by finding that I appear to have written two different versions. Can't for the life of me remember which one actually got sent but one of them had listed all the events planned from March until May, both in church and out – all of which were cancelled or postponed. Due to Covid.

This time last year, St. Paul's and all places of worship throughout the UK, were closed. They were not even allowed to be open for private prayer. I am sure I was not alone in feeling bereft of shared worship, even though, having my own tame member of the clergy, we were able to celebrate communion every Sunday in the wooden cabin at the top of the veg garden and it was actually a wonderful, prayerful experience. This year we are open over Easter, our doors are open wide to greet everyone and we are nearly there!

We are nearly at the point when conversation can be of things other than Covid; when we can embrace each other physically rather than waving at a screen; when we see loved ones and when we can together approach the reality of the Cross over Holy Week.

In our online Lent group, we have been reading Sam Wells book "A Cross in the Heart of God". It is an excellent, challenging but readable book which has given us a wonderful opportunity to share experiences of our lives and our faith and begin to understand the meaning behind the horrific events of Christ's suffering and death. It is a book that can be read and appreciated at any time during the Christian year and rather than try to precis it, I just want to quote the last lines.

"Jesus hangs on the cross to show us the love that hangs on. Hang on to that love. It will never let you go."

Diary

Thursday 1st April 7pm – Maundy Thursday Eucharist – a celebration of the first Last Supper.

Friday 2nd April 2pm – Good Friday prayer, music and reflexion.

Sunday 4th April 11.15am – Easter Sunday worship with singing outdoors!

St Paul's continues to be open for collective worship every Sunday at 11.15am and for private prayer from 9am – 3pm every Wednesday.