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## NOTICES – 31 May 2020

**MOLLY SMITH.** Our thoughts and prayers are with John and the family following the death of Molly on 17 May. Molly's funeral will be held at Bushbury Crematorium on Monday, 8 June 2020 at 2.15pm. As you will appreciate, only family members are allowed at the funeral but we will have them in our thoughts especially on the day of the funeral.

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATION.** As I am working from home can you please send any emails to me on [info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk) and telephone me on 01902 761322. Sue

**THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER JOURNAL.** A copy of this document which is referred to in the District Newsletter on 13 May 2020 is downloaded on the church website.

**A message from Revd Chris.** This Sunday I invite you to celebrate Pentecost by joining in an online Love Feast. The Love Feast, or Agape, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry. The service expresses the koinonia or sharing, belonging and fellowship enjoyed within the body of Christ. Usually, the Love Feast, in common with other acts of worship includes prayer, praise, scripture, preaching and mutual fellowship and an offering, but in addition the Love Feast contains a time of Prepared Testimony and the sharing of the Love Feast cake and the Loving Cup. So, in this on-line version I invite you to have ready some "plain cake" [maybe a biscuit or oat cake – preferably not bread] and a glass of water. All instructions will be given on Sunday!

Here are the details: Please note that the Zoom room will be locked at 11.10am to maximise the security for everyone taking part. This means that you be able to join after 11.10am.

Topic: Worship @11

Time: May 31, 2020 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87902598155?pwd=dzF0eGdUK092Zm42M3FqcjRzb2N1QT09>

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And finally... I will see you all after my sabbatical. Remember that Revd Dr Joanne Cox-Darling is the acting superintendent and any queries should be directed to her. Joanne's details are on the circuit plan, alternatively you can call Shirley on 422100.

With kind regards  
Chris



We are doing all we can to raise vital funds so we can be there for more women and children. There are so many ways you can help us, from joining us at a virtual event to nominating us to win a £1,000.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support.



For any further information go onto the website which is  
[give@havenrefuge.org.uk](mailto:give@havenrefuge.org.uk)

**ACTION for CHILDREN.** Every year in June Action for Children hold a fundraising walk around the West Park in Wolverhampton, many from our circuit take part, raising around £1,000 and enjoying good fellowship along the way. This year because of Lockdown, Michael Bateman from our Bradley church is doing a sponsored walk over the next 25 days, hoping to complete 100 miles. If you would like to support Michael in this venture please donate to his Facebook page or donate directly to [actionforchildren.org.uk](http://actionforchildren.org.uk) stating this is in Michael's name.

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN EMERGENCY APPEAL.** The current crisis is pushing many families over the edge, people who were already struggling are now finding life even more difficult. Even before the Corona Virus struck the country 4 million children in the UK lived lives locked in poverty. The families from which these children come are even more vulnerable and face greater difficulties now.

The situation in the UK is rapidly changing and the government is offering some support but with any challenge of this size it will take time for that help to reach the families who depend on it.

Action for Children has workers "on the ground" who are able to respond with offers of help and financial support very quickly and so the Charity is making this **emergency appeal** now in order that that their front line workers will have the means to do their job.

**TO DONATE TO THE EMERGENCY APPEAL, PLEASE DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**Visit** [actionforchildren.org.uk/emergency](http://actionforchildren.org.uk/emergency)

**Text** "EMERGENCY" or 70175 to Donate £10

**Call** Supporter Services on 0300 123 2112

Thank you for your continuing support of Action for Children.  
June (Sperring)

**INFORMATION FROM SHIRLEY IN THE CIRCUIT OFFICE.** Here is a pattern to knit, crochet or create a 'fish' - this could be used as a prayer aid and is a Connexional idea the Rev'd Peggy Heim suggested people may like to take part in and to bring back together when we meet in fellowship once again.

**The Challenge:** Create a fish prayer object. Or, create a shoal! Use your talents and whatever creative resources you have available in your home to make your fish! You could make a fish by: - Knitting (pattern included with this challenge!) - Crocheting (pattern included with this challenge!) - Cutting, sewing, sticking, scrap materials - Painting it on a stone - Paper Mache - Lego - Iron-on beads - Clay - Or any other creative means you can think of!

Why a fish prayer object? The fish has long been a symbol of Christian identity, hope and salvation. At time like these, perhaps it is good to hold on to our Christian identity, hope and salvation! Literally! With the fish we create, we can hold them in our hands and we can hold what they represent symbolically in our hearts and minds.

Why do this? The fish could be an object for prayer during this time. They could also be gifts for others; whether they can be gifted now if there are others in your household, or later, when the time is 'right' (according to governmental health and safety instructions and advice). If you plan to gift your fish, consider what story your fish might tell its new owner!

Your fish could be a tool for evangelism. Consider the fishy stories in the Bible, like The Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1–11) and the Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14: 13-21).

Your church, circuit or district might, at a later date (when the time is 'right'), request to gather in all the fish created, to be presented as a whole, to a wider audience. To reflect our prayers and hopes, while we were all being 'alone together' at this time; united in our identity, hope and salvation. The fish may then be requested to be offered as gifts for the local community – to be used in a similar way as, for example, knitted angels at Christmas time.

You could document your fish making, and or the prayers that you've said in this time. You could record these in a notebook, in photographs, or if you're online, you could share them with your online communities via your social media platforms. If you share them online, it'd be great if you could include the hashtag #fishingforhope2020 so your content can be easily searched for and found.



## How to Knit a Fish

First find some brightly coloured yarn and a pair of knitting needles. 3mm needles are ideal, but it will work with any needles.

Starting at the tail end, cast on twelve stitches. If you want a wider tail cast on more stitches in multiples of two.

- 1.) Knit in stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl). Decrease one stitch as each end of the plain rows only, until you have 6 stitches left.
- 2.) Knit three rows in stocking stitch without decreasing.
- 3.) If you want to change colours, now might be a good time.
- 4.) Increase one stitch at each end of every plain row until you have 24 stitches on the needle.
- 5.) Now decrease one stitch at each end of every plain row until 2 stitches remain. Knit these two stitches together and bind off.

You need two pieces to make a fish. Sew them together (inside out) but leave the tail end open. Now turn them right side out and stuff – how much stuffing you use depends on how fat you want your fish to be! Sew up the tail.

Feel free to add patterns or fins if you want!

## How to Crochet a Fish

This pattern was created using a size 4 hook and double knit wool.

Change in wool and /or hook size will just make a different size fish!

The whole thing is crocheted in uk treble stitch

Ø Make a chain of 15 stitches

Ø Row 1 1 treble in third chain from hook then 1 treble in each chain to end, turn...

Ø Always begin each row by crocheting 2 chain instead of crocheting into the first hole whether increasing or decreasing as this counts as the first treble

Ø Now Decrease one treble at each end of next 3 rows by missing a stitch (ie. Make 2 chain and then crochet a treble into 3rd stitch and don't crochet into the 2 chain from the preceding row)

Ø Increase one stitch at each end of next 6 rows by crocheting 2 stitches in one hole at either end

Ø Work 2 rows without increasing number of stitches.

Ø Decrease one stitch at each end of next 7 rows. Tie off

Ø Make a second fish, join the two together leaving one side partly open

Here are a few fish that have been made by Rev. Peggy Heim.



**CHRISTIAN AID.** The opportunities for fund raising are very limited this year but the need remains just as great and Christian Aid's website is well worth a visit as they outline various opportunities for donating and worship during the week. Please contact John Bate for details of how you can donate locally and Roger Poole ([rapoole@virginmedia.com](mailto:rapoole@virginmedia.com)) will be happy to send you a quiz. Your support -as ever- is very much appreciated and we hope that you may wish to make a gift as you are able. Many Thanks. Wendy and John.

**GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY.** We ask our members to remember that the GSM is continuing its work during this difficult period. Those members who donate goods via Beckminster on a weekly basis are invited to make an on-line donation if possible so that this invaluable work is funded during this time. If you wish to continue to make tins etc. available, please contact John Ashwood.