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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

### **St Barnabas**

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm 1st Sunday-Night Communion/quarterly Memorial Communion

### **Christ Church**

10.00am Family Worship

Baptisms (Sundays by appointment)

**ALL EVENTS/SERVICES HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday-Evensong (BCP) (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday- Evening service  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday- Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Baptisms take place in the Parish Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month and at 12pm on second Sunday

## **WEEKDAY WORSHIP**

<b>MONDAY</b>	8.00am	Cluster Prayers in St Barnabas
	12.00pm	Prayer in St Barnabas
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8.45am	Morning Prayer in St Barnabas
	12.00pm	Prayer in St Barnabas
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8.45am	Morning Prayer in Christ Church
	10.00am	Eucharist in St Barnabas
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8.45am	Morning Prayer in St Barnabas
	12.30pm	Eucharist at Christ Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.00am	Eucharist in St Barnabas
	9.45am	ToddleAlong at St Barnabas

Arrangements for booking banns, baptisms and marriages can be made on Wednesdays at 6.30pm at St Barnabas.

The clergy are available, either by arrangement, or in church, for confessions, confidential interviews, advice, home visits etc. Please contact us if you know anyone who would appreciate this.

**Deadline for articles** to appear in The Magazine is penultimate Sunday of each month. Please e-mail contributions to [jackiecampbell@talktalk.net](mailto:jackiecampbell@talktalk.net)

## DEAR FRIENDS .....

“We are not living in normal times” was how I thought this article might begin just a few days ago. Then, barely a day later, it was more like “We are living in completely unprecedented times”. Now as schools close, public worship is banned, along with all communal sporting activity, and restrictions become more widespread, the full repercussions of the C-virus pandemic become clearer. It is not only health and life which are in danger, but also the economy and social fabric - and it's at every level, from individual to global.

What we thought unimaginable a few weeks ago is actually happening, we've simply never been here before, it's .. almost as if we are running out of words!!

Yes, if you're an octogenarian, this may bring back memories of living through the Blitz and the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. No one living will remember longer ago, but the inscriptions on the soldiers' graves in one of my old parishes reminded us about the Spanish Flu, which killed more at the end of World War 1 than the war itself. If you read science fiction, HG Wells' “War of the Worlds” may come to mind . . . how prescient was the BBC screening



just last Autumn, depicting what follows an invasion from Mars!

But before this becomes a meaningless exercise in semantics, let's ask the obvious question: **how are we called to live in these uncertain and troubling times?**

Forgive me for stating the obvious, but this is about **doing what we CAN DO**, not fretting about what we can't.

And of course top of the list is anything and everything that will **hold the virus in check, and slow its spread**. So, we must follow advice re social distancing, self-isolating where necessary, and washing our hands more often and more vigorously than before.

The Government and its advisers have identified which people are deemed more vulnerable, and need to take extra precautions. Some of us will be in one or more of those categories. Many of us are not, but will know others (often in our own families) who are. So, **what can the one group do to help and support the other?**

All who are fit and able need imaginatively to put ourselves in the shoes of those

deemed more vulnerable.

And no one should feel too proud to ask for help. So what might be needed? Some milk or bread from the shop?

A call on the phone, just the chance to talk for a few minutes? And maybe that might be a bit of a catch-up over the back garden fence? Collecting a prescription from the chemist? The wheelie bin to be put out?

And perhaps this crisis will prompt **a rediscovery of some old fashioned activities** which may have become less common in recent times. Like ...

Growing your own veg, which may mean spending more time in the garden.

Writing (and posting?) letters, or cards, or emails.

Getting on phone to speak to someone, especially relatives, friends and neighbours who may be older, whether they live just round the corner or further away.

Taking a walk in the park.

Simply connecting with the neighbours who live immediately around in your street.

Picking up a book. How many



of us have volumes on the shelf that we've always wanted to read? And so far our local libraries remain open too.

Listening to some music ... widely recognised as being calming and therapeutic.

And then surely we need to **be alert to the dangers of isolation and loneliness**: those who must self-isolate because of the virus, others who simply live alone, and everyone who relies on the buzz they get from meeting up with others at church, doing Zumba, a regular lunch club, coffee morning, outside the school gate, through Parkrun or the gym or sports club.

**So let's stay in touch** through texting or speaking on the phone, skyping or FaceTime, using the social media that some of us dread. And let's think hard about being positive and encouraging, sharing good news whenever we find some. Like this morning's report (if their official data is trustworthy) that today China has recorded no new cases of people going down with the virus.

Last but not least, the other

obvious thing is to **stay in touch with God**. Not easy when for most members of any faith community a principal core activity is the regular gathering together for prayer and worship. Clergy, imams and many others will be planning right now ways to get round this challenge. Here at St Barnabas, look out for a **new weekly Bulletin**, called "*St Barnabas with Christ Church - Sunday Breakfast: Sunday Lunch: Sunday Tea*" (I might call it SBLT for short!) This will come to you as an email, and will include readings, prayers, thought for the day, something for children/young people, news and anything else relevant for that day. We hope many will find this a helpful way to stay connected. There will be printed copies to take away from church each week as well.

**Our church will be open each day for prayer.** The clergy are praying in church each day, and anyone can come at any time they like, to pray and perhaps light a candle.

Commenting on the sad decision taken this week to cancel the Good Friday Passion Play, our bishop urges us to pray ..

*I believe that God can and will bring good out of this unprecedented crisis, for us and for our nation if we remain faithful. We need to pray hard:*

*there is a strong spiritual aspect to this affliction.*

At the same time, the BBC will broadcast special Sunday services for worshippers staying at home due to coronavirus, the first one to be led by Archbishop Justin, and aired across 39 local BBC radio stations at 8am on Sunday. This will be in addition to the regular programme of Sunday worship at 8.10am on Radio 4.

Finally, finally .. to feel fearful is perfectly understandable, **but we must NOT panic** (nor panic-buy!), nor heed the scaremongers who would drive us into hopeless despair. Remember St Paul's words "there is nothing so strong that it can cut us off from the love of God!" *Romans 8.38-39*

Trusting and ever hopeful,  
*Andy Gandon*  
19 March 2020

*Please include in your prayers this month:*

### **BRITAIN: CMS COMMUNITY**

Please pray for the CMS community, which includes many people who are at risk. Pray for encouragement, strength and protection, and local communities who are ready and willing to help with practical needs for those who are self-isolating. *Andy*

## NEW BEGINNINGS

When we moved to Worcester three and half years ago, I carried a street atlas in the car with me. I have a satellite navigation device, but I wanted to learn the geography of the city and its environs. My husband was brought up in Worcester so, apart from one-way systems, knew his way around. Gradually I learnt the geography, aided by some walking and cycling.

We mapped out our new lives in Worcester after living for many years in Birmingham - all our married life, all our son's life. Seeing Birmingham friends took more forward planning, but we were closer to those in Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, and to our son in Bristol. We gradually made friends in Worcester, went to different events and venues. Farm shops, village pubs and Malvern theatres became a feature.

For nearly three years, I commuted to and from Birmingham. On my way into the station I could look across at the Malvern Hills. On the way home, I looked forward to the Worcester skyline with its spires and towers. I remember asking Jim which was the church

with the bellcote on top, which indicated the approach to Shrub Hill.

Those spires, towers and bells were on the horizon, as we sought to find a new church life, too. The cathedral and its music always a treat; we visited local churches, attended one more than others. We had been very involved in our church in Birmingham and missed the people there, perhaps why this part of the new life seemed to be taking longer to "click".

Pondering this, I thought of how the early Christians were also trying to map out a new life. Moving from the familiar structure of Jewish law and the temple to trusting in the new covenant of the resurrection was not always easy. For many it was a risk and Paul's letters show how much support they needed and how much joy there was when they were able to embrace renewal through baptism and the holy spirit.



Julie & Jim

Our Christian journey is one of repentance and reflection. As Steve said in his sermon a few weeks ago, God will provide, if we focus on what is important. Last year I gave up being a head teacher and found that I was being called in a different direction. I

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## CREATING A PRAYER SPACE

Although we can pray anytime, any place and anywhere, the closure of our places of worship and the suspension of our public worship has really affected us hasn't it? This isn't just about social contact either – there are those of you who have expressed their appreciation of all the prayer resources coming from the wider church. However, some of you have told me that it has been good to being able to catch up with various jobs – being the garden, sorting through what my grandmother used to call 'muddles' and getting some spring cleaning done. I agree! But as one who can get distracted by practical jobs I thought I would create a particular place in the Rectory, which is also my home of course, in order to pray.

So, in my study I have pulled up a small 'milking stool' type side table and placed on it various things to help me still my mind and help me listen and pray:

I have on there a holding cross with the etched words: "let your light shine": a white flowered potted plant, some small items



from various places in the Holy Land and not being one for candles really, I have opted for a small incense burner. These items help me to praise God who is holy, to pray for the people, creation, peace in the world and to remember Jesus.

If you were to prepare a place in your home where you go especially to pray, I wonder what would it look like?  
*Revd Julieann*

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have been doing the year-long Bishop's Certificate Course (I recommend it – a very good £30 worth!) and have been guided by various people to explore the route of Licensed Lay Ministry. But where to do it? Jim suggested St Barnabas and the rest of the story you may know. I will be attending a Bishop's Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> April for further discernment of Licensed Lay Ministry supported, and for this I am so grateful, by St Barnabas and Julieann.

I also now know which is that very welcoming church with the bellcote on the roof!  
*Julie Berrow*



## NEWS!

We are all simply saving lives by staying at home. We are all simply caring for our NHS by staying at home.

Because we are staying at home, we are giving ourselves the opportunity to return to the Lord in word and deed, serving those who must always have to stay at home.

The good news is that lives are being saved and people who are normally isolated, are being considered.

*Pray for our key workers!*

Look out for Sunday Breakfast, Lunch and Tea (or Sunday BLT) - an aid to pray, worship and reflect on the Sunday readings. The Supplement which comes with it contains online links to streamed services from around the wider church and items of good news.

Keep well, safe, in the Lord, and at home.

*Revd Julieann*

## AND THE PEOPLE STAYED AT HOME.....

And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And listened more deeply.

Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.

Some met their shadows.

And then people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they have been healed.

*KITTY O'MEARA*

## WORCESTER'S REPAIR CAFE

At one of our Sunday 10:00 am services in March, Rod Howell (see photo on centre pages) came along to tell us all about Worcester's Repair Café. Don't know where it is? Well its location is Unity House in Stanley Road and the Repair Café is open every month, except August, on the second Saturday from 11:00 – 2:00.

We heard how when you visit with your item/s to mend, you would be asked to fill in a form and be given a card. We were shown examples of these cards - 'Electrical', 'Sewing' and 'Tool sharpening'. The card stating 'Other' would be for items like luggage, clocks, chairs and small furniture etc.

All who help at the repair Café are volunteers but you don't have to go along with an item to fix! We heard how the Café, where you can enjoy a drink and something to eat, has a real buzz too.

The benefits of choosing repair and reuse: repairing can save you money, there is waste reduction, less carbon emission and less need for the use of raw materials to make new products.

Listening to Rod, what came across very clearly was the joy of doing something for others and the fact that there was a great

community spirit. The Repair Café offers a friendly, social meeting place where skills and knowledge of how to fix items could be passed on to others. Donations and refreshment sales help to cover costs such as hire of the room and buying specialist tools.

So stop and think before throwing an item away! Could it be repaired? Why not visit Worcester's Repair Café.

*Judy*

## RECYCLING FILM WRAPPERS

Just to let you know that if you have been sending your film wrappers to Polyprint Mailing Films, address in Norwich, that this location is now recorded as closed. I shall try and find an alternative place, but if you know of anywhere taking these films, perhaps you could let me know.

*Judy*

**This month's  
Eco Target:**



**Rather than  
buy, try home baking!**



*This page top:* Afternoon ladies have been knitting blankets for the Neonatal unit at Worcestershire Royal

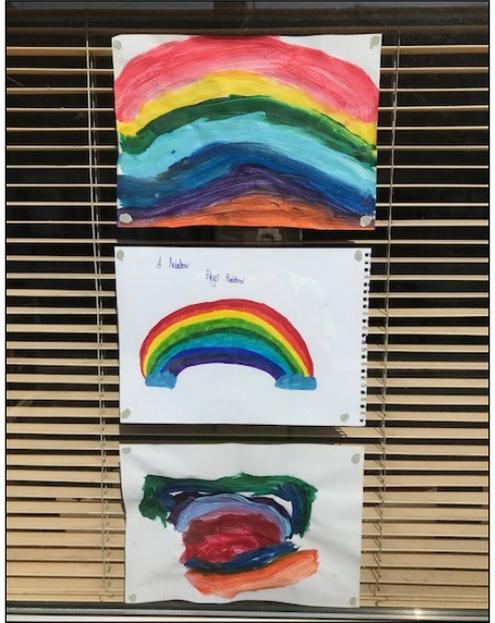
*This page bottom:* Enjoying a Curry Night recently—the Magdeburg visit has sadly been postponed for a while.

*Right hand page top:* Judy Ford with Rod Howell from Worcester Repair Café who came to tell us about the project (see page 7)

*Right hand page centre:* banner outside the Mission House in response to the Coronavirus: made by Steve Ruddle, erected by Guy Martyr, words by Sue Martyr—a collective effort.

*Right hand page:* Toddlealong children (past & present) painted some bright rainbows to spread a smile!





## THE ANGELUS BELL: SOUNDING THE GOSPEL

The last time Regency Special School came to church needing to gather information for their RE projects, I asked them to stand and listen carefully to the sound of the bell and asked them why they thought the church would ring bells. They stood and listened very carefully and very quietly - the teachers were amazed - and I rang the Angelus Bell. Afterwards, among the enthusiastic cries of answers - all of which were absolutely right - one of the students cried out - "it is because you want us to know that the church is here!" - and this was both insightful and completely the intention of the Angelus bell.

As we have to stop our public services for at least the next 3 months, I have taken to ringing the Angelus Bell every day just so the people in ear range of the church, far from thinking the church has gone away, hears that the church is still here. But what is the Angelus bell and what is its message?

Anglicans and Roman Catholics are reminded on of the Feast of the Annunciation (25<sup>th</sup> March) as the time that the Angel Gabriel brought tidings to Mary that she was going to be the one who would bear Jesus, together with



the response of Elizabeth when Mary travelled to find her support. (*Read Luke 1: 26-45*)

The message to us all is that God remembered the trouble of the people and came to ordinary folk to make real his promise that he was with them and would set them free. Mary, as an example of loving discipleship and trust in the Lord, gives us this good news - the good news that God remembers the people and comes among us - to a waiting and longing world, then and now.

So, the Angelus bell is rung at the height of the day (12 noon) as we pray the words of greeting and response from both the Angel and Elizabeth; and as we recall the Incarnation - the birth of Jesus, God who dwells among us, put into this traditional prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord  
declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the  
Holy Ghost

*Hail Mary, full of grace, The  
Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among  
women, And blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Some of us squirm at the idea of Mary being called Holy Mother of God and that we ask her to pray for us. However, language apart, we do accept that Jesus Christ came to us as a human being by a human mother who said 'yes': and continued saying 'yes' when it became very clear that Jesus was to have an extraordinary vocation which she had to deal with as he grew up, and as the events of what we now call Holy Week and Good Friday unfolded before her.

Some people find that Jesus is scary when it comes to approaching him with their shortcomings, that they would rather go to his mother and ask her to speak to him: and Mary as a mother has often given encouragement to those who struggle with parenthood. Also,

as families have their children at home we might also, when we hear the Angelus bell, remind ourselves that Jesus and children of that time relied a lot on education at home: Mary (and Joseph) also would've had to do this and so we pray always for help, for parents and children as they grow up and in their learning. If Mary's 'yes' and motherhood is an aid to prayer during these difficult times then I for one, welcome it.

*Revd Julieann Watson:  
April 2020*

## HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT THE VIRUS

It is a strange time for children at the moment, for ideas on how to talk to children about the coronavirus visit [https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus?](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR3s4zp7VcQ9J1y4DVdd3v3O2pOgobn9r-C9o8PUs3HW5ryPrV8-66S6DNg)

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And for more children/family ideas go to <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-family-worship-at-home>

*Sue Martyr*



## SIGNS & WONDERS

As soon as our old concrete garages were dismantled and removed this week a robin appeared. It hopped through the neighbours' trellis, now visible from the kitchen window and has visited several times since. It's a songbird.



The robin is one of only a small number of garden birds to sing throughout the winter. It is one of the first birds to start the dawn chorus and one of the last to stop singing at night. I didn't know that!

In Italy at the moment, as people are confined to their homes, the sound of music and song has been heard from windows and balconies, shared across streets and raising smiles and spirits.

There is power in music. On the radio today a farmer, missing his choir meetings, was heard singing loudly and beautifully to his flock of sheep.

For many people the sight and song of the robin brings not only a smile but memories of loved ones, a sense that someone is near, a spiritual comfort in times of sadness. And the robin is known for settling nearby, on the

handle of a spade or a windowsill.

Robins breed in March and raise from two to four broods a year. They lay four to six eggs, one each day, usually early in the morning. The females incubate them for thirteen days and both parents look after the hatchlings. Their feathers start to appear after three days and their eyes fully open after eight. The flight feathers are the last to grow and it will be about sixteen days before the baby birds can fly.

Although robins are quite territorial as far as their own species is concerned, they have strong parental instincts and will happily look after the young of other birds.

It is no wonder the robin is our nation's favourite bird and in these days, there may be an added poignancy.

As our robin hops across and back from our neighbours' garden, thoughts come of family and friends, not only those still missed but also those we are having to keep our distance from in the present situation. We also share the birds with our

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## **A PRAYER: JESUS, REMEMBER ME, WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM**

How are we going to do Holy Week and Easter this year?

How are we going to process with our palms, singing Hosanna, and reminding others that the *Lord* is King?

How are we going to re-member Jesus overturning the tables in the Temple?

How are we going to wash each other's feet and participate in the Last Supper?

How are we going to remember Jesus in bread and wine?

How are we going to watch and wait in the Garden of Gethsemane, or sit at the cross with the women hearing again those divine words – “Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing?”

How are we going to shout with joy “He is risen, he is risen again, Alleluia!”

*Suddenly we are having to do Holy Week and Easter this year very differently: we know though that the events of this season remain forever, in whatever ways we remember, re-enact and tell them.*

*So, look out for Palm Leaves to cut out and hang in windows: and look out for other various ideas and resources to help us tell our story this year.*

*Revd Julieann*

## **PRAYER LINK**

This is a link for Pray as you go, a daily prayer resource which is available online. A friend from my last parish put me on to it.

The link is <https://pray-as-you-go.org/player/prayer/2020-03-23>

It also offers a Pray as you stay alternative, specifically designed for everyone who has to stay at home during the current crisis. There's other material as well.

*Andy*



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neighbours who may need an offer of help now with errands and other tasks if we are able.

These are extraordinary times.

Enjoy the company of visiting birds, think about others that they might represent, and stay safe.

*Margaret Gandon*

*March 2020*

## ST BARNABAS WITH CHRIST CHURCH MISSION FUND NEWS

At the January PCC meeting, a request for a donation to St. Richard's Hospice's Leap Year Appeal was granted. This Appeal was for help to cover the additional cost of providing in-patient and out-patient care for February 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Mission Fund Group submitted the Lent donations request at the March PCC meeting and the following donations were authorised:

Bishop John's Lent Appeal for the Diocese of Morogoro – our friends in Morogoro have been hit much harder than us by the impact of climate change with droughts, floods and plague of locusts and are in desperate need to try and overcome these issues.

Shining House charity in Uganda – Started by a retired primary head teacher from Malvern who went to help one of the Bishops set up his new Diocese there. Over the years, numerous local underprivileged children have been helped through school and college and

further training to achieve good qualifications and independence. The charity relies solely on friends and sponsors.

WaterAid's Jar of Change Lent Appeal is for Ethiopia this year, helping to provide safe water closer to remote villages. Mothers and daughters trek miles, often in very dangerous areas, to collect water for their families.

Mothers' Union Christian care for families – Mothering Sunday Appeal – In the U.K. and many countries, Mothers' Union continues to spread grassroots foundations, forming fellowships and communities motivated by their faith in God.

Worcester Palestine Friendship – WPF is a group of local people who raise awareness of life faced by all Palestinians living in Occupied Palestinian Territories, fundraising to support Palestinian projects i.e. Ethar education project and MAP, medical aid for Palestinians. This donation was made in memory of our dear friend and parishioner, Robin Sykes,



who was a member of the WPA Steering Group and an active campaigner for the Palestinian people.

At the PCC meeting, a proposal to help our local Foodbank was discussed and approved. Due to this sudden and devastating Coronavirus pandemic, it was decided to offer an immediate donation to enable Worcester Foodbank to obtain urgent items of stock.

Sincere thanks to our congregation and Planned Giving friends for your continuing support. At this most difficult time, Stay safe and God bless you all.

*Ann Bryant (Chair), Jackie Campbell & Marian Bailey*

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

If you are the rep for any church group could you please send your report for the year ending 31st December 2019 to Jackie ([jackiecampbell@talktalk.net](mailto:jackiecampbell@talktalk.net)) by **Thursday 9th April—thankyou!**

## **LICENSING SERVICE**

The new vicar of St Martin's London Road, Peter Hart, is being licensed on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

## **SEVERN WASTE SERVICES: ENVIROSORT**

The EnviroSort plant receives, sorts and despatches all the clean recyclable items that are collected from households across Worcestershire and Herefordshire. The plant has been operating since November 2009 and has the capacity to receive and sort up to 105,000 tonnes per year.

As a U3A member I read with interest an article in the regular newsletter that some members had visited the EnviroSort plant. Apparently very little waste from the green bins goes into landfill but it is incinerated at Hartlebury, which sells surplus electricity to the grid and ash for building blocks. Green waste is sorted, baled and sold on to other UK companies, not to the Far East. Much of the plastic goes into items like car bumpers and the glass into road building or quartz kitchen worktops.

I was interested to read that places like Top Barn, Cherry Orchard School, 'Pack it in' in the Shambles will take toothpaste tubes and brushes and crisp packets. The RSPCA shop in Upton also takes plastic crisp packets.

If you have a moment, take a look at the EnviroSort website.

*Judy*

# WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH: *or Help! we can't get to the Garden Centres*

April's here and spring has sprung at last! As the weather warms and early flowers start to bloom, all of a sudden it feels like there's plenty to do in the garden again. We may wish to get to the Garden Centres...but alas they are closed. But don't despair there's plenty more to do besides sowing and planting out. Here are some garden jobs this April.

## Timely Tips

- Give your greenhouse a thorough scrub (if you haven't already) with hot soapy water. This will get rid of pests and diseases and let in more light.
- Prepare beds for the growing season. Dig in a 5cm (or more) layer of compost or well-rotted manure. You can also work in a general-purpose fertiliser, such as pelleted chicken manure, or fish, blood and bone.
- Check your container plants aren't drying out - the warmer weather will quickly affect soil moisture levels.
- Lift and divide perennial plants now, to improve vigour and create new plants for your garden.
- Divide primroses once they have finished flowering.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
- Check any tree ties to make sure

they're not cutting into the trunk. Loosen any that are tight, to allow the trunk some room to expand.

Prune your penstemons now - cut back all the old shoots to the base, provided there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base, cut just above the lowest set of leaves.

Finish cutting back any dead foliage on perennials and ornamental grasses (if you haven't done so already), to make way for new growth.

Prune forsythia as soon as they have finished flowering, cutting back to strong, young shoots.

Find more advice on: [thompson -morgan.com/in-the-garden-this-month](http://thompson-morgan.com/in-the-garden-this-month)



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