



Pastoral Letter

03 May 2020



Hello,

Our worship for this coming Sunday 03 May has been prepared for us by Michael Noble. It is a special Sunday for Michael as it is the 40th anniversary of his becoming an accredited local preacher in the Methodist Church. We are very grateful to Michael for all those years of service and the worship materials for this weekend. All the services and talks are **different** from each other and include:

- A service sheet in the interactive 9:00am style (attached in two forms to read on computer [A4] or phone /tablet [A5])
- A service sheet in the preacher-led 10:45am style (attached in two forms)
- A YouTube talk – available from 8 am on 03 May - which you can find here: <https://youtu.be/wSrRHVGxnyI>

Live worship by "Zoom" will also be led by Michael from 10:00am on 03 May (you can join from 9:45). Details of the Zoom worship are below.

On 08 May it will be the 75th anniversary of VE commemorating the end of the second World War. Here in Ilkley we are invited to make bunting to remember the service of those who helped win peace and freedom for us and also to give thanks for those offering great service to our country in the current fight against the coronavirus.

Details of how to make paper bunting can be found here:

http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/england/pdf/how_to_make_your_great_british_bunting_step_by_step.pdf.

Look out, if you take exercise near our church building, for some rainbow coloured bunting appearing there as we give thanks for heroes past and present. While that bunting might signify our gratitude and our looking forward with hope, we also keep in our hearts those who are suffering greatly through this time. In particular I am sad to share with you news of the recent deaths of Alan East and Victor Hall. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan's son Richard and daughter Susannah, and with Victor's wife Margaret and niece Hilary.

May God hold us through the storm, fill us with hope, and be light in our darkness,

Roberta

Zoom Worship

I hope you can join us virtually for worship on Sunday 03 May via Zoom. You can join any time from 9:45 and the service will start at 10:00am. You can still join at any point after that but it may take a moment or two longer in the "waiting room" so please bear with us on that.

We plan to display a PowerPoint with words for the hymns etc on your screens through Zoom so it is not essential to print out the Zoom worship sheet.

To join this service you can click on the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86098995357?pwd=WWp5azNuYzB5NGFtZVFIRWVUUEN5UT09>

Or the passwords are Meeting ID: 860 9899 5357

Password: 009229

If you are joining by telephone the steps to take are:

1. Phone 0203 481 5240 (standard geographic rate number)
2. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 860 9899 5357, followed by #
3. When prompted, enter a name you choose for yourself followed, by # (or just type #)
4. When prompted, enter Password 009229 followed by #