

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday**



*At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.*

**Collect for the Week**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**An online service, via our YouTube channel, will be posted on the website today.**

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Rogation Day**

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury Restorer of the Monastic Life, 988**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> Alcuin of York, Abbot of Tours, 804**

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> ASCENSION DAY**

11.00 am Julian Meditation

**A special online service will be on YouTube and our website today**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday After Ascension Day**

**Online service will be posted on the website**

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## **NEWS and NOTES**

### **From the Vicarage**

Easter greetings to you all. Since the review of the lockdown I have been trying to think of some of the benefits of the situation – and I have been pondering the saying: ‘you can’t have your cake and eat it’ – the classic ‘either/or’ scenario. The lockdown has helped me to realise that things need not be either/or, they can be ‘both/and’. I pray that as things are easing we will hold on to the good things, including habits that we have experienced and learnt and increasingly flourish as we yearn for the old and embrace the new, to God’s glory.

### **Church of England Daily Hope**

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship service at the end of a telephone line, 24 hours a day. Free call 0800 804 8044. It has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

### **Food Banks**

Please continue to support our local food banks with your contributions. You can place items in the box outside the Vicarage or give financial contributions directly yourself.

### **Wednesday Meditation**

There is a weekly meditation being sent to all the Parish family on email. It is an opportunity to light a candle at 11 am on a Wednesday and to have a time of quiet to think of each other and to focus on the meditation. Also if it possible to print it out for those who are not on line and pop it through their letter box that would be good, but only if it is safe to do this. If you would like to be included in this please email Pat Stevens on [patannstevens@hotmail.com](mailto:patannstevens@hotmail.com), phone 529187.

### **What has been happening since we last met?**

We have had weeks of isolation and everyone trying to cope with the lockdown. Sorting out cupboards. Using spare wool and material to make things. Children growing before they have had time to wear their new school uniform. How can we help each other? Our income at St Paul’s always needs a boost and we have been unable to meet and socialise. What can we do? Once things are back to normal, how about a coffee morning or afternoon tea with a tabletop sale. A time to catch up with our Church family over a cupper and a to raise much needed funds for the Church and for those in need. We could swap or sell things while seeing friends again. If you have any thoughts or ideas please get in touch with Wendy Anderson.