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Ramblings from the Rectory

The Good old days!

We sometimes wish that we were back in ‘the good old days’ – those times when loo paper had not been invented and there was no media to encourage us to panic buy. Of course, we would not have had the NHS either, or even hand sanitiser to try and keep the virus at bay.

In 1665 the City of London was in the grip of another plague – the Bubonic Plague, which had also originated in China over a century earlier. In the sleepy village of Eyam, nestled in the Derbyshire Dales, a delivery man brought the plague to the village in the form of a flea-infested bolt of cloth. When people realised what had happened, and the first residents succumbed to the disease, the village took a very brave decision.

Under the leadership of the Rector, Rev. William Mompesson, and the Puritan Minister Thomas Stanley, the village agreed to self-isolate so that the disease could not spread to other local villages. Points were set up on the perimeter where people could speak to neighbouring villages by shouting across an open space, and also places were designated where food could be left.

They also chose not to use the church, and found a suitable dell like a natural amphitheatre where they could hold outdoor services and meetings.

It was fourteen months before the village could declare itself free from plague, but during that time at least 273 had died out of a population somewhere around 400. But their generous self-sacrifice probably saved very many more people in neighbouring villages.

An interesting fact is the pattern of spread of the disease. One lady buried her husband and six children within eight days, but survived herself, as also did the gravedigger who must have had many opportunities to succumb.

Today Eyam has become a tourist site, and plaques have been placed on the walls of old houses to indicate who lived and died there. The church registers have the names and dates of those who lost their lives, and most of the graves are still discoverable. I have a friend who lives in Eyam and I have been to that village and ,whilst it is now thriving , there is still a feeling of all the pain and loss that affected them and that will never truly leave them.

There are lots of parallels between the Coronavirus and the Bubonic Plague; note how un-selfish the people were then and how we are learning that same lesson today, and how they worked together as one community and how amazing it is to see our own communities pulling together. We may not have plaques on houses marking the deaths of those who have succumbed to Covid19 but the launch of the virtual Book of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral will help us all acknowledge the phenomenal loss of life as a result of this virus.

We are all hopeful that this lockdown will be eased soon but only when it is safe to do so but I found a this list of benefits which might help until it is!

Benefits

Someone has pointed out the following beneficial effects of the pandemic:

- It is reminding us that we are all equal, regardless of our culture, religion, occupation, financial situation or how famous we are. This disease treats us all equally - just ask Tom Hanks, the Prince of Wales or Boris Johnson.

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- It is reminding us that we are all connected – something that affects one person has an effect on another.
- It is reminding us of the shortness of life and of what is most important for us to do, which is to help each other - especially those who are old or sick. Our purpose is not to buy stuff - not even loo roll.
- It is reminding us of how materialistic our society has become. In times of difficulty, we remember that it's the essentials that we need (food, water, medicine) as opposed to the luxuries that we sometimes unnecessarily give value to.
- It is reminding us of how important family and home life is and how much we have neglected this. It is forcing us back into our houses so we can rebuild them into our homes and strengthen our family units.
- It is reminding us that our true work is not our job. Our true work is to look after each other, to protect each other and to be of benefit to one another.

So please continue to look after one another and pray that this will all come to an end soon and we can begin to look at what the new normal is going to be like and that we can leave behind the things we no longer need and find a new way to live that benefits everyone!!

Stay safe
Julie



Bishop Nick's latest blog!

In-between again

It feels like we are living between times again. Lockdown is giving way to an easing of restrictions – now thrown into chaos by the hypocritical shambles of Dominic Cummings' breaching of the instructions given to the whole country (and the government's defence of him). Enough on that for now.

Christians always live in what we might call 'in-between times'. There is always a 'not yet' element to whatever is happening in the world. What is surprising is that people should still be surprised that provisionality is always the name of the game for mortal human beings living in a material and contingent world.

Last Thursday was Ascension Day – Jesus leaves his friends to get on with the job. It's as if he tells them it's time to get out of the audience and onto the stage, or out of the stands and onto the pitch. They have watched and listened to him during these last couple of years, it now comes the time for commitment to the cause. It involves conscious choice.



If you read the narratives, these were a people whose lives were in turmoil. Having put their hope in Jesus being the one to liberate them, they then watched him bleed into the dirt of Golgotha, their faith draining away with it. Then they start experiencing his presence again in various ways, discovering that they can no longer hold onto him or possess him – and certainly not appropriate him for their own

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sense of security or prosperity. Then, just as they are getting their heads around that one, he takes them up a mountain and leaves them.

Now, if I was one of them, I might be justified in thinking that the promised Holy Spirit would come immediately and empower me/us to do what Jesus told us to get on with. No chance. There's now another wait (and we don't know how long this might be, if ever). So, we have to learn to let him go, live with ourselves and each other, wondering how we are supposed to do what he left us with.

Pentecost will come. The friends of Jesus will be empowered to speak of the Jesus revolution in ways that everyone can understand. But, for now, they have to live with the double-whammy of (a) having been given a commission whilst (b) living with complete uncertainty about the future.

We don't know what the future will look like for our society, our economy, our politics, our church. But, we do know that we are called to be creative, bold and adventurous. Will we make mistakes, misunderstand the calling, head in the wrong direction at the wrong time? Probably. But, Jesus in the gospels shows little surprise when his friends mess it up. What we can't do is just go back to the fishing grounds of the old certainties.

Ascensiontide – between Ascension and Pentecost – asks us if we are up for it? Before we know what's coming.

Nick

A prayer for use during this time of the coronavirus pandemic

Lord of Peace,

we remember those living in coronavirus hotspots and those currently in isolation.

May they know Your presence in their isolation, Your peace in their turmoil and

Your patience in their waiting.

We lift up to you those known to us who are vulnerable and scared – the frail, the sick and the elderly. May they know the peace of your presence with them.

We pray for all medical professionals who are daily dealing with the intense pressures of this crisis.

Grant them resilience in weariness, discernment in diagnosis, and compassion upon compassion as they care.

We thank You for the army of researchers, working steadily and quietly towards a cure – give them clarity, serendipity and unexpected breakthroughs today.

We pray that You will rise above this present darkness as the sun of righteousness with healing in Your wings.

God of all wisdom, we pray for the World Health Organisation, national governments, and heads of schools, hospitals and other

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institutions. Grant them wisdom beyond their own wisdom, as to how to contain this virus; faith, beyond their own faith, to fight this fear; and strength, beyond their own strength, to support institutions and people in their care in this time.

May God who loves us, protect us. May Jesus, His Son, who died for us, save us. And may the Holy Spirit, who broods over the chaos and fills us with His presence, intercede for us and in us for others at this time. Amen

Psalm 91

Whoever goes to the Lord for safety,

whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, can say to him,

“You are my defender and protector.

You are my God; in you I trust.” He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers

and from all deadly diseases. He will cover you with his wings;

you will be safe in his care;

his faithfulness will protect and defend you. You need not fear any dangers at night

or sudden attacks during the day

or the plagues that strike in the dark

or the evils that kill in daylight.

Lockdown Literature.

Many of us have been able to read a lot during lockdown and so I asked you what your favourite lockdown read has been. Here's what you sent me.

Elizabeth Wakefield

As lockdown started I was reading Max Hastings Catastrophe. As is usual with Max Hastings a large tome, packed with detail about the early battles of World War 1. It is interesting and informative as it discusses some of the lesser known battles and mistakes made on all sides, and the reasons behind the often, disastrous decisions. As with any book on this subject a bit harrowing in places but a really good read .

The second one is Wilkie Collins Woman in White, which I am reading now. I decided that Lockdown was an opportunity to read some 'classics' so I went to the internet and found a list of Classic Novels. I was quite heartened when I realised how many I had already read over the years and was quite a long way down the list before I came across Woman in White. I'd seen a TV adaptation but decided to give it a go and downloaded it on to my kindle. Although of its time, in language and content, and according to the 'blurp' caused a sensation in its time, it is still an intriguing read today.

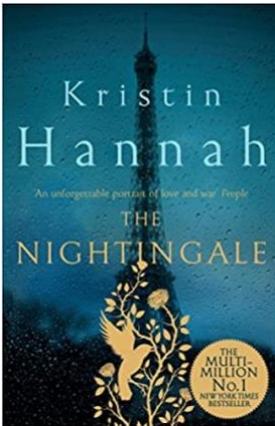
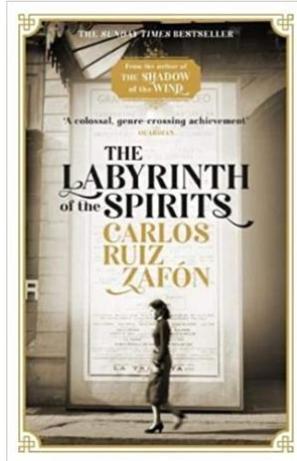
Pam Kent

My book title is The Tattooist of Auschwitz
A Compelling read which touches your emotions.

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Caroline Jones.

The Labyrinth of Spirits by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. This is the 4th book in the "Cemetery of Forgotten Books" series. I have also read The Shadow of the Wind, the 1st book, but not the other two. Each book stands alone, although they have a common thread. The book is set in 1950s Barcelona and tells the story of life during the Franco regime. It is a story about some interesting people and I loved it!



The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Helen Hales lent me this; it is one of her library books. It is set in wartime France and tells the story of two sisters and their respective journeys. The descriptions of an occupied and subjugated nation are harrowing at times but the story was interesting and enjoyable.

I returned to my Kindle, my holiday means of reading, for a change (and to pretend I was on holiday!). I have just read books 15 and 16 in the DCI Ryan series by LJ Ross. These are detective stories set in the

north east of England, a place I love and miss at the moment, so it was good to return there in my reading! Despite the books being about murder, they were a light relief after the previous two books, above. Book 15 is called Ryan's Christmas and is a short story set at Chillingham Castle. Book 16, just released, is called The Shrine and is set at Durham Cathedral. After having read all 16 books in this series, I feel quite invested in the characters. Although you could read them standalone, it would be worth going back to the start to understand the characters and their history. And the end of The Shrine is perfectly set up for book 17, whenever that may be!

Debby Plummer

No contest!! Hilary Mantel's magnificent "The Mirror and the Light". The final instalment of her Thomas Cromwell trilogy. First 2 were excellent and each of those won the Booker prize.

It is a monumental book - over 900 pages - so lockdown with empty diaries was ideal. I stop for a light lunch and an hour of reading at 1pm every day.

Funny, tragic, wise, accurate, packed with theology, history and minutely observed relationships (particularly Thomas and Henry V111). It's got the lot!

Ian Hales

Having been incapacitated by a skiing accident as well as lockdown I have had plenty of time for reading and re-reading my (incomplete) collections of Ken Follett and John Grisham plus a few others by Baldacci, Reichs and Geritsen. I have avoided so far reading again, for

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the nth time, my complete collection of Nicholas Evans books (for the uninitiated his first was *The Horse Whisperer*). Undoubtedly my favourite author.

However the best book I have read in the lockdown period is most definitely *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. It's a very well written and emotional story of two sisters in WW2 France and their separate work in the Resistance against Nazi occupation. Some books are very difficult to put down. For me this was undoubtedly in that category. I can highly recommend it and so will say no more except that if you don't want to read it there is an excellent synopsis on Wikipedia but that gives away some of the intrigue of the plot.

Janice Dorrington

I see you by Clare Mackintosh

Jeremy Plummer

The Anarchy: the relentless rise of the East India Company by William Dalrymple (2019 Bloomsbury Publishing). I found this to be a surprisingly unflattering account of the part played by HM government and the East India Company in the development of India in the 18th and 19th century. Clearly very well researched, with excellent indexes, references and illustrations. By no means a 'quick read'. Maya Jasanoff writes "Dalrymple researches like a historian, thinks like an anthropologist and writes like a novelist"

"Wilding" by Isabella Tree (2018 Picador). This is a stimulating account of what happened when Isabella and her husband Charlie took the spectacular leap of faith of handing their 3,500 acre farm at Knepp in West Sussex 'back to nature' 20 years ago. She writes "With

minimal human intervention, and with herds of free-roaming animals stimulating new habitats, our land is heaving with life. Rare species such as turtle doves, peregrine falcons and purple emperor butterflies are now breeding at Knepp and biodiversity has rocketed.”

I’m not sure what format you are going to present the information in, so I have included the above brief comments. Please use or ignore as seems best to you. We have copies of both books, should anyone want to borrow them — or do you have plans to develop a Benefice Library?

Helen Hales.

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. A book about the 2nd world war in France and the plight of 2 young women trying to survive and do their bit for their country. It was very well written and put me in my place at the beginning of lockdown by reminding me of how much I have and how much worse things could be.

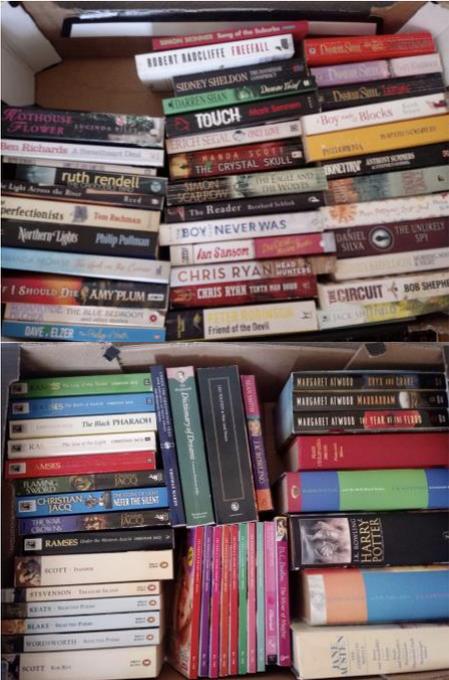
Books for Sale.

I still have 5 boxes of books from the church coffee morning, mainly fiction. If anyone would like some books to read whilst in lockdown, I am happy to deliver them on my daily walk and leave them on the doorstep. If anyone has any particular requests or queries, they can contact me on caroline_f_jones@hotmail.com or 07810 323246.

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Some thoughts about the Coronavirus from the Network of Christian Peace Organisations

During this time of pandemic many people are questioning - some for the first time - what 'security' means:

"The overriding goal must be human security: providing food, water and a clean environment and caring for people's health. To achieve it, we need to develop strategies, make preparations, plan and create reserves. But all efforts will fail if governments continue to waste money by fueling the arms race." Mikhail Gorbachev, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Statement regarding Coronavirus: 30th March 2020

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the UN, called for a global ceasefire in light of the coronavirus, saying: The fury of the virus

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illustrates the folly of war. The threats we face as a planet, health pandemics and climate change among them, demand a coordinated international response with no room for continuing to waste resources on armed conflict.

The Network of Christian Peace Organisations urges our government to robustly support this call by discontinuing the sale of arms during this crisis and calling on all involved in current conflicts around the world to lay down their arms.

We are encouraged by the prompt, creative response of British manufacturers to the urgent need for new ventilators to help fight the coronavirus, and the London ExCel Centre (which hosts the DSEI Arms Fair), being used instead for a socially productive purpose as the Nightingale Hospital.

This crisis is teaching the world much about the values of compassion and fairness, and the ability of societies to care for the most vulnerable as the basis of security. All our efforts now are rightly focused on preserving life and we have been heartened by the huge efforts made to this end, and by the strengthening of community bonds across the nation. The coming weeks will be painful for society. We will need time to grieve and to reflect. We hope that the bonds of common humanity, coupled with the compassion and imagination being deployed today can create a lasting legacy for future generations.

A Prayer from Christian Aid:

Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

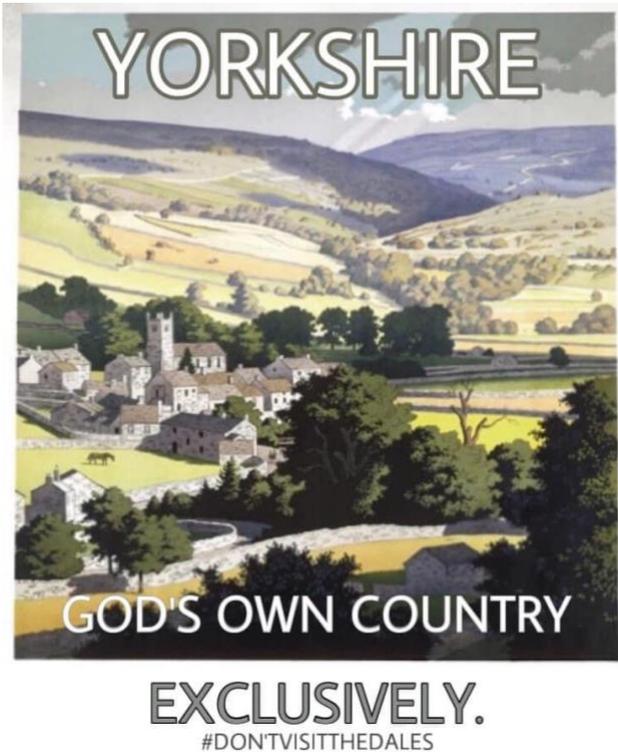
Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

*As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.
So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.*

Jeremy



Thank you to Caroline Jones, Helen Hales, Paul Coldwell and Melody Hirst for photos used in this issue.

The Joys of Lockdown

Lockdown is a very difficult time for many people when separated from friends and families; when many are struggling from day to day and so many have lost family members and dear friends.

But for some of my generation it has been a time for calm reflection and a chance to do some of the things we may have always wanted to do.

I've had the joy of exploring, with David the many new paths through woods and fields near to our home and of appreciating the springtime beauty of the countryside that God has created.

I shall never forget the moment we saw the wonderful sight of thousands of bluebells in Hey Wood one morning, like a waterfall cascading down into the valley – the scent was intoxicating! We just stood in awe!

Another day in the woods, the light was coming through the Beech trees making the young delicate lime green leaves shimmer in the gentle breeze. Such an ethereal moment – I was moved to tears. Many mornings we have marvelled at the spectacular pennine skyline particularly the symmetrical ridge between West Nab and Deer Hill. We've enjoyed new vistas of Castle Hill - delineated in the brightness of clear blue skies – from newfound viewpoints. We've experienced delightful sounds of birdsong and gentle running streams and the sight of baby lambs scampering in the fields.

Of course there have been occasions when we have met other people and it has been good to stop and chat – at a safe distance of course! People have been friendly and eager to share their own discoveries of new paths.

It has been enjoyable to have the time and space in the week to speak to members of our congregation. I've had long chats on the telephone, discovering interesting things about them! I have also

been able to call at their home on my own walks and talk with them at a distance!



During conversations with Kathleen Mitchell, we discussed our mutual love of ballroom dancing and “Strictly” and so I could pass on my books of the show for her to enjoy. I in turn was thrilled to hear about her dancing years with her late husband and her passion for gardening.

There are many other people I have had the privilege to get to know better during this time and I am grateful for that opportunity.

On one of my telephone calls, Jose Howes and I were discussing baking. She told me about a wartime recipe when supplies were short which she had given to all her family during the lockdown. Even her great grandsons were fans when they made it with their mum. The recipe is shown below:

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Ingredients

1lb self raising flour

10 ozs sugar

8ozs margarine or butter

8ozs sultanas (or mixed dry fruit)

1 teaspoon bicarb

10 fl ozs water

Method

Boil fruit, butter, sugar and water together, simmer for 10 minutes

Leave to cool completely and then stir in flour and bicarb

Pour into 2 lined, greased loaf tins, put in oven at Gas 3/150 C Fan

(Jose said to turn off fan) for 1½-2 hours approx. It is cooked when

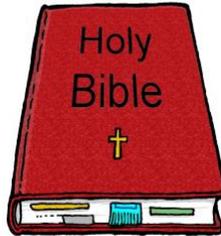
inserted skewer comes out clean. Turn off heat and leave in oven. I

halved the recipe. My loaf was cooked in 1½hrs and I did not leave it in the oven as I had baked it on Fan!

Slice and butter - Enjoy!

I consider myself fortunate to have found compensations during the lockdown period but I hope that normal life can soon be restored for the benefit of all.

Melody



Daily readings and prayers

Sunday 31st May - Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2: 1-21 & John 20: 19-23

Prayer for Today (Collect)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 1st 'The Visitation' Psalm 85, 1 Samuel 2.1-10, Mark 3.31-35

Lord, you know the hurt and anger we feel within us and the worries and concerns that are filling our minds, you know our longing for our lives to be changed and for your love to heal our painful memories.

Tuesday 2nd Psalm 132, Joshua 2, Luke 9.28-36

Lord, we come to you with our emptiness, our fears and our pain.

Wednesday 3rd Psalm 119.153-end, Joshua 3, Luke 9.37-50

Lord, you know the things we have said and done and thought that has caused you pain and others heartache.

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Thursday 4th Psalm 143, Joshua 4.1-5.1, Luke 9.51-end

Lord, touch our lives with your love and flood our worship with your Holy Spirit that we may offer Spirit filled praise to you.

Friday 5th Psalm 142, Joshua 5.2-end, Luke 10.1-16

Lord, we come to worship you and to place you at the centre of everything, help us to focus our hearts, our minds and our lives on you and your glory.

Saturday 6th Psalm 147, Joshua 6.1-20, Luke 10.17-24

Father, we come in hope, with joy and to give you thanks and praise for your only Son, Jesus Christ, who opened our eyes to your grace and filled our hearts with your love.

Sunday 7th June - Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13: 11-end & Matthew 28: 16-20

Prayer for the Day (Collect)

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of our truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayers of the Week

Monday 8th Psalm 1, Joshua 7.1-15, Luke 10.25-37

Lord, we worship you, the God of peace, again and again through the servants of your grace you touch our troubled world.

Tuesday 9th Psalm 5, Joshua 7.16-end, Luke 10.38-end

Lord, when we least expect it you show us the way to renewal, hope and peace.

Wednesday 10th Psalm 119.1-32, Joshua 8.1-29, Luke 11.1-13

Lord, we praise you, the God of peace, through your word you promised peace that would outstrip the totality of our understanding.

Thursday 11th 'Corpus Christi' (*Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion*)

Psalm 147, Deuteronomy 8.2-16, 1 Corinthians 10.1-17

Lord, in Jesus you have made possible a new relationship with you which is always the ultimate source of renewal, hope and peace,

Friday 12th 'Barnabas the Apostle' Psalm 100, Jeremiah 9.23,24, Acts 4.32-37

Lord, we praise you, the God of peace, the peace that you give comes with the touch of your grace.

Saturday 13th Psalm 20, Joshua 10.1-15, Luke 11.37-end

Lord, we were cleansed at the foot of the cross, your peace poured out freely through the power of the Spirit.

Sunday 14th June - First Sunday after Trinity – Theme – Noah

Genesis 5: 9-22 and Matthew 24: 36-44

Prayer for the Day (Collect)

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 15th Psalm 27, Joshua 14, Luke 12.1-12

Lord, your name is high and holy and your ways are endlessly loving.

Tuesday 16th Psalm 32, Joshua 21.43-22.8, Luke 12.13-21

Lord, you hold us and everything in the hollow of your hand and you are at the heart of all that was, all that was, all that is, and all that will be.

Wednesday 17th Psalm 34, Joshua 22.9-end, Luke 12.22-31

Lord, you are great and glorious and your majesty, power and authority are beyond anything that our words can hope to express.

Thursday 18th Psalm 37, Joshua 23, Luke 12.32-40

Lord, your presence fills everything, everywhere, and we know that you are here in the midst of your people to receive our worship.

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Friday 19th Psalm 31, Joshua 24.1-28, Luke 12.41-48

Lord, down the centuries you have spoken through those who knew you and even those to whom you were a stranger.

Saturday 20th Psalm 41, Joshua 24.29-end, Luke 12.49-end

Lord, Jesus your only Son is your ultimate word to all who will hear and also to those who refuse to listen. Lord, we praise you that you have called us into your service, and stand amazed in your presence.

Sunday 21st June - Second Sunday after Trinity – Theme Gideon

Judges 6: 11-23, 36-40 & Matthew 10: 24-39

Prayers for the Day (Collect)

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 22nd Psalm 44, Judges 2, Luke 13.1-9

Lord our God, King of the universe, in the beginning you made all things out of nothing, with no help and no tricks, but with lots of love.

Tuesday 23rd Psalm 48, Judges 4.1-23, Luke 13.10-21

Lord, you were there as the universe grew: as light exploded and forces broke free; as atoms emerged and stars flamed with brilliance.

Wednesday 24th 'Birth of John the Baptist' Psalm 50, Malachi 3.1-6, Luke 3.1-17

Lord, your love made the Earth: the high mountains and the rolling plains; the churning rivers and deep oceans. With green, gold and blue, you brought colour to the world, shimmering in the sunlight.

Thursday 25th Psalm 56, Judges 6.1-24, Luke 14.1-11

Lord, you made the grass and softness, trees and shade, flowers and fragrance.

Friday 26th Psalm 51, Judges 6.25-end, Luke 14.12-24

Lord, you made the animals, the great dinosaur and the itchiest flea, the scampering hamster and the water spouting whales.

Saturday 27th Psalm 68, Judges 7, Luke 14.25-end

Lord, you made us in your image, vulnerable and fragile, capable of great things and able to love all you have made. Mighty and powerful God, you are a caring Father, involved in our life and our growing.

Sunday 28th June - Third Sunday after Trinity – Theme – Solomon

1 Kings 3: 1-15 & Matthew 10: 40-42

Prayer for the Day (Collect)

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 29th ‘St Peter and Paul’ Psalm 71, Isaiah 49.1-6, Acts 11.1-18

Father, we praise you for Jesus, we thank you for the way he trusted you and that he was so certain of your love.

Tuesday 30th Psalm 73, Judges 9.1-21, Luke 15.11-end

Father, we praise you that he trusted you all the way to the cross to become our Saviour.

Wednesday 1st July Psalm 77, Judges 9.22-end, Luke 16.1-18

Father, thank you for the promise that we can share his resurrection life and power and that Jesus is not just a name in the Bible but our living Lord.

Thursday 2nd Psalm 78.1-39, Judges 11.1-11, Luke 16.19-end

Father, we praise you that Jesus is not a long-dead hero, but a friend for us today. We thank you that he can be trusted and share everything we face.

Friday 3rd ‘Thomas the Apostle’ Psalm 92, 2 Samuel 15.17-21, John 11.1-16

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Father, thank you that Jesus is always with us and not simply when we are together in church, but that he is with us at home, school, work and in the world.

Saturday 4th Psalm 76, Judges 12.1-7, Luke 17.11-19

Father, you that Jesus is with us when we are strong and when we are weak; when we are good and when we are not, when we are fit and healthy or ill and in great need. That he is with us in the worst moments of our lives and when we least expect him to be there.



You won't be in church this week, but...

...Every morning, when you open your curtains,
try greeting the new day by shouting, 'The Lord be with you!'

When something causes you to smile, or the stress of everything causes you to sigh,
then be sure to recognise that as a prayer.

When you cook yourself a lovely meal, or enjoy one with a member of your family,
let that be communion.

When out on a walk you are able to wave across the street to a stranger,
then you're sharing the Peace.

And at night time, when your head hits the pillow,
may you close your eyes knowing God's blessing is with you.

Adapted from words written by Nadia Bolz-Weber

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