

3rd January 2021

Dear All,
Happy New Year,

I have already said many thank you's but I particularly want to thank Elizabeth Knifton for her help over the the period of Covid, she has also been helping St Francis, in Headley Down, and also St Mark's in Bordon, so her attentions have been spread, but I am very grateful for her support, and her messages, which are always very encouraging, and challenging.

She has been quite poorly for a while and is so at the moment, and so I ask that we would pray for her. Also, Kay has been in hospital, but is feeling a bit better, please continue to pray for our sick, and for those who are struggling, for whatever reason, with the constraints of Lock-down.

You will know that there is **NO service in Church** during January, because of Covid strain, and the Floor renovations. We are sad about that, but felt that there was no real alternative.

TODAY's Second Sunday of Christmas: Video 3rd January 2021

The link for the Message from St Luke's is HERE. <https://youtu.be/g8sk2iJyvYY>

Children's Sunday Celebration

A big thank you to Dan and all the team involved in producing these excellent videos.

The link for Sunday Celebration is: HERE <https://youtu.be/geFYNd-2hA8>

11.45 Zoom 'After Church' Coffee and Chat

Topic: 11.45 Zoom 'After Church' Coffee and Chat Meeting

Time: Jan 3, 2021 11:45 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting HERE

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86860315355?>

pwd=QVI4YzZabXBBU1hCUTI1OFh0VGhGZz09

Meeting ID: 868 6031 5355

Passcode: 180452

Bishop Jo Bailey-Wells Daily prayers on catch up

Daily Prayer Radio 4 HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qmpj/episodes/guide>

See: 26/12/2021 - 1/1/2021.

6.00pm Zoom Evensong

The quiz is designed for fun and fellowship on a cold, dark winter's evening! The link is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87372247303?pwd=NW84c3VISU1mdnRKUStmcTBTUnE4QT09>

Meeting ID: 873 7224 7303

Passcode: TxH1jH

Do it Anyway!

(Based on The Paradoxical Commandments by Dr. Kent M. Keith found HERE

https://www.prayerfoundation.org/mother_teresa_do_it_anyway.htm

A Reminder of something I have used before, but seems apposite at the beginning of a new year.

The version found written on the wall in
Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

-this version is credited to Mother Teresa

Ffald-y-Brenin's version of St Patrick's Breastplate prayer:

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Christ as a light, illumine and guide me

Christ as a shield, overshadow me

Christ under me, Christ over me
Christ beside me on my left and my right,
This day be within me and without me,
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,
And in the mouth of each who speaks to me.

This day be within me and without me,
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.

Christ as a light, Christ as a shield,
Christ beside me on my left and my right,
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Here, St. Patrick consciously 'puts on' Christ, layer by layer, in the way that Ephesians 6 explains, the Armour of God each piece of the Armour is in fact Jesus himself: The truth, our Righteousness, our Salvation, the Good News, and the Living Word. He also places our conversations, and our relationships at the heart of it all, (a place that can be attacked, through sowing mistrust, and unhelpful words) I pray that this is a blessing for you, to 'put on' each day, by saying it.

God bless you,
And love from us,
Jeremy and Claire.

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