

HOLY TRINITY AND ST PETER'S

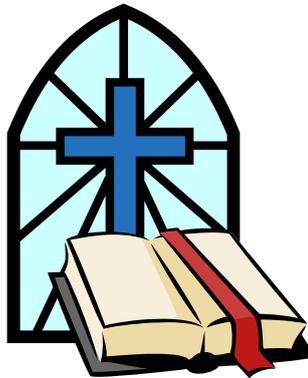


Sunday 17th May 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

A very warm welcome to all those joining us in our virtual worship today.

If possible, use this service at 10am so we are worshipping together. Try saying the parts in bold aloud.



Introduction

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created on Easter Day is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:
Triumphant in his glory now, his sceptre ruleth all, earth, heaven and hell before him bow, and at his footstool fall. (Fulbert of Chartres)

Opening Response

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Here are words you may trust.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead: he is our salvation, our eternal glory. If we die with him, we shall live with him; if we endure, we shall reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us; if we are faithless, he keeps faith. For he has broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. *cf 2 Timothy 2.11-13*

Confession

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Romans 6.4*

Let us begin by reflecting on the week that has just passed:

Consider the things which we have done, or not done, or even our thoughts which we now wish to say sorry to God for:

Let us then return to the Lord our God and say to him:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by His Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for today

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ, in His suffering and in His glory.

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings for today

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. cf Revelation 1.17,18
Alleluia.

John chapter 14 verses 15 to 21 (perhaps read it twice):

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Talk

Lord, by your spirit would you open your word to our hearts and our hearts to your word. Amen

John in his Gospel records fewer incidents but more conversations than the other Gospel writers and that is the case with our reading today which is personal and conversational as he reveals to his disciples more about the final stages of his mission and upcoming destination.

In our reading Jesus had just finished supper with his friends. We call it the Last Supper as we know what was coming next, the disciples did not. He was trying to prepare them not only for his imminent departure but their future life as witnesses for him once he had returned to the Father. And he prepared them with words of comfort, warning and promise. We too are called to be witnesses so Jesus' words are also for us as well.

Our reading today starts with Jesus saying to his disciples, 'If you love me then you will do what I command'. So what was Jesus' command? Was it the 10 commandments that Moses was given by God? Well yes, Jesus always accepted the law of the Old Testament. But earlier in his ministry a teacher of the law asked him, 'Of all the commandments which is the most important?' Jesus answered by saying, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'. The second is this, 'Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these'.

We find after the Last Supper in John Chapter 13 verse 34 Jesus saying again to his disciples, 'A new command I give you, Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'.

As if to emphasize the importance of his instruction, Jesus repeats it later in Chapter 15 which gives more advice on what it means to love one another.

There has definitely been a theme of love running through our Easter season of talks and in the messages of the need for Christians to show love to others, particularly at this time of crisis in our society.

In verse 16 of our reading Jesus then tells his disciples that to help them after he has gone he will ask the Father and 'He will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever - the Spirit of Truth'.

It is interesting that Jesus uses the word 'another' Counsellor. He was the first Counsellor to them during their time with him and the Holy Spirit will be the second Counsellor and perform the same role as Jesus. Jesus is referring to the Holy Spirit as a person.

Jesus also shows that when he makes his request to his father it is not a case of whether God might send a Counsellor but he will. In two weeks' time it is Pentecost, when we celebrate the arrival of the Counsellor he was referring to in the form of the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that his disciples, and we, would need the Holy Spirit to counsel, comfort, teach and help us.

What we know now is that the Holy Spirit was with those early Christians, as the Holy Spirit is with us in our generation and will be to all who follow.

Also the Holy Spirit is not just available when we might need him or want him – the Holy Spirit is ever present. What is even more amazing is the Holy Spirit is not just standing beside us guiding us but actually lives within us (verse 17). Think of the Holy Spirit as part of our body like our hearts, lungs and brains in helping us to function in our daily lives.

How do we know that the Holy Spirit was not just for the disciples but for us as well?

Judas asked that very question of Jesus in verse 22 of Chapter 14, 'But Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?'

Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.'

Wow - what a wonderful promise to us all that if we love God and obey his command to love one another then we too can have the Holy Spirit living within us. As Joel, who prophesied God's gift of the Holy Spirit, said in Chapter 2 verse 28 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people'.

The other amazing thing about the gift of the Holy Spirit is when God sent his Son to earth Jesus could only be in one place at a time whilst he was on earth whereas the Holy Spirit is everywhere at the same time.

However, the love referred to by Jesus is the kind of love that is stronger than a relationship. It is an agape love which C S Lewis referred to as 'the highest form of Christian Love'. It is a selfless and indiscriminate love which we are to show to all our neighbours. So simple and straightforward but so hard to do and live.

In verse 17 Jesus says that the world 'neither sees him nor knows him'. 'But you know him because he lives with you and he will be in you'.

Because we know and see Jesus in such an intimate relationship it is up to us to show him to the world that cannot see him yet.

In verse 18 Jesus makes a promise to his disciples that despite his departure back to his Father, he will not leave them orphaned. 'I am coming to you.' We are not alone when we follow Jesus - He is with us.

In Verse 21 Jesus returns to his message in the first verse of our reading. 'Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one that loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father and I too will love him and show myself to him'. He is describing the three parts of the Trinity- the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which is set out in verse 20.

The message Jesus repeated over and over again to his disciples is that it is all about Love. It is not enough just to say 'I love Jesus' or 'Jesus is Lord and Saviour of my life'. The essential part is living that love. We need to demonstrate our love of Jesus in all that we do and say.

The season of Easter is drawing to an end with Ascension Day on Thursday but the reality of the resurrection is that there is more beyond. 'Christ has died, Christ is risen'. We will also proclaim the mystery that 'Christ will come again'.

In the meantime he calls us into an intimate fellowship with himself, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

If we do that then the mind blowing truth is God chooses to live in us helping us to show love to others in what we do on a daily basis.

Let us give thanks for this incredible gift.

So this is not the end of the Easter story but the beginning with the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Alleluia. Let it be so for us as well.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. John 20.19, 20

The peace of the Lord be always with you -
and also with you.

Statement of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

A prayer of thanks for our giving to God

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord Jesus, you have promised to be with us for ever. Teach us to rejoice in your presence, free us from all anxiety, help us to know you are always at hand, that we may work with you and for your glory, this day and forevermore.

Lord, in you we live and move and have our being, for we are your children, and you are not far from any of us. We pray for all those who are preparing for Baptism and Confirmation and for their current disappointments in not being able to fulfil their desire to commit to you in the presence of your family. We hold them before you now and pray that they will know in their desire for you in their lives, the assurance that you dwell in us and we in you.

Lord, we pray for every Christian who is experiencing struggle in loneliness or in difficult places and situations. We pray for everyone who is feeling forsaken and for all who are longing to experience your love. We pray for all who seek to do your will and fulfil your commandments. We hold them before you now

Lord, you abide in us.

May we know we abide in you.

Lord, we pray for every country in the world where the corona-virus is not being taken seriously by its leaders, and where its people are therefore in danger of infection and transmission to their local communities. We pray too for countries where measures to reduce transmission are near impossible through lack of education and understanding or because people have no choice but to live within close communities. We pray particularly for those living in refugee camps and for those living in areas of deprivation and poverty and for people who are misused and abused. We hold them before you now

Lord, you abide in us.

May we know we abide in you.

Lord, we pray for all who seek to live in simplicity, gentleness and reverence. By your indwelling presence, make our hearts and our homes places of peace. We pray for peace in our communities, for peace in our relationships, and that your peace will spread throughout our world. We hold your created world and people before you now

Lord, you abide in us.

May we know we abide in you.

Lord, we pray for all who are captives to superstition or ignorance, and for all who have no knowledge of God. For all whose lives are empty or filled with wrong things. We hold before you all whose lives are falling apart, all who are entering into darkness or sickness, and that each in their weakness will know your strength. We hold them before you now

Lord, you abide in us.

May we know we abide in you.

Lord, if we abide in you and you are in us, help us to fully know that we are already in the fullness of that life which is eternal. We rejoice in your presence and take this moment now to reflect on what this really means for us

Thank you for all those we have known and loved who have gone before us in the knowledge that you are with them.

Lord, you abide in us.

May we know we abide in you.

Merciful Father - Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayerful reflections:

Spend some time thanking God for what you have and the blessings you have received.

Pray for those on the front line who are still serving so faithfully.

Pray for those whose livelihoods have been impacted.

Pray for those on your heart.

Pray for yourself – be honest with God about your fears and feelings.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayers

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Diocesan prayer:

Father, pour out your spirit upon us,

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service; that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to us who believe the gates of everlasting life. Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, Give us joy as we share the Easter faith. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower us and fill us with Christ's peace. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Commission

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Messages

You will hopefully have noticed that this section has moved following a suggestion from Wendy to put it straight after the service. This is because she finds reading the messages 'really lovely to read and inspiring' and we hope you do too.

We do want to encourage our church members (both Churches) to use this section to give messages of encouragement to others or items of reflection. It was great to receive messages from Carol, Ray and Debbie last week. Thank you to them for taking the trouble to send us their reflections.

Message from Heather

It continues to be a tough time for many in isolation as they are unable to see family and friends or get on with work or leisure in the ways that they were used to. For others it has been a time to reflect on what is really important in their lives and as a result are able to distinguish more easily between 'wants' and 'needs.' For me it has been hard not being able to offer the usual support and services to people ranging from seasonal and Sunday services to our precious funeral families or celebrations with our wedding couples and baptism families.

One positive thing for me however has been the opportunity to do new things that I have never done before – using Zoom! I know electronic and virtual contact isn't the same as being there in person but it has meant for me being able to 'see' some friends more often because geography usually keeps us apart for most of the year.

Another real privilege has been the invitation to be part of a ministry team that, again because of geography, I'm usually only able to engage with once or twice a year. With technology our literally international team can 'be' in the same place at the same time from our individual locations. And the most precious gift of that is... just as Nick spoke about in his talk...God through the Holy Spirit can be everywhere when we invite His presence to be with us. And it has been amazing and faith strengthening process to see God at work even when working 'remotely' with people. God is so good!

As we prepare to celebrate Ascension day and look towards Pentecost – do use the resources that I will send out next week to pray for our families, friends, communities and ourselves that we will be ever more conscious of God's love and presence with us...wherever we may be.

Message from Lynda

As we continue to worship at home, separated but united by the service each week, it set me thinking about our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Christians in Africa, some of whom live in remote areas and only ever see a visiting Minister maybe once or twice a year, those who have no church building but worship vibrantly in the open or under the shade of a tree. Then there are those persecuted Christians who visit a house for a secret church service, arriving and leaving one or two at a time to be less noticeable, sometimes even miming the words; so that no words can be heard by the secret police. There are those imprisoned for their faith, who worship daily in their cells, very often alone for months or even years - no Bible, just memorized verses to help with their worship. The Christian believer in North Korea, worshipping totally alone, who can't even tell their family that they are a believer. As difficult as we may find this isolation from each other and not being able to go to church to worship together, but worshipping at home alone or in small family groups in these difficult and abnormal times, let us remember the millions of Christians around the world for whom, unfortunately, this is not abnormal, but is normal day to day life

Message from Nick B-B

Last Sunday I was so delighted to find two new messages that I had not seen when drafting the service sheet which Heather had received from Ray and Debbie.

Last week's messages have really influenced my reflections during the last week especially after Carol's message that it is ok to take time out and not feel guilty about doing that. I sat in our front room for the first time in ages just listening to a CD – surprisingly not Kylie but Diana Ross and the Supremes! It felt good and I did not worry about what I should be doing; thank you Carol.

Sharon and Heather in their messages have constantly reminded us of God's presence in the current crisis which is not of God's making. Jesus always warned us that there would be troubles in the world but God would be ever present. I loved Sharon's message of Hope as represented by the Rainbow that we see in lots of windows.

Ray's message reinforced the point about God's presence being demonstrated in the acts of kindness and support we are all receiving and giving to each other.

Debbie - your message really made me realise one important fact which is reflected in 1 Corinthians 12 verses 12 to 27, which is even in the current crisis we are all part of the one body in Christ.

Verse 27 says, 'Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it'.

Even before the crisis when I worshipped at Holy Trinity, in our separate church community, it was easy to lose sight of that. That is why I loved our joint services and going to St Peter's where I always feel so welcomed and made to feel part of their fellowship as well. It would be easy to think that it is even harder now we are all worshipping at home, some on their own, to feel part of one body but I think the opposite may be happening from what I am being told. When I do the service on Sunday with Jan, I feel very connected to all of you knowing you too are doing the same and worshipping the one and only God.

Thank you so much to all of you who have sent us a message. I hope it will inspire more of you to send us messages in future weeks. We would love simply to hear how you are feeling and what you think God might be doing for you in the current situation.

Notices for the week ahead

For us all

Coronavirus Guidance

Following Church of England advice, there are no services of public worship at Holy Trinity or St Peter's Church for the foreseeable future. This sadly includes all baptisms and weddings. The situation with funerals is also extremely difficult for those mourning the loss of a loved one.

Please hold in your prayers all those couples and families who are affected by this.

The Churches' Premises are closed to everyone- please do not attempt to access them with any keys that you may have.

Daily Hope

Daily Hope is a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers launched by the Church of England. It has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. So, if you know someone in this situation, please phone them and tell them about free-phone **0800 804 8044**, and why not try it for yourselves.

Food Bank

Obviously due the measures taken to deal with the coronavirus we are not able to continue with the bringing of items to Church or deliveries to the warehouse.

This is at a time when the Food Bank is under huge pressure, especially with schools closed.

In the three weeks from April 19th, the food bank has distributed food to 332 people including 104 children (9.26 tons)

The food bank is still working with its volunteers and there are collection points in most supermarkets. If you are visiting a supermarket for your own shopping please consider adding a few items to donate in this way. A list of the most urgently required items can be found on the food bank website.

Please note, they are no longer able to accept infant formula milk or baby food due to a UNICEF directive.

Can we urge everyone to consider if they can give a donation of money?

Please visit their website- www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk and click on the Donate button at the top right of the page.

This is a really valuable way we can collectively as a Church show our love to the vulnerable people in our society.

Scams - Be careful

Please be aware there are an increased number of scams doing the rounds trying to take advantage of these difficult times. Before clicking on links, giving out bank details etc... do check they are genuine as there are some very plausible and convincing scammers.

Library Books and Services

As you all know libraries are currently closed to the public and you may run out of reading material during the lock down / isolation.

However WCC Library is still working remotely and anyone who is not already a member can join remotely. In particular it is possible to access and download e-books through their services.

All you need to access these for free are your library card number and email address. Visit <https://library.warwickshire.gov.uk/> to find out how.

If you're not already a Warwickshire Libraries member you can join online, visit <https://library.warwickshire.gov.uk/> and click 'Join Online'. Our library staff will send you your membership number and then you can get started straight away!

If you are running out of books and have not access to a computer or tablet then use this notice sheet to see if anyone in the Churches have the type of books that you normally read and maybe they can deliver them to your door – of course respecting social distancing requirements.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

You might like to let Nick B-B know of any person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. It would be lovely to do this as we currently have to celebrate these events in isolation, but this is a way we can collectively celebrate with them.

Holy Trinity Church



Holy Trinity Church Magazine

In view of the coronavirus and that it cannot be printed as the Church Premises are closed, Sue has prepared the magazine for May which was e-mailed with Sunday 3rd May Order of Service.

If you deliver and can get an e-mail address **without visiting the people** you deliver to, we can add that to the circulation list. Also those due to contribute items should continue to send them to Sue.

Hartshill Community Centre, Community Library and Café

Following Government Advice all of these are currently closed.

Isolated but not alone- Hartshill Community Helping each other

In line with the Government appeal help is needed for those self-isolating and volunteers are needed.

During this time many elderly or ill people are self-isolating due to the spread of Covid-19 (coronavirus).

If you can offer any time to help out people on your street by picking up groceries, prescriptions, emergency supplies or offering a friendly phone call to ease loneliness, then please phone Olwyn on 07927141037.

Please also remember your local shops are well stocked.

For any more details on how to help or if you need help finding your local volunteer again call Olwyn.

Parish Giving Scheme- Launch of New Telephone Service

This is information for Holy Trinity only, for those who have already got this service set up...

As you may know we have introduced a new way that people can give to the church on a regular basis (planned giving). It involves setting up a Direct Debit from your bank and making a regular, usually monthly, donation to the church. It is easier than cash giving and allows you to review your contributions annually with a view to keeping in line with inflation. This note is to make everyone aware that this facility can now be set-up over the phone with the Parish Giving Scheme staff. The phone number is **0333 002 1271**.

We fully appreciate that in the current circumstances, the timing of this may not be right for everyone but if you do want to set this facility up you will need the following information:

Your bank account details (Sort code, account number, name of bank and address)

The name of the parish (Holy Trinity Hartshill Nuneaton)

You will be asked if you would like to increase your gift in line with inflation each year (this is not compulsory and you have the ability to say 'No' each year).

You will be asked if you would like to gift aid your donation.

You will need the PGS code for the parish (For Hartshill this is **110611081**).

The leaflet below has more details if you need them.

Many thanks Nick (Miles) & Wendy.

Leaflet details

The Parish Giving Scheme is delighted to announce the launch of a new telephone service, designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular Direct Debit donation to your parish **over the phone**.

How will it work?

The service will go live on Monday 27th April 2020 and will operate weekdays between 9 - 5pm.

Please encourage prospective donors to set up a regular gift to your parish by calling our dedicated telephone line: **0333 002 1271**

One of our administrators will take them through the sign up process – this normally takes around 15 minutes. They will need to have the following information to hand:

- Personal bank account details
- The name of the parish they wish to donate to
- They will need to confirm if they want to increase their gift in line with inflation each year
- Confirm if they are eligible for Gift Aid
- The PGS code for their parish (usually 9 digits in length) *

****Note: This is the one piece of information that the donor will not have. Please ensure they have this information, to guarantee the gift goes to the correct parish.***

What happens next?

Donors will receive written confirmation (by email or post) of their Direct Debit, including details of the parish they are supporting, the amount of their gift and the date of their first donation.

Please note that if they currently give to the church via standing order, we advise them to wait until receiving the confirmation letter from PGS before attempting to cancel it.

How will our parish be notified of the donation?

The parish's Planned Giving representative will receive a monthly statement, detailing the names of those who have donated (unless they choose to remain anonymous) and all the gifts given through the PGS.

What if they need to change their donation?

If donors wish to make any changes to their Direct Debit, they should notify a member of the PGS team by phone 0333 002 1260, email info@parishgiving.org.uk or in writing to the address below.

Praise for the new service:

"I found the ease of using the new telephone service very satisfactory. The whole process was efficient and only took 15 minutes. The staff were very helpful and I would thoroughly recommend this service."

Dr Simon Thorp, Eastbourne St Saviour

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St Peter's Church



If you are self-isolating you are not alone

If you need help during this time, please be encouraged to make contact with local Counsellor Daniel Gissane who is putting together a team of volunteers to support those in need, on 07771 340650.

Age UK's website has some fantastic advice about how to stay safe and well at home. Take a look at: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/staying-safe-and-well-at-home/>

Age UK is also encouraging "neighbourly volunteering" and has some great advice on how to do this during the COVID-19 pandemic. Have a look at <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/neighbourly-volunteering/>

Any items to be included on the weekly notice sheet and messages please email Nick Blamire-Brown at njbb@hotmail.co.uk

Please be aware that all documents are now going to be much more in the public domain (emailed out and they have been posted too on Facebook and possibly church websites in the future.) Please be careful to get permission from any person you wish to mention.

Please pray for the following in the coming week:

You may wish to print this section off for use during week

Coronavirus Crisis

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support,
be with those who care for the sick, the anxious
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, as you know the whole world is trying to deal with the impact of the coronavirus. We pray for all countries and communities as they consider what steps they can take to care and support each other. We pray in particular for the elderly, vulnerable and isolated as they face the fear and consequences of catching the virus. We pray also for all leaders who are having to make difficult decisions to deal with the crisis and all those working in the health sector which is under such pressure. Amen

Leaders and Clergy

Heather and Sharon in their ministries in Hartshill and Galley Common;
Kate and Debbie our St Peter's churchwardens, Nick and Sally our lay readers
and Holy Trinity's churchwardens; Ruth & Rob Kinderman in their youth work;
Michael Brandsma in his ministry in Atherstone; and Bill Walton in his curacy.

Pray too for our Archbishops, Bishops and Bishops' Staff team as they lead
the nation and diocese.

Pray for the government and local/national/international leaders as they
make life changing and potentially life-saving decisions.

Those on our hearts at Holy Trinity

Rachel M and Family; Mark J; Maureen; Olive; Julie; Jan & Tony; Mark P;
Rebecca; Jane.

Also for care firms who are under severe pressure to protect both staff and
residents.

Those on our hearts at St Peter's

Lucy W, Lucy and Michael B, Mark, Brian V, Peter (Nick L's dad – and so
please do pray for Nick L & all the family too) and others known to us.

Family and Friends of those recently deceased

Irene (Hopkinson) from the Quaker Church – Please remember her family and her church family – the service will be at 2.30 on Friday 22nd May.

Thomas George Paul (known as George)

Nora Harrad – from Galley Common



Prayer List

Please notify Nick B-B of the names of anyone for whom you would like prayer and any thanks for prayers answered (njbb@hotmail.co.uk or 02476395467)

NB. Please ensure that you have the person's permission first.

If you want to be added to the email prayer chain/group or have any prayers you want to put on the prayer chain please email:-

prayers.holytrinity@gmail.com