

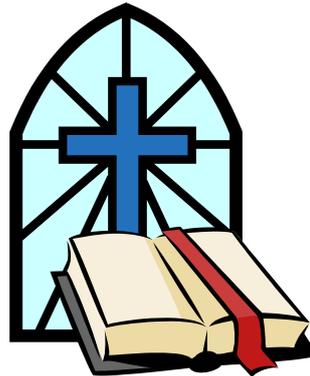
## HOLY TRINITY AND ST PETER'S



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Romans 6.10*

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.

**O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### **Readings for today**

The Psalm for today is Psalm 68 verses 32 to 35:

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,

<sup>33</sup> to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,  
who thunders with mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup> Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the heavens.

<sup>35</sup> You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;

the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





In today's reading, the people created a society that tolerated the random shedding of blood; and accepted the worship of foreign gods and idols (Ezekiel 36:18).

The first stage of God's renewal process was gathering His scattered people back together again, bringing things full circle, and making good on His promise to Abraham.

However, God's restoration plan was more than just physical. God promised spiritual restoration as well.



The Apostle Paul speaks of the church being cleansed by water

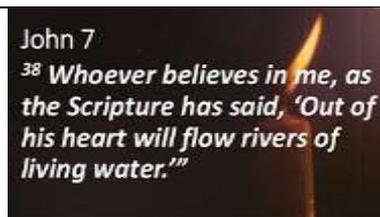
There are things that we will need to address ourselves - things in our minds, things that deal with our conduct, things that have to do with our character and attitude - that need to be cleansed.

The word "water" here is symbolic, referring to the Word of God, as well as to the Holy Spirit.

{Ephesians 5:26-27}  
"26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless"

In the Gospel of John, "living water" is used to illustrate the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

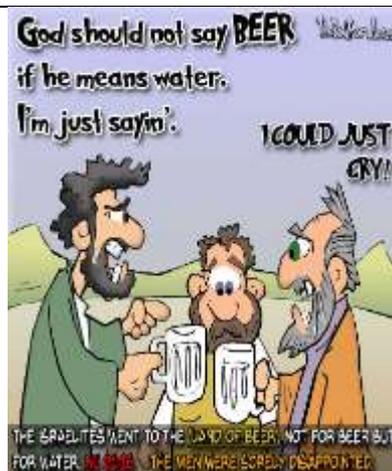
The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).



Most of us take clean water for granted. We have water supplies that provide abundant, drinkable water from the taps in our homes.

In the ancient world clean water was not as common. Stored water became disgusting and unhealthy over time.

Clean water was seen as a blessing from God (see Numbers 21:16).



Cleansing from sin will be accompanied by inner changes that will hinder future sin. God's renewal involves a "heart transplant."

In Egyptian burials, the process of mummification involved replacing the heart with a stone one. The heart of the deceased was weighed against a feather.

Only if it was lighter than a feather would the deceased be able to enter the world of the dead.

Against this Egyptian background, Ezekiel's reference to a heart of stone continues his depiction of the Judeans as inherently sinful.



A hard, stony heart is one that rejects obedience to God's will.

To have a heart of flesh, by contrast, means that we will have a supple heart, submissive to God.

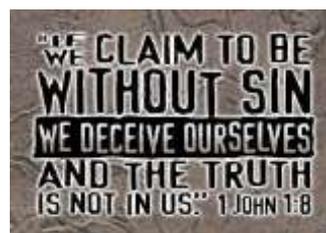
When we submit to God, we give our lives to His authority and control.



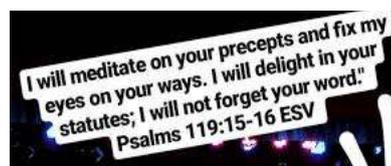
Anytime we allow sin to get a foothold in our lives, we begin to harden ourselves against the Holy Spirit.



Our hearts are unreceptive to God's mercy especially when we deny that what we are doing is wrong or make excuses for our actions.



Allowing the busyness of life to keep us away from personal devotional times makes our hearts a little harder.

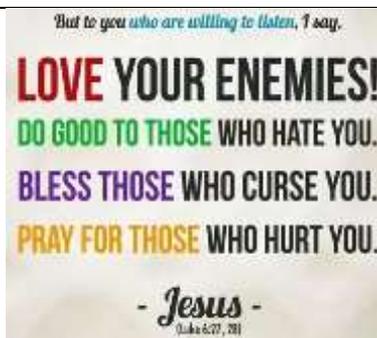


Confessing our sins as they occur will help our hearts to be more receptive toward the Lord.



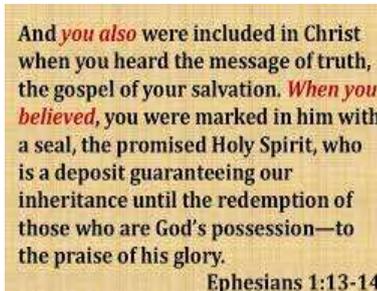
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Being willing not only to forgive those who hurt us but also to be kind to them and pray for them will give us tender hearts that are more like the heart of Jesus.



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Ever since the Holy Spirit came upon the church on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21), the Holy Spirit dwells in every person who receives Christ by faith.



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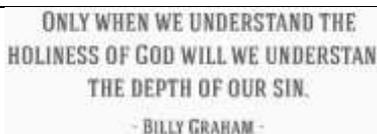
For the world to understand the nature of a holy God, it is important for His people to be holy themselves.



In the bible, holiness has two important aspects. Holiness includes purity and moral cleanness. In this sense, holy is the opposite of sinful.

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The holiness of God is so absolute that we are unable to comprehend it fully.



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But there is another, very important part to biblical holiness. To be holy includes the idea of separation or separateness.

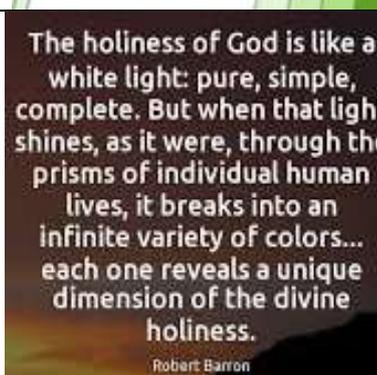


God is not the same as His creation. He is separate and holy.

This idea of holiness as "separateness" is at the core of the Christian life.

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Things that were considered morally unacceptable a generation ago have found a comfortable home on our television screens.



The followers of Christ should be known for their different lifestyle in light of the increasing sinfulness of our world.

In this way, we show respect for the holiness of our God's name and seek to bring respect to Him from others.

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So to summarise our bible reading today, for us to uphold God's holy reputation, we may aim to achieve this as follows:



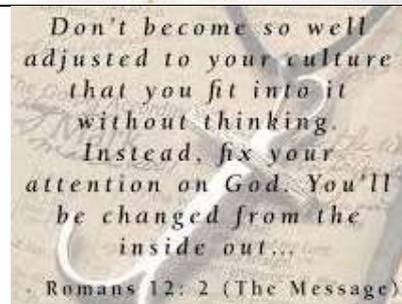
- As believers our actions, attitudes, and words should exalt and not disrespect the holy name of God (Ezekiel 36:22);



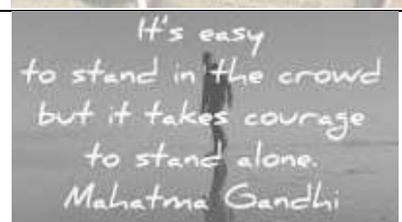
- God desires to make us holy so that others may know Him and revere His great name (Ezekiel 36: 23-24);



- Only God can truly change life from the inside out (Ezekiel 36: 25-26);



- When God changes a person on the inside, their outside actions and attitudes will evidence this (Ezekiel 36: 27-28);



- The one who obeys and honours God can expect His blessings to come sooner or later (Ezekiel 36: 29-30); and



- The more we know and love our holy God, the more we will hate our unholy sin (Ezekiel 36: 31-32; Isaiah 6:1-6).



**AMEN**

## **PRAYER**

Holy Father, we are the ones who violate Your holiness by our sin.  
We are the ones who cause the need for renewal by our disobedience.  
We are the ones who must live with the bad memories of our past follies.  
May You forgive us.  
May You renew us.  
May You sanctify us.  
We pray this in the name of Your Holy Son, Jesus the sinless one.

**Amen.**

## **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**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father we thank you for sending your Son to be our saviour and for the sacrifice that he made for all upon the cross. We celebrate this last Sunday of a unique Easter time and give thanks for all those who you bless and all those who are blessed, by you, through us.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

We pray first of all for all those who have heard your call and who minister in your name. Be with them at all times and guide and support them when they are in need. We are mindful of all the extra work and preparation that the Coronavirus has put upon all our church leaders. We pray especially for Heather as she ministers here in Hartshill and at St. Peter's in Galley Common, and for Sharon as she continues her curacy with us. Strengthen Christopher and John our bishops, and all your Church in

the service of Christ; that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father we pray for all the people of the world, we pray particularly for those who are suffering and in need, whether due to war and fighting, natural disaster, famine or disease. We pray for all people who are living in fear due to conflict, fighting or discrimination. Be with them Lord and help to bring peace and harmony where there is trouble and discord. Bless and guide Elizabeth our queen, give wisdom to all in authority and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace; that people may honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our church, for our local community, and for our families and friends. We pray for anyone who may be suffering financially at this time and we pray for those who are lonely. We pray for the people who are working on the front line and for those who are trying to reach out into their local communities all over the world. Give grace to us our families and friends and to all our neighbours; that we may serve in Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father we pray for the sick, we ask you to bring them comfort and relief from their pain and suffering. In particular we think of those known to us and we take a moment of silence to pray for them and anyone else who is in need of your help due to ill health, worry, loneliness or other troubles.

<Pause>

Heavenly Father be with all those we have just prayed for, give them courage and faith at this time, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father we remember those who have died in faith and we pray for their families and friends. Grant them comfort and strength as they grieve, shine your light upon them, that they may know your peace, and ease their pain through the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We especially remember the families and friends of: Jean Brown, Alma Cranshaw and Peter Langtree.

Lord in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

Finally dear Lord we pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus using words from Psalm 91:

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge,' and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

**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, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Closing Prayers**

**Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

**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 us, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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## **Messages**

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. Thank you to Lynda for your message last week.

### **Message from Diane**

Under the 'previous normal', Sally and I had the privilege of volunteering with the hospital chaplaincy (sadly we are not able to visit the wards at the moment). We have been blessed with updates from Ricarda (the lead hospital chaplain) - and what amazing work they are doing. Please remember them in your prayers.

Ricarda also helps with services at the cathedral where her husband, John, is Dean. In her last letter, she shared a video clip with us of her and John leading 'the peace' at a recent online service I have been given permission to share this - so please, enjoy! I do feel we need a bit of humour at the moment. \*PLEASE SEE SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FOR THE VIDEO – labelled as 'Ricarda Video'\*

*(note from Heather – don't panic – they aren't breaking the rules as (a) ministers are allowed back in buildings to stream/record services (although it may have been a 'virtual' backdrop!!) and (b) social distancing for them as a couple is not needed as they are married and therefore in the same house hold...although ... after watching it....maybe some new rules are required!!!)*

## **Message from Heather**

Those of you who know me well know how much I love my visits to Scargill House. In fact as I write this I should be there for a relaxed retreat weekend following the week of a spirituality training course I have been waiting for 2 years to attend...so more than a little bit disappointed really. However more than the course it is the community that I have missed. Their welcome and hospitality is second to none and it has been a place where I have met with God through the people as well as the events they host. What is nice is that they are keeping us posted with community news and worship and there is still a core of community members there who are keeping the place 'alive' with the love and hope that only God can bring. Perhaps the most poignant thing that they have done recently is when they sent out a video message of them praying the community blessing. When you are there – during the final meal of your stay – the community stand and say the following blessing to all the guests... how appropriate for these days that we are living in... and on reflection it is a real prayer for the church too in a way... and so a blessing from the Northumberland Community – whose worship liturgies are often used at Scargill....

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.Amen.

## **Message from Sally**

So life is not 'normal' - well I agree but I'm beginning to think that life is just 'different'. Different ways of working, shopping, socialising, exercising and worshipping. I quite enjoy some parts of lockdown – like others in our fellowship have said in previous weeks, we have the time to just 'be' and "To be still and know that I am God". Psalm 46 v 10.

You might love it, you might hate it, but whatever your response to this present situation is, just remember to give yourself a break because we're all in this together and I'm sure you're doing just fine! If I'm being honest with you, daily exercise for me is often a chore, I haven't lost weight, in fact I've eaten lots of 'bakes', I would love to get my hair trimmed and coloured (you wouldn't recognise me at present with my long greyish locks) and I haven't mastered the art of how to win a zoom quiz!

The two things I miss the most in these 'different' times are a hug from my family and friends and a sing along with my church fellowship.

I do love a good hug. Virtual hugs are not quite the same even though the sentiment is well meant. Roll on the time when we can once again feel able to be closer than two metres!

As for singing.....well I do have ways to keep my soul uplifted. After all when I sing, more often than not, it is a hymn or worship song. So this is how I cope.

For years I've enjoyed sitting in front of the tv when 'Songs of Praise' is on and in full voice have joined in the singing. It's no different now. My family have had to get used to my dulcet tones! Then there's the Christian music so accessible on CDs or by asking Siri to play. My new found source of music to join in with has been on You Tube. My favourites at the moment are: "The Lord's My Shepherd" by Stuart Townsend, "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman, "Be thou my Vision" and "The UK Blessing" sung by churches around the country, joining together to sing a blessing at this time. I can recommend you find these, but there is so much more to be heard.

Singing, I find, uplifts when we're down. Phrases of songs as "ear worms" help to fill those moments when we wish things were different. So often Christian songs use Bible verse in their lyrics, so we can sing and repeat them in our thoughts and worship as a blessing to us and to our God.

Singing can meet the needs of our hearts in joy, in lament, in praise and worship. If like me you miss having a good sing in church, try to engage in other ways of raising your voice! Psalm 100 says:

**A psalm. For giving grateful praise.**

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup>     Worship the LORD with gladness;  
      come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
      It is he who made us, and we are his;  
      we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
      and his courts with praise;  
      give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
      his faithfulness continues through all generations.

May the Lord bless your singing as special times spent with Him. And watch out in the future....you could well be in line for a hug. Meanwhile accept this virtual hug from me!

Sally

## **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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 and others known to us.

### **Family and Friends of those recently deceased**

Jean Brown

Alma Cranshaw

Peter Langtree (Nick at Galley Common's Dad)



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:prayers.holytrinity@gmail.com)