

HOLY TRINITY AND ST PETER'S

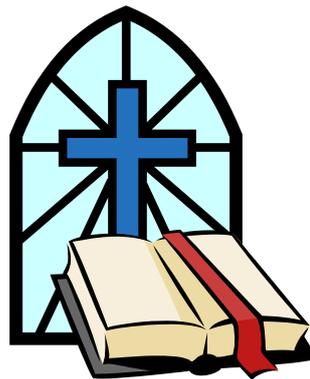


Sunday 28th June 2020

3rd Sunday after Trinity

**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

Our theme this week is the freedom of the sons of God/The church's mission to the individual.

We become children (sons) of God by believing in Jesus Christ and receiving him into our lives.

In Romans Chapter 8 verse 16 Paul says 'the Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children'.

The privilege of being sons of God is perfect freedom given to us by the death of Jesus Christ washing away our sins and the promise of eternal life through his resurrection.

Our church building is closed but as we have said Church is open because the Church is made up of individuals forming part of the Body of Christ. One of the missions of the Church is to bring people closer to Jesus through teaching, prayer and the way we live our lives. So today we hope our service of worship, talk and prayers will bring you closer to God.

Opening Prayers

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.

Eternal God, you plan that people should live in freedom as your sons and daughters. Draw all mankind into the freedom of your family that the divisions of peoples and nations may be overcome in the love of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your 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 forever. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name. The whole earth is full of his glory. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Amen

Confession

'How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord, 'but you would not come to me.' Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

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

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

Let us 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

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen

1 John 1:8-9

Collect for today

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

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

The Old Testament reading today is from Genesis Chapter 22 verses 1 to 14

The story of Abraham and Isaac

22 Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

² "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

³ The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."

⁶ So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, ⁷ Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"

⁸ "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

⁹ When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. ¹¹ At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!"

¹² "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son."

¹³ Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. ¹⁴ Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the Lord will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

New Living Translation

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Talk

Let's pray: Lord God of all, through your word, may we respond to you with our hearts. Amen.

How much faith do we truly have in God today?

God has a plan for each of us. God had a very special plan for Abraham:

You may be interested to know that the story of Abraham is well known to many Christians, Muslims and Jews. Abraham's story is an essential story in the history of Judaism and therefore Christianity, and for Islam also. Abraham is known as the first Hebrew "Patriarch," the Father of the Jewish nation, where God called Abraham to leave the land of his birth (in Ur, Mesopotamia – an historical region of Western Asia, now the Middle East) to go and found a new nation in a place that God would show him - the land of Canaan (now Palestine). *See Genesis chapter 12:1-7.*

Abraham's story is an exciting one with many twists and turns and if you were to read all of his story you would be able to see the thread of a very close relationship between God and Abraham throughout. But what stands out is Abraham's absolute trust and faith in God and God's plan.

Abraham was married to Sarah and they were devoted to one another. Sadly, as they both began to age, they realised that together they could have no children. However, God made a covenant, an eternal promise, with Abraham, that God would "make you (Abraham) a great nation, I will bless you, make your name great, so that you will be a blessing..... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." *Genesis 12:1-3*

After Abraham and Sarah had reached the land of Canaan, (and there is lots to read about from the time they arrived *see Genesis chapters 12-14*) Abraham expresses his sadness to God at having no heir. God takes Abraham outside and showed him the stars in the heavens.

Can you imagine how many he would have seen with no artificial lights in the night sky?

And God said "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them, so shall your descendants be." God had promised Abraham, a mature man of many years with no children, that his descendants will be as many as the stars in the sky! *Genesis 15:5*

"And Abraham believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to Abraham as righteousness." *Genesis 15:6*

Abraham wholeheartedly believed and trusted that God would provide as God had said; Abraham had absolute faith in God that he would become the father of many nations and that he would in fact become a father of a son and heir who would inherit the land of Canaan.



What we know of human nature though, is that often our faith can wobble and despite Abraham's trust in God, Abraham and Sarah continued to wait for many years without a son and heir arriving. Sarah was desperately sad that she was unable to have a child with Abraham and together she and Abraham sought to bring about an heir for Abraham on their own terms (*read Genesis*

chapters 15 and 16 to read the story of Sarah's Egyptian slave-girl Hagar bearing Abraham a son named Ishmael).

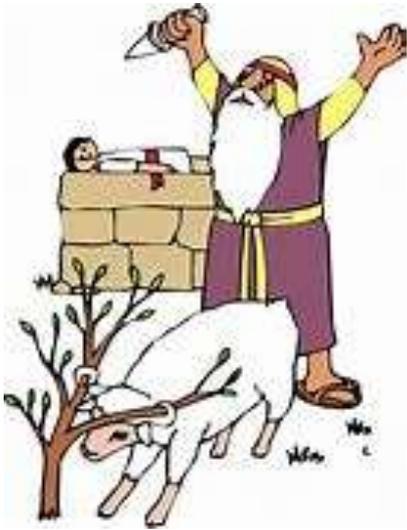
Eventually – cutting a long story short and nine chapters from the beginning of their story – when Abraham was about one hundred years old, he and Sarah had the son they had longed for together. They named him Isaac (*see Genesis 21*) and for them Isaac would have been the most precious and enduringly long awaited gift God had given them – a fulfilment of God's promises given to Abraham way back in chapter 12.

Now we arrive at the beginning of today's Bible passage entitled "God tests Abraham" (*Genesis 22:1-8*) and "God stops obedient Abraham" (*v9-14*): God says to Abraham "Take your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one the mountains that I shall show you." Obediently Abraham packed up his donkey, took two of his men and his son Isaac, cut the wood and set out as God had asked.

Who can imagine what that journey must have been like?
Could God really ask Abraham to do this?

But Abraham had absolute faith in God. We know this because verse 8 says Abraham told Isaac "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

Abraham believed that God would indeed provide. God had already proved that life could be born from Abraham and Sarah's ageing bodies because he had said so – God's miracle, for God can do anything.



And now on that mountain top, God provided once more (v13), but not until Abraham proved his willingness to carry out God's request (v10-11).

Now many scholars believe that Moriah is the place where Solomon built the temple of God (God known then as "YHWH") in Jerusalem and the place where Jesus died is just beyond the slope of the Mountain of Moriah – known as Calvary or Golgotha.

Abraham's trust in God began when God first called him. Whatever God's command, Abraham responded in faith saying "Here I am." Abraham never resisted God, never hesitated or even gave God's commands a second

thought. Abraham simply submitted because he completely trusted that God would always be true to his word and always provide (*see Romans 4:19-21*). Abraham's inclination and intention towards God was always wholehearted and absolute. His belief and trust in God's provision must have included the possibility of God's miracle of raising Isaac from the dead should Abraham have had to carry out this sacrifice.

God provided the ram, which ensured Isaac's survival and God's plan of salvation for the world. God's plan was always that his son Jesus would be born of Isaac's descent. The ram was God's provision for Isaac, and Jesus Christ is God's provision for the world, for it is God's gift of love to give as he chooses.

The story of Abraham and Isaac is one of faith. It's a truly fascinating story of God's commitment to humanity through a man whose complete trust and faithfulness in God bore the establishment of God's beloved people – the Jewish nation, through whom the whole world's salvation is provided in Jesus Christ. God had a plan for Abraham, who with his son Isaac and his ancestors simply believed and put their trust in God..... and if a person believes, then God does amazing things.

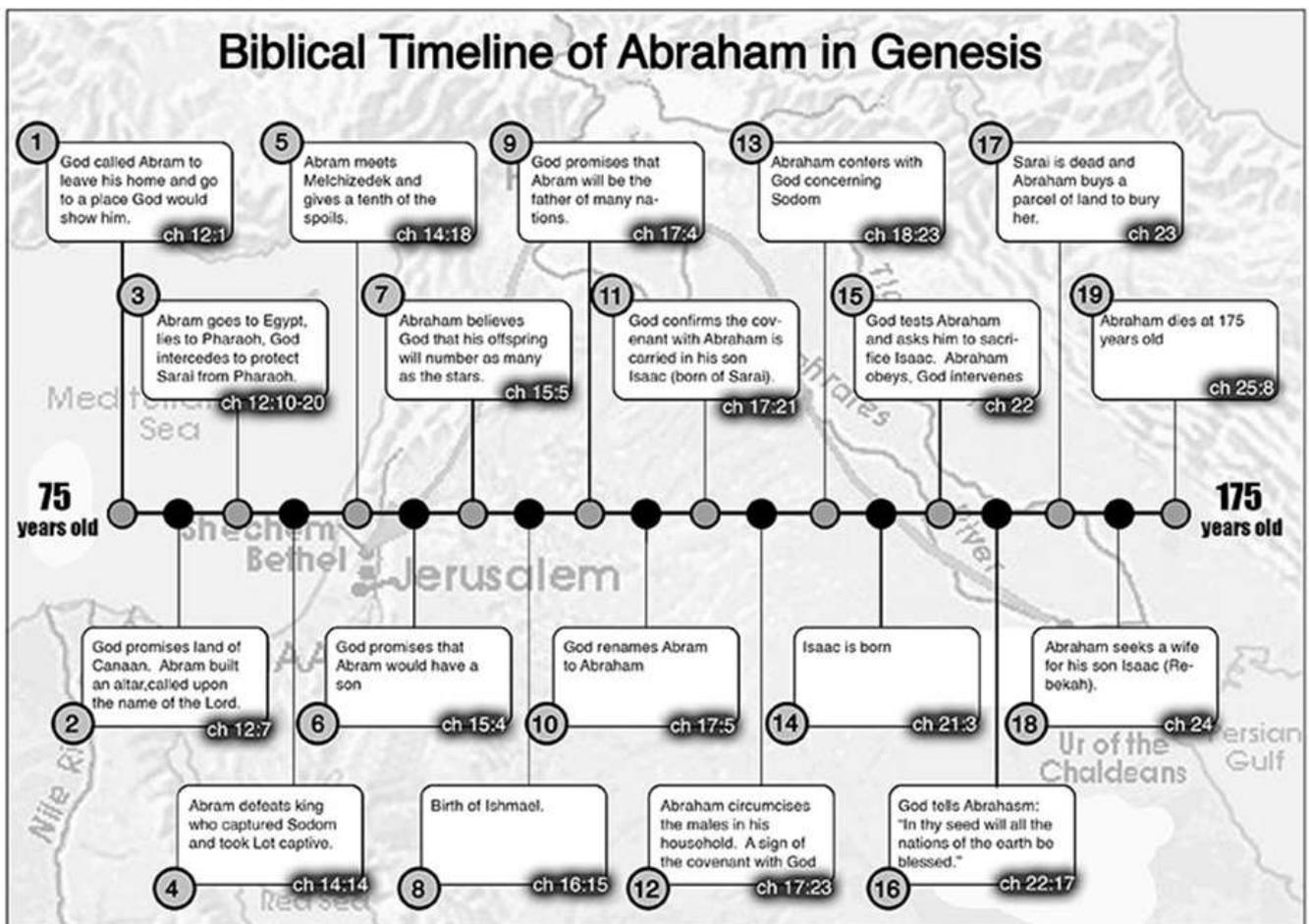
Therefore, I ask again; how much faith do you have in God today? Think about it..... Pray about it. Do we really believe that God will fulfil his promises? God tested Abraham's faith by ensuring that God's gift of Isaac to Abraham did not become more important than the giver, who is God. How important is God in your life right now? Do we seek to meet with him everyday? Do we invite him to participate in our life every morning and do we reflect and thank him for his involvement in our lives and those whom we love and care about each night? The Bible shows us our need to rely on God, for whom nothing is impossible (*Luke 1:37*). Do we dare to believe? For if we have faith, if we trust and believe, we are assured that "to him (God), by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (*Ephesians 3:20*).

Let's pray: God of love, you have searched us and found us. We know you have a plan for your children. Help us to put our trust and faith in you and seek your involvement in our lives each and every day. **Amen.**

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©Copyright: Clipart from get.drawings.com Abraham and Isaac – a pattern of things to come (picture 2)

<http://www.refrigeratordevotionals.com/extras/abraham-biblical-timeline/>



Possible hymns to look up / read / sing

- Great is thy faithfulness
- The God of Abraham Praise
- Lead us heavenly father lead us
- All my hope on God is founded
- Jehovah Jirah my provider

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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

Heavenly Father we want to praise you for all the goodness and purpose you bring to our lives. We praise you for the gifts of sight, touch, taste and hearing for the joy we find living in your world that you created with such awesome beauty. We praise you for the love of family and friends for the joy in sharing and caring for one another. We praise you for being our redeemer who takes away the pain and shame of our past wrong doing, We praise you as our protector in times of trouble and we praise you for though we don't deserve to be accepted with all our shortcomings you embrace us and welcome us into your heart, sacrificing that which was most dear to you, your own beloved son, Jesus.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We lay before you those things we need to sacrifice in order to be close to you. What will we lay on our altar? Will it be time so that we may help others in their needs? Will it be habits that we can break in order to free ourselves to pursue the calling you have on our lives? Will it be language or the way we treat other people so that we can bring dignity to and feel compassion for everyone we meet?

Will it be the way we use our money so that we can resource the actions that are important to you? Will it be the way we socialise so that we can bear witness to more people for you?

Whatever we need to sacrifice in order to fulfil your desires for us, may we be as willing as Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac, trusting and knowing that our relationship with you is so much more important than anything else in our lives.

**Lord in Your Mercy
Hear our Prayer .**

We pray for Your world Lord asking that all nations will strive for peace with each other. We ask you to be with all the governments of the world and that you will grant them wisdom. We bring the inequalities felt by some to you and ask you to help us to bring about a change so that every person is accepted at the same value as every other human being no matter what their race, gender, financial wealth, colour, achievements or background. Help each and every nation to work together to live in harmony, utilising the strengths of each to help where there are needs in other nations. Be with all industries and services throughout the world as they respond to different ways of working brought about by COVID19 restrictions. Lord help all nations to recover.

We pray especially for those in India and Latin America who are at the peak of infection. And we pray for the people of Africa, many of whom are not in areas where they have resilient health care systems.

We also bring those affected by the earthquake in Mexico to you, for those who have lost a loved one and for the many hundreds of people who have lost their homes.

**Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

We pray for our Queen and for our Government as they lead this nation. As the restrictions are eased we pray for your protection against corona virus cases increasing. Help us all to be sensible and take all necessary precautions. Help those who work in the local authorities to support their communities. Help businesses to adapt to new ways of operating. Be with all those who work in hospitals, care homes and in medical practices. Give them strength to continue to care during this busy and emotional time. We pray for all schools, their staff and pupils as they work out how best to balance care and education. We pray for those who have been homeless but have recently had places like hotels to stay in. Lord help them to receive support so that they do not have to return to the streets once the hotels re-open to paying customers. In a moment of quietness Lord we bring to you anyone we know who is disabled, very elderly, housebound, those vulnerable to the virus, those who have or are under threat of losing their jobs and anyone we know who is suffering as a consequence of the current situation

**Lord in your Mercy
Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the church, especially for our Bishops, Christopher and John and for all clergy. We especially pray for Heather and Sharon asking that you strengthen them at this time when so much keeps changing so quickly. May your Holy Spirit surround the church communities of Holy Trinity and St Peter's so that we may carry out your work in service to one another and to those who live around us.

Lord in Your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

We remember those who are sick. May they feel your presence and your healing touch upon them. We bring to you: Rachel M and Family; Mark J; Maureen; Olive; Julie; Jan & Tony; Mark P; Rebecca; Jane; Charlotte M; Stan A; Lucy W; Lucy and Michael B; Mark; and Brian V.

and in a moment of silence we remember those known personally to us....

Be with all those for whom we have prayed and give them comfort and hope during this difficult time

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Be near to those who have lost loved ones

Especially today we remember the family and friends of Rose Croxall

May they know that you are with them in their grief and sadness. May they feel warmth and love from those who share in their loss and even though they are not able to hug or receive physical comfort at this time may they know that they are supported and let them feel your loving presence and the peace that you bring. Give them courage to face each day.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Finally, Lord we pray for peace in our own hearts and in our homes. May we always sing of your constant love and proclaim your faithfulness for ever. We know that your love will last for all time and that your faithfulness is as permanent as the sky. You never let us down so help us to walk in trust and follow your ways so that we may receive your blessings and walk with you in all goodness. As we are blessed may we bless others so that they too will discover your glory and as the heavens sing of the wonderful things you do, let us as holy ones on earth sing of your faithfulness, justice and righteousness and enable your Holy Spirit to work powerfully in our world.

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 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.**

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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and forever. 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.

The Blessing

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all people, all creatures, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

The Commission

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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. Do try and find time and courage to send us a short message for this section.

Thank you to Heather, Sally, Sharon Robinson and Nick B-B for your messages last week.

Message from Heather

I have just had a lovely (albeit virtual) retreat day at my second home – Scargill House. We had a fabulous mixture of teaching, worship, art images to reflect on, time out and small group chats – it was so lovely to see familiar faces and places again....as well as meeting new 'Scargillian' friends.

The morning session included a quiet time of 'breathing prayer' written by Sheridan Voysey based on a Galatians passage about the fruit of the spirit. Each part of the prayer is prayed 'breathing in' the gifts that God has given us and the out breath is releasing to God those things that we may be struggling with especially at this time.

I found some of the 'opposites' quite surprising and others challenging. You may want to write your own 'breathing prayers' based on other passages of scripture... allowing yourself to engage with the bible in a different way... and asking for example.... what gifts might God be wanting to give to you?? And what things that get in the way of our relationship with Him (others and ourselves) might He be wanting us to give to Him.

This new Covid era may be a time that we can experience God in a new way...as we have to rely on Him more in a world that is shifting in ways we have never experienced before.... And so, when it is feeling tough and the waves are crashing around.... You might want to try just 'breathing' in God's presence.....

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit.

<u>Breathing in....</u>	and then	<u>Breathing out</u>
<i>I receive your love,</i>		<i>and release my insecurity</i>
<i>I receive your joy,</i>		<i>and release my unhappiness</i>
<i>I receive your peace,</i>		<i>and release my anxiety</i>
<i>I receive your patience,</i>		<i>and release my impulsiveness</i>
<i>I receive your kindness,</i>		<i>and release my indifference</i>
<i>I receive your goodness,</i>		<i>and release my ungodliness</i>
<i>I receive your faithfulness,</i>		<i>and release my disloyalty</i>
<i>I receive your gentleness,</i>		<i>and release my severity</i>
<i>I receive your self-control,</i>		<i>and release my self-indulgence</i>

Message from Nick B-B

As the lock down restrictions ease I have been reflecting on Jan and my feelings of anxiety of starting to do things again which we took for granted in the past. We have just been to the post office for the first time in over 3 months to post some packages and we were anxious about what we should do- should we wear face masks, take hand gel, wait for the post office to be empty? In the end we did not wear face masks or wait for the shop to be empty. The two people who were in there were very respectful of social distancing and we were made welcome. In the end it was a pleasant experience.

When we went into lock down we were very fearful as it sounded very serious which of course it was with so many now grieving the loss of a loved one who have died too early as a result of the virus. We were worried about our families and friends catching it. As time went on we ourselves felt more secure with our situation. However the fear of catching the virus once we were told we could start to do more things has if anything strengthened as we have read over the last three months of stories of how people have suffered with the virus and the statistics of who has died. But the rational side of me says the risk is so much lower than when we were out and about before the lock down and people are far more aware of what precautions to take to minimise the risk. I keep telling myself that I need to trust God in this situation and get back to living my life with family and friends. There are many other risks out there which we accept as part of life.

The post office experience plus a visit to our daughter's garden on Father's Day all helps to build up the confidence to get out and start doing things.

Jesus said in Matthew Chapter 6 verse 25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink or about your body, what your will wear'. I should memorise that to recite when we start getting out.

What feelings do you have about the easing of restrictions? Do let us know- it may well help others to cope in what is still an uncertain and at times worrying situation.

Notices for the week ahead

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, weddings and funerals.

Please hold in your prayers all our wedding couples, funeral families and Christening families who are affected by this.

The Government has recently indicated that church buildings may open for private prayer. The more detailed reality of that is that we have to undergo risk assessments, thorough opening up and cleaning regimes, ensure the building is reconfigured in a way to enable social distancing and measures will have to be put in place to enable it to be covid secure. **In reality this means that we are not able to safely open up the building straight away** (or maybe for some time yet)

So in the building we still can't worship together, pray together, or share fellowship together – but as the church that is what we have been trying to continue to do by facilitating these services together each week. The Church is still open.

The Churches' Premises are therefore closed to everyone- please do not attempt to access them with any keys that you may have and be patient with us as we get to grips with the requirements to safely open our buildings

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 not all children being able to attend school.

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 Churches 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.

Gift Days

It is St Peter's Gift Day today. Holy Trinity's Gift Day was on Trinity Sunday and it is definitely not too late to respond. Gift Day gives us a specific opportunity to review the use and giving of our gifts to God and the church.

We should also specifically look at our financial giving to the church.

Usually, there would be Gift Day envelopes available at the back of church, of course, during lockdown this is not possible. Therefore, if you feel called to give an extra amount to the church for its service and mission to the community please consider making a payment online (bank details available from Heather or Sharon for St Peter's and Wendy, Nick Miles or Heather for Holy Trinity) or, if you usually give cash, please set an amount aside at home ready for when we are able to worship together again (as hopefully you are doing with your envelopes).

Although this notice is specifically about Gift Day we are also very concerned about covering ongoing expenses of the churches especially for those who give regularly on the plate during Church Services which of course cannot currently take place. Can we urge you to consider a regular monthly bank payment (we appreciate this is not possible for everyone)

For Holy Trinity this can be done through the Parish Giving Scheme. If you have not joined this scheme and would like to find out more about this please speak to Nick Miles (76394339) or Wendy (76397183).

For St Peter's, if you do not already give through standing order or bank transfer but would like to do so please contact Heather (76392266) as she can forward to you the appropriate bank details.

The other biblical principle is that giving in itself is a gift as it is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive".

May you know God's blessing to you during and after our Gift Days.

Any items on messages: prayers; prayers answered; birthdays or anniversaries to be included on the weekly service and notice sheet please email Nick Blamire-Brown at njbb@hotmail.co.uk

**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**

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.

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; Charlotte M; Stan A

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

Rose Croxall (Rose was a resident at Linden Grange and took part in Home
Communion)

