

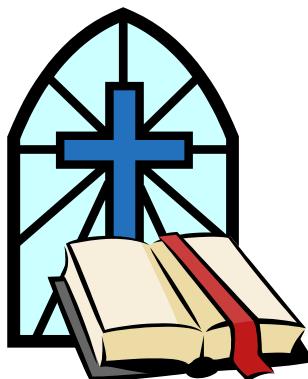
## **HOLY TRINITY AND ST PETER'S**



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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 New Law/The Church's mission to all people. For Christians the Bible is God's word and contains his laws. The Ten Commandments given to Moses are part of God's laws but Jesus gave us a new law. In John Chapter 13 verses 34 and 35 Jesus said 'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples if you love one another' Made up of disciples loving one another, the Church's mission is to reach out to all people by carrying on the teaching of Jesus, helping those in need and living as examples to others. We hope our service of worship, prayers and teaching will renew you in serving and living for God as part of the Church's mission to all people.

## 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.**

**Lord, you have commanded us to love one another. Free us from love of self, and teach us to love all people for your sake through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Amen**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Amen.**

## Confession

**God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.**

*cf Ephesians 4.30,32*

*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

**Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Collect for today

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 Psalm 145 verses 8 to 15

**8** The LORD is gracious and compassionate;  
slow to anger and rich in love.

**9** The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.

**10** All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.

**11** They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,

**12** so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.

**14** The LORD upholds all who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**15** The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.** *cf Revelation 1.8*

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you O Lord**

**Matthew chapter 11 verses 28 to 30**

**28** 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

Lord, I pray that we would be like little children (rather than the Pharisees) open and willing to receive your word in our hearts today. **Amen**

A yoke is a wooden crosspiece which was often used to attach oxen to a plough. It is a heavyweight used to get the ox to fulfil their required tasks. The Jews at the time would have understood well what it meant to suffer under burdens placed on them, living under Roman occupation. The image Jesus presents is one which stands in contrast to this backbreaking oppressive yoke. Jesus promises an easy yoke, one which is not burdensome but light. This is also in contrast to the what Jesus accuses the Pharisees of doing as they tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they are not willing to lift a finger to move them (Matthew 23:4). Much of this burden is understood to be the legal requirements the Pharisees placed upon the ordinary people. This was a particular interpretation of the law which placed many difficult restrictions which would have been a struggle to follow. Jesus, on the other hand, sees the law as understood through the simplest of notions; to love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength and to love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12: 30-31). These may still seem difficult, love, at times is hard. However, Psalm 145 reminds us that Jesus upholds all who fall (v14). Unlike the Pharisees, Jesus is slow to anger forgiving our mistakes when we inevitably make them time and time again. His yoke is easy because he does not condemn us in failing but helps us to do better. Furthermore, unlike the Pharisees who placed the heavy burdens but would do nothing themselves, instructing the people without support only judgement in failure; Jesus is beside us every step of the way. That the Lord upholds all who fall, in Hebrew means to sustain or support, this is therefore not just setting us back on our feet when we go wrong but continuous support in helping us to find a footing again. Much like the footprint's poem. God is always walking beside us, even when things may feel like they are fine, God is still supporting us, always beside us.

Having spent much of lockdown alone, I have personally found great strength in the knowledge that God is near. When the only interactions are planned and online it can feel isolating, but we can find comfort in the fact that we are never alone, for when we call on the Lord, he is near. I have taken to talking to God as I go about my daily life, and the feeling of his presence while I cook or clean has increasingly reminded me how much I usually shut God out of life. How easy it is in busy and noisy environments to focus only on the situation and place prayer as something to be done only in moments of quiet set aside during the day. Although, having specific prayerful times is good, God is not limited to the quiet and is with us even in the busyness. Though when around people I have to remember that speaking aloud to God may look like madness to worried passer-by's, I intend to share with God every aspect of my life, even the mundane, for God is beside me wherever I am and wants to build that closer relationship with us. For my birthday, a friend of mine recently gave me a notebook with Psalm 23:4 on it: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me." This is a beautiful reminder that no matter how dark or lost we may feel in life God remains beside us because he meets us where we are.

Control is something we often desire for ourselves. In an uncontrollable world, it can feel like a relentless battle to establish your control. But this is ultimately futile, for there is so much in this world we cannot control and in fact by seeking to control every aspect of our lives we push out Jesus. For he calls us to submit to him, it is his will rather than our own we should be seeking. This is not an extra task to burden us with but a lightening of the load. As the reading showed God is gracious and compassionate, thus his yoke is not there to choke us but to help us. By placing our will behind that of Jesus we don't have to strive to control the world, we can be secure in the knowledge that Jesus' way is much more than we could hope to achieve for ourselves by ourselves.

For it is in the Lord we find our rest. Rest, often feels like something we need but can't quite attain, there's always something stopping us. Even when I have a day off, or organise my work so I finish early, I don't seem to fully relax. Seemingly counterintuitive, taking on the burden of Jesus will lead to rest – true rest. For it is in harmony with God that we can learn to give to God all that prevents us from finding rest. The end of our Psalm speaks of the Lord giving food to those who look to him. This highlights that even our most basic needs, in God are met. Rest is found in God through the knowledge that it is not our organisation which relives our stress but God alone who fully takes our burden. This is when we are able to trust in God enough to handover our burdens to God, accepting that everything should be placed in God's hands rather than our own. This rest thus comes when we are prepared to give God the control he has anyway, unconditionally.

Jesus stands apart from any other master, in that despite having dominion overall, his love is so great for us that his burden is only light. That Jesus promises a light burden is not to say that life is easy but rather that by aligning ourselves with Jesus' will alone, we are free from the heavier weight the world tries to place on us. For God's kingdom is eternally glorious and far beyond the sufferings of the world. What Jesus asks of us, though we may not see it, is better than we could ever achieve for ourselves. Accepting the yoke of Jesus is not something to do when we feel worthy to accept it, but something we should yield to wherever we are in life, because no matter what is happening in our lives, Jesus is with us to give us support and substance. I encourage everyone to listen if possible, to one of my favourite songs; Oceans by Hillsong United, it reminds me that Jesus calls us to do his will and remains beside us throughout.

Let's pray: Lord, thank you that you are patient and forgiving to us. Help us to find your presence in all we do, placing your will above our own. Give us the courage to relinquish control to you, helping us to leave our burdens at your feet, and by doing so find rest in your presence Lord. **Amen**

### **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**

The times of Silence in our prayers are for your own personal needs and thoughts.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, for You are a very present help in trouble.

You are more ready to hear than we to pray, and willing to give us more than we desire or deserve.

We come to You for rest, for renewal, for the strength to do what You would have us do.

We give thanks for the Church throughout the world.

We remember today all who are weary in their service and all who are in danger of losing faith.

We pray for pastors and priests who are working in difficult areas and with little support.

We ask Your blessing upon all who are seeking to share the burdens of those with great responsibilities.

We pray for all who are carers and who are giving support to others.

### *Silence*

- Please pray for our Bishops Christopher and John, our vicar Heather and our curate Sharon.
- Remember our hospitals, care homes, all care workers and the Emergency services.
- All who work and study in our schools, colleges and universities.

**Lord, we come to you: Renew us and give us peace.**

As we rejoice in the gift of life, we remember the world-weary, the overwrought and anxious.

We pray for all who are laden with troubles and guilt.

We ask Your blessing upon all who are overworked or oppressed and those who are fearful of the future.

We remember those who have lost the joy of living and all who cannot easily relax.

*Silence*

- Remember all whose jobs are helping us to cope at this time e.g. delivery drivers, cleaners, shop workers.....
- Think of those out of work and struggling for money.
- Ask God to protect the vulnerable.
- Give understanding to all about the importance of social distancing and hygiene measures.

**Lord, we come to you: Renew us and give us peace.**

We give thanks for our friends and loved ones, for those who share our joys and sorrows.

We remember all who have been a comfort and support to us.

We pray for families where there is tension and stress and we remember all who feel lonely and without help.

*Silence*

- Pray for our church family as well as our own families.

**Lord, we come to you: Renew us and give us peace.**

We ask your blessing on all who are ill and finding life difficult.

We pray for all who seek to be a help and a support.

*Silence*

- We pray for all those in our churches who are ill or have other problems, in particular 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.

- Pray for local doctors, chemists, district nurses, social workers.....

**Lord, we come to you: Renew us and give us peace.**

We ask Your blessing upon all who have found their rest in You.

We remember our friends and loved ones departed, in particular for the families and friends of Rose Croxall and Alan Phillips.

May they find in You rest, renewal and the joy of the resurrection.

*Silence*

- Pray for all we know who have recently lost a loved one.
- All who are saddened by the loss of someone to Covid.
- Think of undertakers, those who work at the crematoriums or grave yards.
- Bereavement counsellors, Chaplains in our hospitals.

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

(Prayers adapted from some written by David Adam in "Common Worship, prayers of intercession")

### **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 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**

**Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen      Matthew 28.19**

**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**

God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love, defend us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace; 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.**

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

Thank you to Heather and Nick B-B for your messages last week.

### **Message from Heather**

Following on from my opening message in the email – here is an update about the possibility of re-opening our doors. As per previous messages and notices we are, as a church, working out how we can open up safely again for public worship. When we do please be aware that the rules, at the moment at least, stipulate that services will be limited in the number of people we can have in the building at any one time and that the rules do not allow for singing, refreshments, people sitting together or gathering together inside or outside in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. Rules are changing every day and as we have already experienced (just over the border in Leicester) rules may in fact become stricter again before relaxing further.

A recent webinar from CPAS asked a really helpful series of questions about life after lock down – which apply to church, life, work, family and a whole other range of contexts too. They asked us to consider 1) What have we gained that we want to keep? 2) What have we lost that we want to have back? 3) What have we lost that we don't want back? and 4) What have we gained but are happy to lose?

Sadly, however, we need to acknowledge that some of our wants or losses are beyond our control...as are some of the things that we may want to keep but will be harder to hold onto as we ease out of lockdown. There is a great hope that some of the generosity, kindnesses shown and consideration for others might be something we can hold fast to for the future. However, there are also other things we might want to go back to that just won't be possible for the considerable future.

As we heard from our talk this morning... this is where faith and hope combined can help us during this time of uncertainty and transitions. That even when the burden is tough....we are not in it alone.

We will keep you posted about the building opening up again...but please be understanding and patient with us as we work our way through all the new rules and (many pages of) regulations that only came through to us a few days ago.

Please pray for us all as a church family as we work out how to 'be' a gathered church against – whilst remaining a postal or on-line community too – so we don't lose anyone along the way.

### **Message from Sally**

As many of you probably know, I love swimming. From an early age it has been one of my passions. In retirement, and before lockdown, I tried to swim at least once a week.

But I haven't had a swim for the last three months.....a friend recently told me that they are proposing to have bookable slots at the pool in Atherstone with lane swimming only, so no chance of me getting a natter in with my swimming friends! Also no changing facilities or showers so I suppose I would have to run around Atherstone to get dry before heading home for a shower! So, no real prospects of swimming in the near future. I have tried to stay fit in other ways.....walking has proved a good exercise.

I was listening to the radio over the weekend and Ellie Simmonds was speaking. Ellie is one of the most well-known and recognised athletes in the para-swimming team as a result of her incredible performances and her tearful celebrations across three Paralympic Games. She won two gold medals in 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing at just 13 years of age and has won many other titles since. In her interview she was saying that she has been unable to train in a pool for the last three months. An athlete at the top of her sport but unable to train properly. She is luxuriating in being able to have a lie in, when normally she would have been up at 4.30 am to train but life is very different for her. Ellie has had to adapt to trying to keep fit in other ways...weights, walks, etc.

As I listened to Ellie, cheerful and convinced that she will get back to full fitness in the future, the fact that I can't get to a swimming pool to swim seemed a bit insignificant. I have no records to achieve in the pool, except Richard would say the ability to swim and talk! Like many other top sports people, Ellie has a struggle ahead to get back to full fitness.

In chapter 12 of Hebrews, Paul writes about how the Christian life can be compared to a long distance race. If you have the time read Hebrews 12 verses 1-12. Verse 1 says "let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us". Yes, the Christian life is about training and setting goals. I wonder if, like me,

you have found that part of your Christian training ground has been taken away during lockdown. By that I mean the chance to meet together in fellowship with other Christians.

Yes, I have found other ways of coping (our service on line, reading, prayer and Bible study, you-tube, music, phone calls, letters....) But I look forward to the day when I can "train" properly. To resume fellowship and prayer groups, to meet again in the church building, to plan outreach activities, to enjoy the many opportunities of being with other Christians face to face.

Meanwhile, no matter what sort of training condition we're in, we must persevere in this extraordinary situation we find ourselves in. At the end of last week's talk the challenge was: "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)."

So, keep in training as best as you can and believe that God has a plan for each one of us and remember, 1 Peter 5v4 says "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." Better than a gold medal!

## **Message from Nick B-B**

Last week I spoke of the anxiety that Jan and I were feeling about starting to do things which before lock down were very normal to us.

After that message I received an email from my cousin which gave some sayings of Winston Churchill and one in particular struck me as being very appropriate to how I am currently feeling.

He said '**Fear is a reaction, Courage is a decision'**'

I was reminded of this statement when on Tuesday while eating a scone with cream and strawberry jam quite a big piece of filling came away. I phoned the dentist on Wednesday morning and the procedure was a dentist would ring me back. A lovely lady dentist rang me back and after describing where the filling had come away she said you have a choice – you can leave it until it starts to cause a real problem or you can come to see me in half an hour's time and I will put in a temporary filling. She said they cannot currently use a drill so she could not do anything permanent. Like some of you I fear going to the dentist but I remembered Winston Churchill and the quote from Jesus I put in my last message and plucked up the courage to go.

It was an interesting experience. I was given a specific time slot that only I would have, I had to wear a face mask, I was to wait outside until a receptionist collected me, I was to pay the emergency fee by cardless payment, I had to stand or sit in a specific marked out 2 metre square in the waiting room and then was taken upstairs to the dentist who said she would not talk much and I need not either (to reduce risk). It was soon all sorted and I was led at a safe distance to a rear door.

What really struck me was how simple and pared back all the procedures were than the last time I went with lots of people around. I suddenly realised what Nick M was saying in a recent talk that things may well be different from the norm we had before. This is how things are going to be – pared back for lots of activities (as for Sally's swimming sessions) and events. I can see that that is likely to apply when we can start to worship again in Church. Things are likely to be very different to what we had before. That is of course a shame but like my visit to the dentist it is a reality of how we have got to live with the threat of the current coronavirus and other pandemics that may come along in the future. But what we must not lose sight of is God is the same now and in the future and wherever we meet him- in our home, with friends or in Church. He will still be the loving father caring for us in the struggles we will have with our new lives.

## **Message from the Sykes's**

We wanted to thank all of you who have left messages for us to read. I can relate to all of them with how we have been coping for the past months.

Our positives have been waking up to bird song. Getting up in the morning having had the dawn chorus wake us has been lovely. In the past we were woken by the incessant air traffic overhead, now there is very little. This is one of the few years we have been feeding birds in our garden. We watch them squabbling over food while we are having a morning cuppa, their antics are comical especially with the youngsters about. Then having the privilege of being able to walk around the public

footpaths over the fields by us, finding new areas to explore and people to talk to, is again lovely. Seeing the spring turn into summer with all the colour change with the crops growing and ripening, witnessing Gods creation change through the seasons, what a blessing. Our Lord has been very good to us.

With the extra time on our hands, Katherine decided we needed a veggie patch!! Half of the back lawn has been turned into a mix of vegetables and flowers. With the weather that we have had, well we are not going short of lettuce, spinach or carrots. The potatoes will be ready soon together with the beetroot. Each day we have an inspection of the growth. We have discovered that you get a lot of plants from a packet of seeds. We are living on salad greens. The mixed flowers planted with the vegetables are about to come into colour, really looking forward to that.

Diane has now started back at the hospital as a volunteer for a couple of days a week helping to look after the chaplaincy garden and other things, this gives her a well deserved break from me!! Visiting patients on the wards won't resume for a good while yet.

We do look forward to the weekly service and messages, Thank you for keeping us together.

## **Notices for the week ahead**

### **Coronavirus Guidance**

Following Church of England advice, until we are Covid Secure we cannot have any services of public worship at Holy Trinity or St Peter's Church. 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 or public worship although 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** as this will take more than a few weeks to put into place...and church as we knew it will be quite different.

Please pray for the PCC who are making these decisions and arrangements at this time.

**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](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 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**

Thank you so much to all those who responded to our Gift Days- Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday and St Peters last week. It is definitely not too late if you have not been able to respond so far. Gift Days give us the 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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) and Alan Phillips

