

HOLY TRINITY AND ST PETER'S



Sunday 12th July 2020

5th 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 Person.

In the Old Testament Jews were taught that to gain entry to Heaven they had to comply with the Old Testament Laws (and all the rituals they developed to go with them).

God in sending Jesus to live on earth and in particular his death and resurrection established a New Covenant by which we were promised eternal life with Jesus if we turned to him. This was open to all men and women whatever our race and age.

Paul said 'Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come' (2 Corinthians Chapter 5 verse 17)

We become a New Man or Woman if we accept Jesus as part of our lives and live according to this teaching, increasing our faith in him and serving him with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us.

We hope through our worship today your faith will increase and you will feel Jesus as part of your New Life.

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.

God, the Creator and Redeemer of mankind, renew us in the image of your Son, fill us with his love, let his peace dwell in our hearts, that all we do may be for him, who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind 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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Isaiah 55 verses 1 & 10 to 13

55 ¹Come, all you who are thirsty,
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without cost.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
 come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
 without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
 so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
 it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

¹² You will go out in joy
 and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
 will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
 will clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper,
 and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown,
 for an everlasting sign,
 that will endure for ever.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The New Testament reading today is taken from Romans Chapter 8 verses 1 to 11

Life through the Spirit

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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

Talk ** For those who might want to listen to the sermon for a change – please open your audio file now. It was recorded as a video – but the document then became too large to email....sorry! The audio is the same as the text below**

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

The prayer I have just said, that I often use before preaching, has grown to mean even more to me since lock down. It is a prayer of hope and opportunity - in that God's word can bring new life. It is also a prayer of self-offering and openness – asking God that our lives too may be transformed by the God who is the living word. This theme of opportunity, challenge, change and hope are threads that run between both our readings this morning.

First of all – our Old Testament reading. It is one of grace, promise and faithfulness from God that when His word is spoken things will change. God's breath and words which brought the world into being at the very start of creation has inherent and formative power. And as we know from our own lives and interactions with others there is huge power in words as they have the ability to build us up or when used negatively destroy us. In the passage from Isaiah we are encouraged to know, learn and trust that when God's words are spoken they 'will not return empty'. His words have transformational power and they will bring new life from them. Just as water makes plants and crops grow...God's word brings life. This is a poignant and powerful reminder of the value of reading God's word for ourselves... giving us life and growth....hope and encouragement – again something that we especially need in our current virus impacted world. We may not be able to read huge chunks of text at a time....but even a few verses each day can sustain us richly. Think of a parched piece of land with irregular buckets of water thrown over it – the soil can be too dry to absorb it. But the same piece of land with regular watering can have a positive 'drip drip' effect and the soil can then be ready to be planted.

We may not immediately see growth...but if planted in good soil and watered regularly...things will grow. I was reminded of this only today during a Diocesan strategy road show... sometimes we do have to wait for that growth as we may 'plant the seeds' of faith that will take many years to show growth....but on the flip side of that...others may plant the seeds that we have the privilege of seeing come to fruition – but with no effect directly from us. Reflecting on this from our own church family and community I know I have had the honour of seeing where the prayers of the faithful over the years has meant that I am now celebrating seeing people grow in their faith journey today. With God, nothing is wasted as He can use all things to demonstrate His love, mercy and grace if we take the time and patience to look for it.

In our New Testament reading we are reminded that that the living word brings life and hope. The written law brings condemnation because we have 'all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God' . We are also reminded in some of our Liturgy (service words) that we have all broken God's laws (sinned) in a whole range of ways.... "in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. " Knowing the rules doesn't always mean we will keep to them....but knowing God and His words of grace draws us into a relationship with Him that can change the way we live our lives. St Paul muses about this when he asks a question about this very thing in that – 'shall we do more things wrong so we know more of God's love and forgiveness?' He answers his own question with an emphatic "by no means" ... but again here we are reminded that when (not if) but when we break God's laws there is an opportunity not only for a new start, but we too can become new creations.

Just like a butterfly cannot return to the cocoon or live life again as the original caterpillar – as new creations we are brand new people in the eyes of God when we turn to Him for forgiveness.

As Christians, we are given the gift of Jesus as the living word not just another rule book to read or try and follow. Through His death and resurrection we can know and accept Him as grace and love personified. And whilst acknowledging that it is difficult to stop living by our own rules and desires (which is what the reading is referring to in part when it talks about 'flesh') we cannot change our lives all by ourselves. Paul's letter is extraordinary when we are told not only do we **not** have to do it by ourselves but we have in fact the same resources as Jesus – that is God's spirit, as the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, lives in us.

One of my favourite Biblical writers, Warren Wiersbe says this: "The verse does not say "no mistakes" or "no failures" or even "no sins". Christians *do* fail and make mistakes and they *do* sin. Abraham lied about his wife; David committed adultery; Peter tried to kill a man with his sword. To be sure they suffered consequences because of their sins, but they did not suffer condemnation."

And this offer is for all of us and it is free. The first verse from our Isaiah passage is an invitation for ALL – even for those who have no money are told to come and buy. How is this possible? Well in reality we have nothing to give to God apart from

ourselves and this is linked to our New Testament reading that reminds us that all we are welcome because Jesus has already paid the ultimate price. This reminded me of a quote – in terms of when being given a new life from God – in ... “we have nothing to contribute to God for our own salvation apart from the sins from which we are to be saved”

Come, all are welcome...NO condemnation...and as although the law may condemn Jesus has created a way for forgiveness and so God will make us into, and see us as, new creations.

The law cannot claim us or condemn us or control us and again a quote from Wiersbe, who writes from an American culture and legal system says this “The law of ‘double jeopardy’ states that a person cannot be tried twice for the same crime. Since Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sins, and since you are ‘in Christ’, God will not condemn you.”

Words of life, hope, forgiveness and a new start almost feels too good to be true...but it is God...who *is* true that makes it happen for us through Jesus’ work on the cross and the Holy Spirit (who is God’s presence) in our lives. All are welcome. No condemnation. A message of love, hope and an offer of being a new creation. God’s promises to us all...not too good to be true...but too good to keep to ourselves...so may we always be open to share that message with others...knowing that God’s words of love and life will never return empty. Amen.

Possible songs in response

- ♪ God forgave my sin in Jesus name.
- ♪ I am a new Creation.
- ♪ And can it be that I should gain
- ♪ The spirit lives to set us free

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Lord God, we give thanks and praise for the awesome love you give us and your gift of your Son Jesus Christ who came to free us from sin and give us new life.

We pray that we will be filled with the righteousness, peace and joy of the Holy Spirit, so that we can put aside any feelings of self-importance and criticisms of others that we may have to become true ambassadors and servants for you.

We pray for all those ministers and missionaries who have dedicated themselves to serve you and preach your word. In particular we ask that you will strengthen Christopher and John our Bishops, Heather and Sharon in their ministries in Hartshill and Galley Common, Nick and Sally our lay readers and churchwardens at Holy Trinity and Kate and Debbie, churchwardens at St Peter's, 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

Lord God, you plan that all your people should live in freedom as your children in a world that is equal, caring and peaceful. We pray for all leaders in the world who bear great responsibility and pray that they will act not just on what benefits their country but work towards an equality of wealth and opportunity throughout the world which can bring about real and lasting peace.

We pray for all those people who are suffering because there is no peace in their country and think in particular of the people of the troubled areas in the Middle East, in Africa and Afghanistan.

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.**

Lord God, we thank you for the joy and blessings of family life even when we cannot physically be with some of our family and are having to relate to them in other ways. We also thank you for all our friends who have supported us through the difficult times of the lockdown. As restrictions ease help us to remember to be careful in what we do and how we meet people so that those who remain vulnerable to Covid 19 and our valuable NHS are protected.

Help us also to do our part to make people we know happy by the way we behave and the words we speak and also find ways of helping those with needs in our communities.

We thank you in particular for the summertime when we can enjoy the beauty of the world, especially on country walks or spending time in our gardens.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another and love as He loves us.

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Lord God, comfort and heal all those who are ill at this time, give peace to those with troubled minds and restore hope to those who feel there is no future. We bring before you those known to us who need your help at this time.

From our church and community we pray in particular for: 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.

Give all those we have prayed for courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Lord God we pray for those whose lives have recently been saddened by the death of a relative or friend.

We pray in particular for the families and friends of Rose Croxall, Alan Phillips and Bill Harwood.

Be with them and give them faith and strength to look beyond their present loneliness and grief to Jesus, who died and rose again and lives for evermore.

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

During this time of lock down we have had the time to reflect more on our relationships past and present. Please pray for those who are now adults but are still dealing with the effects of neglect and abuse from childhood and for them to find peace through God. **Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.**

Finally Lord God, we pray that in the coming week we will find quiet times to develop a stronger relationship with you and we ask that you will help us to seek you in our daily activities, staying close to you, hearing your voice above the clamour of daily life and walking steadily in your way.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints who shone as lights in the world, we pray that we in our generation may show thy praise and glory and we now commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *Numbers 6.24-26*

The Lord bless us and keep us: The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us: The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us 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, Sally, Nick B-B and the Sykes for your messages last week.

Message from Nick B-B

In the last two messages I referred to our anxiety in starting to do things again after the lock down. In the first message I referred to verse 15 in Matthew Chapter 6 and last week a quote from Winston Churchill. This week I want to include my favourite prayer which includes these words: **'Transform my fears. Shape me into courage'**. The prayer was included on a flyer/bookmark for a mission event called 'Open Doors' which took place in 2005. It was over a week and including events such as a trip to a brewery, a race and curry night and a barn dance. There were lots of events for all ages and in each there was a period of Christian teaching and reflection. This was the prayer on that flyer which I have kept and use regularly in my prayer sessions:

Lord, I offer you my life as your working material.

Make of me what you will.

Hold me in the rhythm and movement of your spirit.

Touch my wounds; transform my fears.

Shape me into courage; mould me into love.

Our theme for this Sunday is the New Paerson – it is about having Jesus as part of our life.

I loved what Bethany said in her talk last week about talking to God as you go about your daily life. The words 'God is not limited to the quiet and is with us even in the busyness' are really special. It made me determined to try to talk to God not just during the prayer time I set aside in the day but while I go about my daily activities. I will be asking him to hold me in the rhythm and movement of the Holy Spirit as I do those activities and face the challenges of the future.

Message from Sue F

I enjoy 'joining in' with the service every Sunday and also reading all of your messages. I find them very comforting.

I particularly liked Nick's quote from Winston Churchill 'Fear is a reaction, Courage is a decision'. I have been following Nick's lead and putting favourite quotes onto bookmarks. I already made a bookmark which said "Fear is not real... Danger is very real, but fear is a choice." (Will Smith's character in the science fiction movie 'After Earth'.) I think Winston Churchill put it better though.

Like Sally, Richard and I are both missing swimming. However, we bought an exercise bike and I am now enjoying cycling in our garage whilst experiencing

exciting 'virtual' mountain bike rides all over the world, courtesy of intrepid YouTube vloggers.

I thank God for the wonderful weather which we have enjoyed over the last few months. Like many of you, we have spent far more time than usual working in the garden and enjoying the fruits of our labours. We have also enjoyed watching the birds bickering on the bird table; sparrows, blackbirds, robins, starlings, jackdaws, collared doves; but mainly pigeons!

I also thank God that my Mum is being so well cared for by the lovely staff at Linden Grange care home. I have not been able to visit Mum since March but I am able to video call her every few days via facetime and so we do 'see' each other. I am very grateful to Sarah who takes her iphone to Mum and sets up the call to me whenever I ask. I print off the service each week and take a copy to Linden Grange along with the parish magazine, and Mum enjoys reading them.

I realise that I am very fortunate to be an early retiree and so I don't have the stress that many of you have of returning to work. However, I do get anxious when I have to go out. I am taking the approach of 'little and often'. I also have another bookmark "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. " Psalm 28:7 .

Message from Katie

The past few months have taught me a lot, about myself, what is important to me and about my faith. I have reconnected with people that I lost touch with because life and work got in the way. I have never been brilliant at keeping in touch with friends and family. I always mean to write or email, and then never seem to get round to it. This week I emailed a friend I haven't spoken to in over 10 years and it was lovely to receive a response the following day. I have also chatted (over their garden fence) to someone who has been special to me since childhood but who I had recently lost contact with. He has had a very difficult 12 months and it was lovely to make that connection and offer friendship, support, and a socially distanced cuppa in our back garden if he would like a change of scene. We have had wonderful support from friends, old and new, and in the first few weeks of the lockdown we would have struggled without some of their assistance. I thank God for them.

I have also enjoyed reconnecting with nature. I lived in Galley Common with my parents until my late 20's and throughout that time I was surrounded by nature. You don't realise what you have until it is gone. When Anthony and I became a couple we moved into a house in the middle of Nuneaton. We still live there, but nature is more difficult to find. However, over the past few months our garden has been transformed, and we now have a vegetable plot. When the lockdown restrictions were first eased we bought a car park pass for Hartshill Hayes, and we have loved, as a family, walking though the Hayes, exploring nature, listening to the bird song and giving our daughter Bethany the opportunity to connect with nature, as I did as a child.

Lockdown for Anthony and myself has resulted in many financial worries and considerations as both of us are self-employed and we both work in the arts. However, God and the world has been kind to us. I have been able to teach (although a much-reduced number of students) via Zoom. We have both been able to explore our creativity in ways we are not usually able. I have begun composing again, something I don't normally have time to do. Anthony has been exploring new avenues for his work too. We have also been able to create some wonderful videos with Bethany as part of her home education, using both our talents to make these possible and at the same time educating our daughter. We have both valued the extra time we have been able to have with Bethany. Although we home educate anyway our lives are usually so frantic that we don't get the time to be together as a family and learn together. It is usually one or other of us doing the educating. Lockdown has given us that precious time and it is something I will miss when life 'goes back to normal'.

I have already been contacted by the schools I teach in regarding beginning in September, so that side of my work looks relatively secure at the moment (as secure as anything can be). The theatre and performing are unknown quantities at the moment. What I have learnt from this whole experience is that I need to be kinder to myself. Life in our household is normally hectic to say the least. Most evenings are taken up with rehearsals, daytimes are filled with teaching or workshops in schools, and I normally say 'yes' to every bit of work that comes my way. I need to make a little more time for me, for us, and I know that Bethany has loved having mummy and daddy around more and I want to have more precious time with her, watching her mature and grow. How I am going to achieve that is still to be seen. We face the future with a little trepidation but with hope that the future may be better and brighter for us as a family.

Message from Sharon No Rush!

I wonder how many of you are feeling concerned that we're rushing back into a sense of normality or glad that it feels like we are?

My fear is that after what seems like an enduring time of abnormality, many might look forward to rushing back into our old ways, but if that's so, it's certainly worth asking the question "do we need or really want to rush back to a time when our priorities might have been stretched and squeezed, or a time when putting God first and at the centre of all that we are and do felt difficult and sometimes impossible?" It's so good to see other's messages above which speak not only of the negatives experienced but of the positives that being in lockdown has brought to us all. Many may well yearn for what was the norm, but the reality is that we have been changed forever by this pandemic, now is not yet the norm and it won't ever be the same as it once was. Many have been seriously affected by what has happened and will always be so.

In facing the future, it would be good therefore not to seek to rush back into trying to achieve the same as before but to spend this time now seeking prayerfully to understand how each of us has been affected, openly acknowledge and share that,

consider what positives we want to keep from the past together with our recent lockdown learning experiences to take forward into our new future together, with God at the heart of us, remembering that in everything, past, present and future, God is always 'our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in trouble' (Psalm46:1) and ever present as together we participate in God's coming kingdom

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. ****And please take note of the further information and questions posed in the pastoral letter and respond accordingly to help with planning.****

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.

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) Alan Phillips and Bill Harwood

