

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



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

**2<sup>nd</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 life of the baptised/the Church's confidence in Christ'. Baptism is a defining moment in the life of a Christian (whether as an infant or adult) as it symbolises the washing away of our sinful past and the chance to start a new life with Jesus. The key point about the life of the baptised is our identification with Jesus Christ.

Jesus said (Mark 16 verse 16), 'Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved'. Paul also said in his letter to Titus, 'He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit'.

With the Holy Spirit working within us we can have confidence in Christ, his teachings and the surpassing worth of knowing him. So as we worship today in the unity of our belief in Jesus we do so in assurance and boldness of his word and teachings.

## **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.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for bringing us new life in Jesus, signed and sealed in baptism. May we live as new people in him, and in love and freedom bear witness to the risen life; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 forever. 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. *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**

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**

**Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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**

Our Reading is taken from Romans Chapter 6 verses 1b to 11.

### **Dead to sin, alive in Christ**

6 Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Talk**

**Heavenly Father: May this talk and all our thoughts and meditations be always pleasing in your sight. O God our rock and our Redeemer.**

The Coronavirus pandemic has brought about many challenges and changes to people's lives recently. For some time now many people have been saying "I wish things would hurry up and get back to normal". But here is a question: will things ever get back to 'normal'? Is it possible that our way of life will remain totally unchanged once the lockdown restrictions are lifted fully? Having experienced the reality of lockdown with no public worship, cancelled holidays, staying at home, maintaining a safe distance from others etc. etc. will we be able to resume where we left off before all this began? I suggest not, and whereas some elements of life will no doubt recommence as though nothing had ever happened I think there will be other areas that will never be the same again. We have been and still are on a one way journey to the 'other-side' or the 'new normal' as some have started calling it.

In our reading today Paul uses a similar argument to dispel the suggestion that if God loves a sinner then why not stay a sinner (or go back to being a sinner) as God will still love us just the same. (v1) Paul says, "By no means" (v2), once we have accepted God's grace into our lives, once we have died to sin and been Baptised into Jesus' love there is no going back.

Yes we may still get things wrong, make mistakes and poor choices but we have the confidence of God's forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection to help us now, as we are living in a new life.

I read something the other day that made me smile, it goes like this: if we always shoot for the stars (assuming the stars represent a totally sinless life) then we will continually fall short, however if we use the stars as a guide, like the sailors of old, then we will never be truly lost.

Paul speaks about Baptism, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (v4).

Baptism is a special part of the Christian faith. When we are baptised we are committing ourselves to God and to a new life. The Baptism collect says:

*Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever. Amen.*

So, as Paul advises the church in Rome, there's no going back, once you become a Christian you pass through into another life. Symbolised in the baptism service as emerging from the water we are born again into a new life in Christ so that we may grow in God's love to be a holy people, set apart from those living an earthly existence. We can live our lives with confidence in Jesus' sacrifice made for all upon the cross. As it says in Psalm 100 v3:

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Yes we may get it wrong sometimes, or miss the target (to use another analogy) but God's love, grace, mercy and forgiveness are there to catch us and pick us up. One thing is for sure though, there is no going back to our old life, for "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus" (v11)

And whatever life looks like after the coronavirus pandemic subsides (and until the next one comes along!) "we need to remember who we really are so that we can act accordingly." *Tom Wright Paul for Everyone: Romans Part 1: Chapters 1-8 page 105*

Prayer: **Father thank You that Christ not only died for my sins but has died unto sin so that the power of sin no longer has power over me – Help me to make the right choice to follow you and listen to Your voice day by day, in Jesus name I pray, AMEN.**

(Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Romans/6>)

A song/hymn you may want to think about / sing / look up is "I am a new creation, no more in condemnation" and/ or "Lord for the years your hand has kept and guided"

### **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 thank you for sending us Jesus Christ that he should die for our sins and was raised from death so that we might have new life. We also thank you that through our baptism we have been born into union with him and the wider body of your Church.

Thank you for sending us your holy spirit to live within us and we pray that the fruit of the spirit will be growing continually in our lives so that we are equipped to serve you individually and through the Church, so that we can reach out in the communities we live in knowing that through you all things are possible during these difficult times in the world.

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 we thank you for your spirit of power which has inspired your missionary servants down the ages, for the spirit of love which knits together all Christian people throughout the world in the same fellowship, for the spirit of courage and loyalty which inspires your people in troubled parts of the world to live bravely and to ensure hardship for your sake.

We pray for the leaders of our country and all other leaders in the world that they may work together towards peace, freedom and equality seeking also to protect the world for the generations to come.

Give all leaders and all those in authority strength, wisdom and courage so that they can carry out their duties in the best interests of all the people in their care.

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 our homes and our families, our friends and our neighbours, and for all the people we work with or meet during the week.

We pray, on Father's Day today, for all fathers who give love and support to their families. We ask that you will strengthen them as many of them strive to balance the demands of work and family life at this very difficult time. We remember those fathers who are no longer with us but live on in our memories.

We pray that your blessing and care will rest upon all schools as children return to them again and pray in particular for teachers and head teachers who have faced such pressure, stress and heavy workloads trying to maintain teaching remotely and now as well in schools in such difficult circumstances. We also pray for all those returning to work particularly in shops and factories and ask that you will keep them safe and well in their new situations.

We pray for all those who have lost their jobs and now have financial worries.

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, we pray for all those who are ill at this time or are suffering from worry, sadness, loneliness or other problems. We ask that you will support and give skill to all those who care for those in need and through them those who suffer can learn more of your love and care.

We thank you Lord for all the dedicated doctors, nurses and care workers who have faced such risk in carrying out their duties to safeguard the wellbeing of others.

We pray in particular this week 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.

In a moment of silence we bring before you others known to us who need your help at this time.

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 know that life's journey sometimes leads through dark valleys, like bereavement, and that many are travelling down that path right now due to the coronavirus. Help us to remember that however dark the valley, the darkness cannot hide us from you and that through you we will have eternal life.

We pray for those whose lives have recently been saddened by the death of a relative or friend. We pray in particular for the family and friends of Rose Croxall.

Be with them all 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.**

Finally Lord God, through the Bible you have shown the wonder of your love for us in Jesus Christ. Help us to understand it with our minds and apply it in our lives so we can make your presence and grace known to others.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints who kept the lamp of faith burning brightly, grant that we who are following may be lit by him who is the light of the world and show it in our work for you.

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 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**

**Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with 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**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you 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. Thank you to Heather and Jan B-B for your messages last week.

### **Message from Sally or thought's and ramblings(Sally's words!)**

So, here we are heading for the 'new normal'. As we come out of lockdown, I wonder how you are feeling? I have read and heard several people say that the coming out is going to be more difficult than going in...and I think I'm beginning to agree. You see, when we went into lockdown we didn't have any choices to make. We did what was advised and just got on with the situation. Now we have choices and dilemmas to face. What are we prepared to do, to still keep ourselves safe and protect those whom we care about?

I admit that I've got quite used to this lockdown.....I haven't set an alarm in weeks! Each day I plan what to do, and yes there are some things that are 'booked in' and I do have a bit of a routine but mainly I decide in a far more relaxed fashion what I want to do with my time. (I do know that life for those of you who have been working is very different and I thank you for your hard work and perseverance at this time).

These days have given me the time to think about and do other things that normally would probably have been squeezed into a busy schedule. Quietness, prayer, reading, and time to reflect, have had a special place in lockdown. A friend of mine in an email sent recently said "I have experienced a joyful time being close to God and I'm not sure I want that to end. I will just have to work harder to stay close." Yes, I think that applies to me too.

We all want to get back to 'normal' and to me that means meeting up with family and friends. To be able to exchange smiles, hugs and to look someone in the face and tell them we love them! Social media has had its place in these strange times and will, I think, continue to be a greater part of our lives but nothing beats personal contact. Those living alone must have found these days extremely hard and those with loved ones in care homes, who have not been able to visit, must be looking forward to holding and seeing them once more.

And the day we can meet again as a church fellowship gets that little bit closer. But we mustn't rush things. We need to keep everyone safe before we think of re-opening the church building. We "the church" need to remain patient in the days ahead. No compromises but sensible actions for the good of others.

Meanwhile, God, who knows each one of us so well, understands our desires to rebuild our gathered church life. He would also want us to protect the vulnerable. So it is with my thoughts and prayers that I say to you all "At the right time and in the right way we will join together again". Meanwhile, may each one of you know the presence and peace of God in your daily lives and allow the Spirit to set you free to enjoy the 'new normal' whatever that might be!

Take care, stay safe!

Love Sally

## **Message from Sharon Robinson**

Sharon was watching the One Show recently and Benjamin Zephaniah read this lovely poem which he composed specially for the programme. It is so appropriate to the current situation and life in general. It also follows on brilliantly from what Sally is saying in her message. Thank you Sharon for letting us have it- enjoy!

People need people,  
To walk to  
To talk to  
To cry and rely on,  
People will always need people.  
To love and to miss  
To hug and to kiss,  
It's useful to have other people.  
To whom to moan  
If you're all alone,  
It's so hard to share  
When no one is there.  
There's not much to do  
When there's no one but you.  
People will always need people.

To please  
To tease  
To put you at ease,  
People will always need people.  
To make life appealing  
And give life some meaning,  
It's useful to have other people.  
It you need a change  
To whom will you turn.  
If you need a lesson  
From whom will you learn.  
If you need to play  
You'll know why I say  
People will always need people.

As girlfriends  
As boyfriends  
From Bombay  
To Ostend,  
People will always need people-  
To have friendly fights with  
And share tasty bites with,  
It's useful to have other people.  
People live in families

Gangs, posses and packs,  
It seems we need company  
Before we relax,  
So stop making enemies  
And let's face the facts,  
People will always need people,  
Yes  
People will always need people.

–Benjamin Zephaniah

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

When Jan and I saw Benjamin Zephaniah read his poem on the One Show it was something we could really relate to it and found emotional.

What has really struck me during this crisis is how friendly people have been. Not just in the acts of kindness and help that people have given each other but generally how people have time and want to chat.

Jan and I try and do a walk each day as part of our exercise. Mostly it is a 20 minute circuit round our estate (depending on who we meet!). You would think it might get boring doing the same walks over such a long time but it does not for the simple reason that we often meet people who stop and have a chat (at a safe distance). Some we know well others we do not.

When we used to look after some of our grandchildren as babies and toddlers, and went for a walk with them in a push chair often people would stop and look at our baby or toddler and start by remarking on them. It was a way of them being able to find a reason for talking to us. I always think that is true of dog walkers- I often stop and have a chat with someone with a dog as you can talk about the dog.

Recently a lady walking a dog on our route stopped and said how muddy her dog gets (it had rained that day) and he would have to have a bath when they got back. From there the conversation flowed.

During this crisis we have all needed social interaction in whatever form –video calls, phone, or actually physically seeing someone at a proper safeguarding distance.

God did not make us to live apart but to live and work together. During the crisis I have particularly kept in my prayers those who have had to deal with the lock down on their own.

The sister of our son in law, Matt, moved from London to Sheffield (near Matt, Sarah and family) to take up a new job and start a new life just before the lock down. What a way to start her new life as she has had some 3 months on her own working from home. I do not know how she copes but on Saturday she went to Matt and Sarah as her new family bubble and what she loved the most was she was able to give and receive some lovely hugs from our grandchildren Chloe and Rory.

We really look forward to being able to doing the same hopefully within the next month or so. Benjamin Zephaniah was spot on - people need people in their lives.

Thank you so much God for giving us all our friends and family who are so much part of our lives and we treasure our Church family even though we have not seen some of you for some time.

### **Message from Heather**

Thank you to everyone who is graciously and quietly serving and supporting your friends, neighbours, colleagues and community. Life continues to bring so many challenges and it is only do-able when we work together, serve each other, recognise each other's humanity and most of all...follow Jesus' basic teaching of "love one another" (John 13:34-35) and "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6:31)

Why? The bible is clear on how we should treat one another... because we are all connected...and so "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26) And so in solidarity and community with one another we are told to "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15-16)

And Jesus was both the best teacher and example of this when he said "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:12). His life and manifesto began at the start of his ministry when quoting Isaiah in the Old Testament "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour..." before then saying "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:18-21) He accomplished and completed this at the cross with the ultimate gift of his life ... as we are reminded that "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

With all that is happening locally, nationally and internationally – let us remember all those who have given their lives in the service and defence of others. Let us not be afraid to raise our voice in support of all those still living with the consequences of humankind's inhumanity to one another. If we are to truly and fully follow Jesus' teaching and example we too must give our lives in the service of others by standing with those who are still paying the price of the injustices faced in our society. Thank God that Jesus gave all He had so that we may know the hope of freedom and the promise of liberation that He paid for us all at the cross.

2 'simple' rules – love God and love your neighbour – which means anyone and everyone... as Jesus told us "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

## **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](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**

Holy Trinity's Gift Day was on Trinity Sunday (but it is definitely not too late to respond) and St Peter's Gift Day is next Sunday. Both Gift Days give 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 Wendy, Nick Miles or Heather for Holy Trinity and Heather or Sharon for St Peter's) 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)

