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**CHRIST CHURCH**  
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Including Prayer Material for use during the lockdown



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# **Welcome!**

## **From The Reverend Dr Chrichton Limbert Vicar of Christ Church Southgate**



Welcome to the May 2020 Spire magazine, which is again being sent to every household on the Electoral Roll as well as to our usual subscribers, as we are still living in a very different world. At the time of writing, we are due to be in lockdown well in to May, with no real sense of when and how life will start to get back to normal – even if the new normal is a bit different.

The magazine has again been changed quite a lot, to reflect our inability to get together and worship as a community. Your free gift this month might have fallen out already, but if it hasn't, you now have some Christ Church postcards of the windows, so there is no excuse for not dropping someone a line just to keep in touch. I am hearing all the time of wonderful ways in which the whole community is keeping in touch and caring for each other. I think that should become part of our new normal.

Having to walk with Christ during Holy Week was a very strange and frustrating experience in many ways for all of us, but I was particularly encouraged by the feedback we have received in

response to the online and recorded services and music on YouTube. Interestingly, the Choral Evensong for the Sunday after Easter had well over 200 views, which is far more than would have been in church! We will keep a good supply of material coming for the weeks ahead.

As well as feedback, we have received a number of lovely images of how you were watching and waiting with Christ in Holy Week. They attracted the particular attention of the Church of England, who featured them in their roundups of Twitter activity, giving us many thousands of views. Our Parish Life in Pictures section this month will show what has been happening in our homes and in the parish rather than being church building centred.

Other articles in this issue are covering different aspects of our new world, including reactions to different aspects of being under lockdown and reflecting on the fact that we should have been shortly celebrating together 75 years since VE day at the end of WW2.

The voice of prayer is never silent, so the main feature this month is the text from a booklet produced by the Church of England, called 'Prayers for use during the coronavirus outbreak', which includes prayers for different occasions and for children, as well as a simple form of Morning and Night prayer you may find useful.

It is clear in many ways that the lockdown is giving everyone an opportunity to think about many of the large questions about how we live life. There is huge economic and employment uncertainty, but I have seen and heard many expressions of appreciation of a more caring, slower and less crushed pace of life. The air is cleaner and the birds are singing. Does

everything have to go back as it was?

I've realized that this week is exactly 5 years since the interview day for becoming your Vicar. How would I cope when everything in church was stopped and we all had to stay at home was not one of the questions! But when we all do start to meet together, however that happens, we must think about what we can learn from the current experience and decide what our new normal will be. It is a chance to really focus on what is most important – and if we truly followed the events of Holy Week the answer is love. That will be at the centre of everything, with God's help.

Every blessing, Fr Chrichton

## Virtual Church

We are continuing to work on ways of allowing our community to keep in contact and to pray and worship together.

Please visit <https://www.christchurch-southgate.org/virtual-church> where you will find a range of resources, including activities for children, that you may find helpful at this time. We will be updating these pages on a regular basis.

The Virtual Church YouTube Playlist is available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchN14/>

Please send suggestions for additional resources to [churchwardens@christchurch-southgate.org](mailto:churchwardens@christchurch-southgate.org)

New resources will be publicised via the weekly email newsletter. If you do not already receive this you can sign up at <http://eepurl.com/do5wlv>

## Support

If you need, or know anyone who needs, support at this time please get in touch by emailing [churchwardens@christchurch-southgate.org](mailto:churchwardens@christchurch-southgate.org) or via the contact details for the Churchwardens in the Parish Directory.

Even though our building is closed at the moment we are still here to offer support to all in our community, so we will do our best to help if we can.



**DAILY HOPE** a free phone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as services from the Church of England. Available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

## Christians in Lockdown

Many of the people I have spoken to this month have found themselves in a position of having lots of spare time. Others, especially those with young children to entertain, and are working from home, have found that they haven't had a minute to themselves. Some people are overcome with anxiety about sick relatives and friends, others are just thankful that they and their loved ones are safe for the time being.

Lots of people are turning to God, and spending more time just thinking. They are learning how to pray, in a different way. We are learning to appreciate the gifts that God has given us, gifts that have come to us from devoted professionals and amateurs alike, in this difficult time when we must try to work together.

We are all realising how important the Christian community is to us as individuals. We appreciate, even more at this time, just how important God is to us.



Holy week was as difficult for me as it was for you. I missed the daily services more than ever. I was determined to keep the vigil of Maundy Thursday, in my own way, because I knew that Christians all over the world would be keeping watch at times appropriate for them, some at exactly the same time as me. I, like so many others, planned my own Gethsemane. Mine was to be a Gethsemane Greenhouse, with plants and seedlings and candles all around me. I realised that my neighbours might look out the window and think I was behaving in way even more odd way than usual so I warned them of my plan and they were interested.

At 8 pm, I used my computer to watch the service that Fr. Chrichton had put on line. I was actually very moved by it, especially the stripping of the altar. On the day it was filmed I was taking the same service at another church. Another reminder, if I had needed it, that throughout Christendom we Christians do things in very similar ways. At the end of my vigil I came indoors for Compline.

I went to bed with the distinct feeling that we are all 'together whilst apart'.

I admit I really missed not being at Church for the Easter Services, but I look forward to the lighting of that Easter Candle, when we are in Church together again.

*Hazel Miall*

## Parish Boundary Prayer Walk

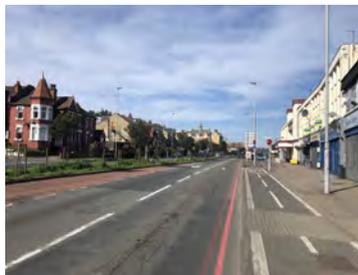
Every Sunday morning since the lockdown started, and on Good Friday, I have walked the parish boundary to pray for everyone in the parish and surrounding area. This is not just one of my strange ideas, as beating the bounds of a parish or going a-ganging is a very ancient tradition going back before Norman times where the Vicar, church officials and a wide age range of parishioners would follow the boundary, to both pray for the people and a blessing for the harvest as well as remind everyone where the physical boundary was. In our urban setting in North London this is quite manageable as the boundary is just under 5 miles, but in ancient rural parishes the walk would usually have taken many days.

The walk would traditionally take place on Rogation Sunday, the Sunday before Ascension, and be quite focused on blessing the new crops for a good harvest. Another tradition of boundary walks included taking a number of small boys to make sure the next generation would remember where the boundary actually was – there were no maps and relatively few markers. What landmarks there were would often be beaten with branches to claim them and then the boys would also be beaten to help them remember. Where I was a Curate in Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire, there is a traditional walk on the Sunday before Ascension that I took part in called the Wilkes Walk. A full procession moves from the church through the market to the Alms Houses, stopping

for prayer along the way. Once the party arrives at the Alms Houses, which were funded by Edward Wilkes in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the smallest choirboy is held upside-down in “mild peril” to concentrate the minds of the gathered crowd while the will is read. The choir sings a quick anthem and refreshments are served. Sadly, the tradition of the refreshments being a pint of beer has now died out. It is great fun to be part of and gathers a large international crowd of visitors who are followers of English traditions.



My weekly prayer walks around the parish boundary have been my way of including the whole community in prayer without being able to access the church in the centre. I can highly recommend the route for one of your daily periods of exercise as a lot of it is very beautiful, although is not possible to follow the boundary exactly as in some places it follows Pymmes Brook behind houses and crosses the playing fields of Ashmole Academy. I walk clockwise starting at Southgate Circus and go down The Bourne, and then turn left into Fox Lane. The walk then goes left into Conway Road and immediate left down Ulleswater Road. Turn left onto Aldermans Hill and follow the boundary of Broomfield Park and go left down Broomfield Avenue, through Camford Avenue to Powys Lane. Turn left and go down to the North Circular and follow that to Broomfield School and come up Wilmer Way. Turn left into Arnos Park and follow the Brook until Waterfall Road. Cross the road and keep following the Brook along Waterfall Walk. Just as Brunswick Park starts turn right through the houses, turn left and briefly follow Hampden Way before turning right and climbing up Arlington Road. At the top turn right along Burleigh Gardens until you reach your start point.





As well the exercise, the act of holding all the people and the whole area up to God for his blessing is a very positive thing to do in this difficult time. Parish prayer walks were originally undertaken to ask God's protection to "avert great calamities". We need that more than ever just now. I recommend it to you. If nothing else when "lockdown" is over we will do one as a community for celebration and thanksgiving for being together again.

*Fr Chrichton*

## Bees

Luckily, during this period of self-isolation, beekeepers are encouraged to continue tending their hives as part of their allocated daily exercise and also because of their ongoing responsibility to keep bees healthy and under control.



I visited our hives for the first time after winter recently. I was worried because we left them as two rather weak colonies at the end of the autumn, insulated and fed, hoping that they would survive the

winter. Approaching the hives at first, one sunny morning, didn't bode well as there was no sound coming from either hive. Good news, however! Obviously, the bees had got the memo about self-isolating and were quietly clustered in the centre of each hive, doing their bee-thing.

More good news! The hive that we had named *Scar* (due to the mark on the front of the hive, but mainly because of the feisty temperament of the bees) was surprisingly placid. The mood of a hive models the character of the queen. I looked for the queen, who we had named Queen Delilah. I found a queen, noticeable by her larger abdomen, but I also found evidence of an empty queen cell. It seems there is a new

queen in town and we have named her Queen Dawn (long may she reign!). If they continue to be this calm, we may need to rename the hive (suggestions on a post card, please).

Our other hive (named Bees of Paradise, because they are always pleasant to visit) has a smaller colony, but also seems to be doing well. Queen Melissa (the Greek word for bee) is marked with a green dot and still does her job in her usual calm way, as reflected by the way the hive behaves. Please note: do not visit the hives without proper beekeeper supervision, protected by beekeeper gloves and suits!! We have the bee sting scars as proof that you can never "bee" too careful.

While we cannot make any promises about honey yet, we are relieved that the bees seem healthy and happy. This is great news for the pollination of plants this spring, as well as for our Eco-status as a church. Do think of our bees, who will forage for nectar over the next few weeks, while we are social-distancing. The Craft Club have been thinking of them; take a look at Sylvia's hive-inspired, knitted doo-dahs.

*Youla Hadjidaniel*





## Lockdown! Tyddewi!

*Many of you may have seen the Vicar's son Chris Limbert, either singing or reading the lesson during the BBC 1 Sunday Worship programmes from St Davids. He is usually to be found in the choir stalls as a Tenor Vicar Choral or in the Deanery Office as an Administrative Assistant working on music and services. Here are his thoughts on what it is like to be furloughed in Britain's smallest City.*

As a child, there was nothing more infuriating than not being able to go outside and enjoy the nice weather. It turns out it's just as infuriating as an adult. I'm sure many of us are sharing the feelings of frustration, boredom and just general irritation at the current situation we all seem to be in.

There is a very strange air to St Davids at the moment. Easter is such a big point of the year, for not only the Cathedral but the entire city. It marks the focus of the cathedral's year, with everything building towards it, so for all services to suddenly stop and the building fall silent came as a very tricky adjustment for us all. For me personally it has been difficult not being able to simply walk into the building every day. So often I would find myself thinking that I could do without having to go to a service, or not really feeling in the mood after being in the office all day, but as soon as I could no longer sing Evensong, I realised the true importance that the daily services have in my life. Evensong has always given me a focus to the day, a point to work towards. Regardless of what has happened during the day, when I'm stood in the Quire singing the first responses or the psalm I find all the worries of the day have gone. I think that is why I miss it so much, as Evensong has become my way of dealing with the troubles or trials of 'real life'. I'm sure the first service back after the lockdown will be a very joyous occasion for all those returning to church.

For the city this would be the start of the tourist season, with thousands of visitors coming down over the Easter break, enjoying the nice weather. Though with lockdown in place St Davids is completely deserted. The campsites and pubs are shut, the coast path and beach carparks are closed. The very necessary closures have given St Davids a very different feel to normal for this time of year. Hopefully, when restrictions are lifted visitors will return to St Davids as the local economy relies so heavily on the tourist industry.

Whilst the lockdown is challenging, it has allowed some time to think about how life might be once this is over. There are several things that I will try to continue after lockdown. The first is taking time to go out and walk. This is something I have done much more in the last three weeks. Going out and exploring the local landscape has been invaluable to me as a way of not feeling completely locked in. The other has been reaching out to people via social media and video calls. From doing Zoom quizzes to having regular family catch ups on FaceTime has been brilliant. The lockdown has actually increased the number of these calls, which is something I really hope continues.

The main lesson for me from this ongoing experience is the importance of a local community. There have been so many fantastic examples of communities across the country coming together and looking out for each. From locals volunteering to help do shopping for neighbours, people



calling each other up just to have a catch up, to churches providing resources for parishioners to enjoy at home. It is amazing to see how, in times of trouble, people really can help and support each other.

I know I am biased towards him, but I really think that the words of St David are the perfect mantra to get us through these difficult times: “Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things.” If we can all strive to achieve these three things, even if it’s just a little bit, it might help make this time a little easier.

Chris Limbert

## Prayer of the month

May is Mary’s month – the mother of Jesus. We don’t know Mary, but we can imagine her sorrow and pain at the unjustified and unreasonable death of her son. That same anguish is the anguish being felt by hundreds and thousands of people all over the world right now, Christians and non-Christians, believers and non-believers alike. Coming to terms with something so unjustifiable and unreasonable is difficult. But it is something that we are all being asked to do. We can be sure that Mary took her strength to carry on from God. Together, inspired by the words of Bede (adapted here), we can join our prayers in this special month with those of the bereaved whose loss is also our loss, asking for that same courage and strength to carry on:

*Oh God, the only hope of the world, the only refuge for unhappy people.*

*Abiding in the faithfulness of heaven, give us strong support in this testing place.*

*O King, protect your people from utter ruin lest the weak in faith surrender to the tyrant, Facing innumerable blows alone.*

*Remember we are dust, and wind, and shadow, and life as fleeting as the flower of grass.*

*But may the eternal mercy which has shone from time of old*

*Rescue your servants from the jaws of this lion [...]*

*So that our mortal flesh can war with the winds and beat down strongholds with our captain God.*

*We join our prayer with the prayers of Mary and all the saints as we ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

(Adapted from the words of Bede, 675–735)

## Saint of the Month: St. Augustine of Canterbury

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, the church celebrates St Augustine of Canterbury.

At the end of the sixth century, anyone would have said that Augustine had found his niche in life. Looking at this respected prior of a monastery in Rome, almost anyone would have predicted he would spend his last days there, instructing, governing, and settling even further into this sedentary life.

But Pope St. Gregory the Great had lived under Augustine's rule in that same monastery. When he decided it was time to send missionaries to Anglo-Saxon England, he didn't choose those with restless natures or the young looking for new worlds to conquer. He chose Augustine and thirty other monks to make the unexpected, and dangerous, trip.

Missionaries had gone to Britain years before, during the time of the Roman occupation. But the Roman legions were recalled to Rome and never returned. Saxons then conquered England, bringing their own gods with them. And this had forced Christians into hiding, in the 'Celtic fringes' - Cornwall, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Augustine and his monks were to bring these Christians back into the fold and convince the warlike conquerors to become Christians themselves.

Every step of the way they heard the horrid stories of the cruelty and barbarity of their future hosts. By the time they had reached France the stories became so frightening that the monks wanted to turn back to Rome. They even sent a message to Gregory asking for permission to do this. But Gregory had heard encouraging news that England was far more ready for Christianity than the stories would indicate, including the marriage of King Ethelbert of Kent to a Christian princess, Bertha. He sent Augustine and the monks on their way again, fortified with his belief that now was the time for evangelisation.



King Ethelbert himself wasn't as sure, but he was a just king and curious. So, he went to hear what the missionaries had to say after they landed in England in 597 and gave them some land near Canterbury on which to build a monastery. Many people, including the King, were soon baptised. Augustine was consecrated bishop of the English and more missionaries arrived from Rome to help with the new task. Augustine was only in England for eight years before he died in 605. But he is venerated as the first Archbishop of Canterbury, and subsequent Archbishops have been enthroned on his stone chair still kept in the Cathedral.

*Cathy Dallman*

Images:

*Saint Augustine (on Canterbury Cathedral)* from

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## Reflections...

### **Good Friday**

Jesus You suffer with those who suffer

Jesus You know their pain.

You know their fear.

You know their sense of abandonment.

We bring the needs of the World to the foot of the Cross You hang on –

Those who are suffering;

Those in pain; the frightened; those who feel abandoned.

The lonely, anguished, sorrowful and bereaved.

Let the cry of those in misery and need be heard by You.

Answer our Prayers, even though we are undeserving.

Even though we abandoned You.

We caused you pain and we hurt You.

We crucified You.

Never abandon us, as we did You.

Never cast us off, as we did You.

Never Judge us, as we did You.

Forgive us for betraying You,

For denying You,

For turning away,

For putting You to death.

Forgive us for taking the side of wrongdoing;

for not being on the side of Your Goodness and Truth;

We are filled with shame

That we cried out for You to be crucified.

We want to be on Your side,

Not on the side of the 'Emperor'.

King of the Jews and King of All, let us give up ourselves to You.

Let us look on You who was pierced,

Who died to save us all.



### **Saturday/Easter Sunday**

We know that God will bring Light. He is the Light.

We know that God will bring goodness. He is goodness.

He will bring us out of the wilderness.

He will overcome all that is wrong and evil.

He will gain glory over all.

The Lord is Almighty, All Powerful;

He will save all; He died for all; He triumphs gloriously.

Lord God Our Redeemer,

He makes all things new; He brings Life; Overcomes death.

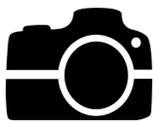
He is risen!

We need not fear; Our hearts can be filled with Joy.

He reigns; He is victorious; Jesus lives, **Allelujah!**



*Jackie Anderson*



# *Parish Life in Pictures*

## *April 2020*



A selection of images showing Holy Week at home:  
top row - Palm Sunday, middle row - Maundy Thursday,  
bottom row - Easter Day

# Prayers for Use During the Coronavirus Outbreak

## A Pattern of Daily Prayer



### Morning Prayer

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him. *Nahum 1.7*

#### Opening Sentences

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.*  
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.  
Amen

#### Bible Reading

*You may wish to say Psalm 23 or another psalm here, such as Psalm 16 or Psalm 139.*

#### Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.  
6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

*You may wish to use the suggested reading or follow the weekly pattern of short readings below, or choose a passage of your own.*

Sunday, or on any day.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. *Isaiah 43.1-3a*

Monday John 14.1-6.

Tuesday Philippians 4.8-9.

Wednesday Colossians 3.16,17.

Thursday Ephesians 2.19-22.

Friday Romans 19.9-12.

Saturday Luke 12.22-31.

#### Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.



## Night Prayer

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.  
*Deuteronomy 33.27*

### Opening Sentences

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

*Pause and reflect on the day that is past.*

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

### Bible Reading

*You may wish to say here the psalm given below, or Psalm 27, or another chosen psalm.*

#### Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,  
2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.'  
3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.  
4 He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.  
5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.  
7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you.  
8 Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.  
9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,  
10 There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.  
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,

to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.

15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

*You may wish to use one of the following short readings or choose a passage of your own.*

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14.9*

*or*

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11.28-end*

*or*

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. *1 Peter 5.6,7*

### Prayers

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon

your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep; for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

The Lord bless us and watch over us; The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen

### Prayers About the Outbreak

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from  
your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake. **Amen.**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in  
isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For those who are ill

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them

safe.

Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a  
cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored  
to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### From one who is ill or isolated

O God,  
help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can separate  
me  
from your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Personal Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,  
'I am with you always'.  
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,  
and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me.  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*from St Patrick's Breastplate*

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;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Common Worship*

### Before going to sleep

God our Father, by whose mercy  
 the world turns safely into darkness and  
 returns again

to light:

we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,  
 our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled  
 hopes,  
 knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

To your love and protection

we commit each other and all those we love,  
 knowing that you alone are our sure defender,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Church of South India*

### Prayers with Children

#### A prayer for when a friend is ill

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill.

They are not allowed to go to school or come  
 over to play.

I'm sad because I miss them.

They must be feeling miserable and lonely as  
 well.

Please be close to them.

Please be with the people who are looking  
 after them.

Please help them to get better and to know  
 that you love them.

**Amen.**

#### A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,  
 you made the world and care for all creation,  
 but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.

Some people are worried that they might get  
 ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
 Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and  
 scientists,

and all who are working to discover the right  
 medicines

to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,  
 you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us  
 safe. **Amen.**

#### A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,

Creator of the world, we pray

That you, with steadfast love, would keep

Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for (*names family  
 or friends who are affected by Coronavirus*)  
 and the people of (*country or place which is  
 affected by Coronavirus*).

Please give skill and wisdom to all who are  
 caring for them. **Amen.**

#### A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm  
 sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I  
 am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when  
 I am worried.

Today I am feeling (*name how you are feeling*)  
 because (*reasons you are feeling this way*).

Help me to remember that you love me and  
 are with me in everything today.

**Amen.**

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Examples of the creative ways in which we have been occupying our time during lockdown



## Precious time ...

So here we are, week six or seven for most of us of lockdown and serious social distancing. For someone like me who is usually working I've had more time to attend to life's domestic details than I've had in many, many years. When I need my work days to run like clockwork there are often compromises and eco shortcuts.

Now, meals are healthier and cooked from scratch. Definitely no takeaways. My daughter is vegan and bakes very well and Paul cooks well too. We aim for zero food wastage. We sit down together to eat (unheard of when we're all 'doing our thing').

We have planted pepper seeds, potatoes, carrots, cress, strawberries, tomatoes and runner beans. I took out my sewing box (blew off the dust) to mend my beloved *Onepiece* onesie, an expensive article of clothing that I was going to throw out, now successfully repaired and good to go.

I'm a little bit of a hoarder, so to actually find uses for stored items has given me the greatest of pleasure. I'm not creative at all but I expect some of you are producing wonderful things: colouring (as suggested by Judith), drawing, painting, taking beautiful photographs of nature (thank you Patricia and Angela), knitting, sewing (keep going Rev. Hazel), and writing stories, poems, prayers.

How wonderful to have the time to give attention to all of the above and much more; to slow life down, to be with nature and to be with God and the extra time to care for creation in so many different ways. We can let our 'eco-ness' shine through as we use all those God given talents.

You know what's coming next... When we're back together I'll ask you to share what you've done. You all do so much anyway but how has your lifestyle changed? I'm curious. Maybe whatever we're doing now, or certainly aspects of, will become our new normal. It's definitely glass half full.

*Dear Lord, today we pray for patience, as we all wait for this pandemic to pass and for our lives to settle once more;*

*We ask you to grant us the wisdom to acknowledge and value our resources; our homes, our food, our possessions. Send the Holy Spirit to guide us as we aim to abolish all waste. Let us always remember our privilege as we ask you to be with those who have little or none of life's comforts.*

*We thank you Lord our creator, who made the heavens and earth, for this beautiful springtime, the clean air, the birdsong, the blossom, the flowers and we thank you from our hearts for giving us this precious time to appreciate your kingdom on earth, in every way.*

*Amen.*

*Sandra Anderson*

## Note from the Editors

Well into the second month of lockdown, we find ourselves once again rolling into remote production of *The Spire*. All this 'free time' seems to have encouraged people to write. We have received more copy than ever before during our tenure as Editors! Thank you all so much for your industry and contributions. In the end though, we have had to be a bit selective – one or two pieces are a little shorter than originally intended and one or two pieces have had to be held over for possible inclusion in a future edition, space permitting. Nonetheless, we hope that no-one is disappointed and that everyone enjoys this year's May edition. Stay well!

*Clare & Patricia*

**The Copy deadline for the June issue is 26th May**

## The Collar

I struck the board, and cried, "No more;  
     I will abroad!  
 What? shall I ever sigh and pine?  
 My lines and life are free, free as the road,  
 Loose as the wind, as large as store.  
     Shall I be still in suit?  
 Have I no harvest but a thorn  
 To let me blood, and not restore  
 What I have lost with cordial fruit?  
     Sure there was wine  
 Before my sighs did dry it; there was corn  
     Before my tears did drown it.  
     Is the year only lost to me?  
     Have I no bays to crown it,  
 No flowers, no garlands gay? All blasted?  
     All wasted?  
 Not so, my heart; but there is fruit,  
     And thou hast hands.  
 Recover all thy sigh-blown age  
 On double pleasures: leave thy cold dispute  
 Of what is fit and not. Forsake thy cage,  
     Thy rope of sands,  
 Which petty thoughts have made, and made to thee  
 Good cable, to enforce and draw,  
     And be thy law,  
 While thou didst wink and wouldst not see.  
     Away! take heed;  
     I will abroad.  
 Call in thy death's-head there; tie up thy fears;  
 He that forbears  
 To suit and serve his need  
 Deserves his load."  
 But as I raved and grew more fierce and wild  
 At every word,  
 Me thought I heard one calling, *Child!*  
     And I replied *My Lord*.

The opening declaration, 'I will abroad', as the speaker thuds the table in his house ('I struck the board') is especially resonant with us at this time when we long to go and seek pleasures outside our homes. Though Herbert was not of course writing about quarantine, the speaker's anger against the burden of obedience is expressed through images of confinement: 'thy cage', 'thy rope' and an escape from it as going 'abroad'.

And yet the speaker must work hard to convince themselves to abandon discipleship. The

rhetorical flourishes (the exclamation followed by a crescendo of rhetorical questions which ends in three in one line – 'no garlands gay? All blasted? All wasted?') suggest that they can only avoid changing their mind by not stopping to think. The sentences that run uncomfortably over stanza breaks add to the breathy and frantic tone and the speaker acknowledges that they are intoxicated by their own language: 'I [...] grew more fierce and wild / At every word'. Interestingly, the voice speaks of recovering grain and wine, so the imagery has echoes of redemption even when the rebellion is at its height.

The hurry and oratory of the angry attempt to recover worldly pleasures contrasts with the achingly sweet and simple recovery of grace – 'Child'. The reply 'My Lord' rhymes not just with 'word' (and it was the force of words that carried the speaker away from God) but also with the key words of the rebellion at the start of the poem 'I struck the board [...] I will abroad', suggesting that everything has been resolved. It reminds me of Thomas's speech in John 20.19, our reading for the second Sunday after Easter. Like the voice of 'The Collar', Thomas is verbose about his doubts: 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe' and yet the imagery of his speech anticipates the moment when those doubts will evaporate. His acknowledgement of the risen Christ is startlingly restrained by contrast 'My Lord and my God' – speaking worlds of meaning in five words.



Herbert captures a moment in which obedience turns from a cage, a claustrophobic house or a rope, into a sweetly settling call – a call so compelling that one word suffices. May we also experience such refreshment.

*Anna Hughes*

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## Victory in Europe 1945

I was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1935 in Hackney in the East End of London. My father died when I was 3 months old and the family of 4 children and my mother moved to Leyton in 1939.

I actually started in the Reception Class at a local Leyton school on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1939, the day after war was declared. I was not evacuated as I was under the age of 6.

The photographs herewith:



My school class in the Junior School in May 1945 – you will notice that there were 43 pupils in the class. Miss Stacey was our Form Mistress. I am third row from the front – second from the right.

The VE Day Party where I lived in the flats at Jesse Road, Leyton. I am the one without a silly hat down underneath the Union Flag. All of the children in the photo were from Jesse Road, which had to have special permission for the road closure as it was the feeder road leading to the Police Station in Francis Road.



For the record there were 2 V1 Doodle-bugs and 1 V2 Rocket which landed in the roads surrounding where I lived and numerous bombs during The Blitz which all resulted in a significant number of deaths and casualties and serious damage to the housing stock in the borough.

As far as I remember I went to school every school day between 1939 and 1945 but with major regular interruptions to our schooling (including Air Raid warnings) and in spite of everything I still managed to get a scholarship to grammar school in 1947.

*Raymond Harris*

Editor's Note: We will be sharing more VE Day contributions in June

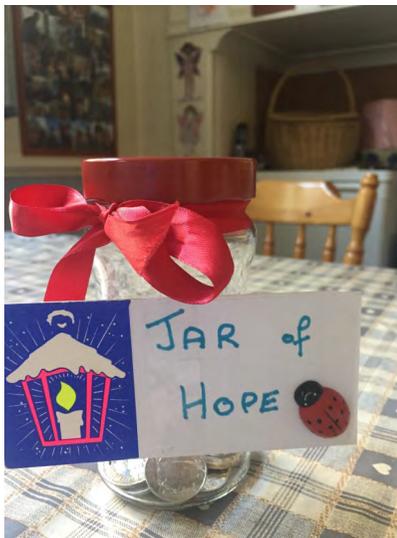
## Social Responsibility Committee Report

What strange times these are – lockdown continuing. However, it has been so good to hear from or speak to so many of you. Please continue to speak to one another & keep in touch.

At the end of March, we sent our donation to The Positive Women's Network who are working with HIV Tamil children in India. The situation there at present is very difficult & they are putting our money to very good use. We also sent £1100 to the Bishops Lent appeal. This was money raised at the Vicars Pre-lent quiz. In past years we would have added to this but not this year.

Going forward, Christian Aid week is in May. This year we are suggesting that those who wish find themselves and decorate a jam jar as a **JAR of HOPE**. Please put in any loose change that you can find – in coat pockets, down the sofa cushions or at the bottom of your purse. Bring it to church when we return. That way we will still do our bit for that worthwhile Charity. And if your jar also has a lid, I will use it for marmalade, jam or lemon curd. Thank you.

We would also like to support a local charity at this time. Both Enfield & Barnet councils are asking for money to help with food parcels & meals for children who would usually have free school meals. For those of us who usually bring something for the Food Bank to church, it is a great way of continuing to give. If you are online you can donate to one or both of:



### **Enfield Stands Together JustGiving:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/enfield-stands-together>

### **Barnet Together Community Fund:**

<https://www.youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk/coronavirus>

If you cannot give in this way please add your donation to your jar & we will pass it on in due course.

Keep well and safe, and thank you for your continuing support,

*Hilary Meur*

Editor's Note: We have received a number of other suggestions for 'Lockdown Savings' you could add to your jar: price of a cinema ticket you didn't buy, the haircut you didn't have, the magazine you didn't buy or the post-shopping coffee you didn't have, your swimming-pool entrance fee, the cost of dry-cleaning work clothes, etc.

## A Message from the Stewardship Recorder

Last month in The Spire I wrote a message on how the shut-down of Christ Church affected our finances and asked those who pay their contribution in cash to seriously consider joining our Stewardship Scheme by donation using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Since then we have had two positive responses for which we are very grateful.



I have recently had a newsletter from the PGS which included a message from the Diocese of Worcester, part of it is pertinent to the present situation. I am including the relevant comments as follows:

“Many members of our church use the Parish Giving Scheme to make their gift each month. This is a Direct Debit scheme which also reclaims Gift Aid for us monthly. This is enormously helpful since, although we are not meeting in church, our expenditure has not substantially changed. We still need to support our mission, pay the insurance on the church building, continue our outward giving and contribute towards our parish share which covers clergy costs across the diocese, including here.

Our financial generosity to the church is a key part of our Christian commitment. Many people are re-examining their priorities in life at this moment. If you believe that the church is an important witness to the love of God in these difficult times, please be as generous, but only as generous, as you feel able.

Thank you for all you are doing and will do to continue to support our church. Together we can continue to love and care for all who live in the parish.”

I am therefore again asking all those regular attenders using cash to switch their donations now to a regular monthly Direct Debit payment from their bank through the Parish Giving Scheme. The details of the scheme are available from me by email or you can telephone me and I will be pleased to discuss it with you.

*Mick Meur, Stewardship Recorder*  
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## A letter to Christ Church from Lynda

To my dear Christ Church – to all readers of this May *Spire*,

How He loves you – the wonderful Christ Jesus who loved us at Easter! I hope you believe his saving power – it is the very boon of life. To Life – *L'Chaim* – a Jewish toast. (It has just been Passover, of course, as well as Easter.)

I have managed like most of us – with the marvelous services, television, Premier Christian Radio, and *The Spire* magazine. Wonderful – really. Even without the internet I enjoyed some great services. The presence of Jesus is so wonderful for us, isn't it? I think He gives us so much. He supports us. I do hope, dear people of the faith, that you are feeling helped, even blessed, at this time.

The Spring is so beautiful, too, isn't it? The lovely daffodils, tulips, hawthorn and beginnings of cherry and almond blossom. We have to keep up our hope, with prayer for a better time. I have been enjoying daily walks, reading, knitting etc., and I managed to fast on Good Friday. I hope all of you are getting by as well as possible, and finding lovely things to do.

I will close now with my wishes and prayers for you all to be well and happy. May we keep faith that this awful time will end soon and the world will recover and be in God's hands forever. For Life. *Shalom!*

God bless you always. I still pray for many of us.

From your friend and sister in Christ, Lynda Corcoran

## Obituaries

### Remembering two Christ Church Bell-ringers

**Robert Simpkins** – Bob died on 29th March 2020 at the age of 81. He was born in Lewisham and came to live in Southgate after his marriage to his wife Margaret. In his working life he was a technician at the Royal Veterinary College and at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He started learning to ring at Southgate in the mid-eighties, saying that it was something he had fancied for a long time. It was evident that he enjoyed his ringing, and he attended assiduously for about twenty years, was always reliable at making up the band for weddings and other special occasions, and enjoyed visiting new towers. He was a very quiet person but had a knack of making wry remarks which made us all smile. He is survived by Margaret and his daughter Laura.

**Stephanie Willcocks** died in hospital at Watford during the first week of April in 2020. Her maiden name was Green, and she grew up in Essendon, Hertfordshire, where her mother kept one of the village shops. As a girl in 1960 she joined the choir there at St Mary the Virgin, where she later learnt to ring. She also became a leader in the Girl Guides and continued this for much of her life. She qualified as a nurse at Salisbury, and later as a midwife, and worked for many years at St Albans City Hospital. In 1969, after she met her husband Dennis, she started to ring with him at Southgate, and although they lived in St Albans and had two daughters they continued this until he died in 2004. For much of this period she was tower secretary and organized all the outings. After this she gave up ringing for several years but resumed recently in St Albans at St Stephens, where she had become a lay reader. During her time in Southgate, Stephanie rang three peals and a good number of quarter-peals.

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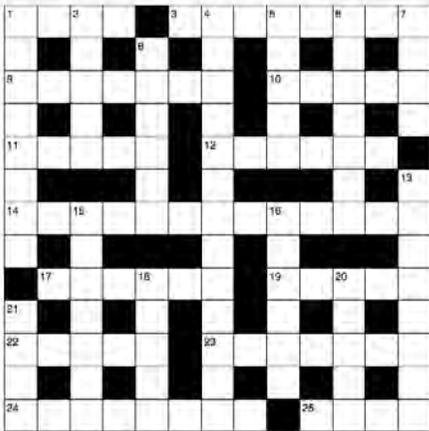
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**Across**

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

**Down**

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry —, sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

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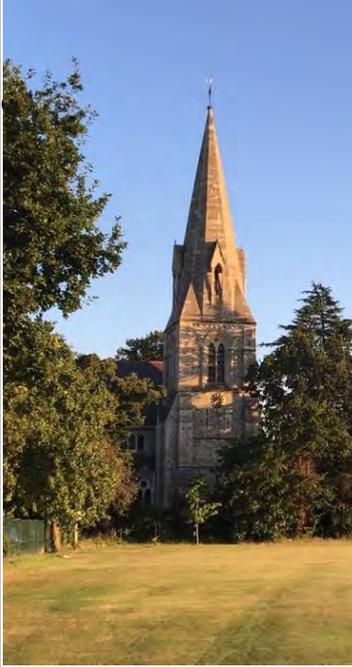
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