

News and Prayer Update for 19th July

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Do You Need to Talk To Someone? Call any of the above, we have other people who are also experienced in listening who are willing to help, so **please do call, we are here for you.** All conversations are in strict confidence.



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Link for service: This week we are trying a live stream from St. Mary's

Please go to YouTube. In the search bar at the top of the screen type in Revd Philp Robinson and press return. On the left-hand side of the screen you will see Philp's name with a white 'P' in a blue circle under the heading 'Subscriptions'. Click on that and you will see the video selection that is already there. By around 10.20 or 10.25 the live streaming will begin and should come up on your screen. Just click on it and wait for the service to begin. Don't worry if it doesn't work as it will be recorded and saved on YouTube so you will be able to watch it later.

It will also be live streamed through Facebook.

On Facebook search for Jonathan Farber. It comes up as Lord Farber and you will be able to join the live stream.

HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (Reginald Heber 1783-1826)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord god Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord god Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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READINGS FOR 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Epistle Reading: Romans 8: 12 – 25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh -

¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

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¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;

²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"

²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.'

³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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Collect for 6th Sunday after Trinity:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

HYMN: Through all the Changing Scenes of Life

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name!
when in distress, to him I called
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
his saving help he gives to all
who in his succour trust.

O taste his goodness, prove his love!
experience will decide
how blessed they are, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

Fear him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
to God whom we adore
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore!

(Nahum Tate 1652-1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726)

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FAMILY SERVICE FROM ST PAUL'S Link: <https://youtu.be/0Un8PJv647Y>

At the Name of Jesus (William Henry Monk – 1823-1889)

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now.
Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angels' face, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder (Stuart K Hine 1899-1989)

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee....

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

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Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee....

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee....

PRAYER in the coming week:

(Set B intercessions for use during coronavirus, from the Church of England website)

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.
For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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Good News – We're Holding Services Again!

Sunday 19th July:

10.00 Holy Communion at St John High Legh

10.30 Holy Communion at St Mary Rostherne

Sunday 26th July:

10.00 Holy Communion at St John High Legh

11.00 Holy Communion Holy Trinity

Wednesday Mornings

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at St John High Legh

We regret that we are unable to open St Paul's just yet because of building work taking place.

We will continue to stream services each week from St Pauls for the time being, alongside streaming live from St Mary's and eventually, we hope, St John's.

It is important that no one feels they must come to services if they are reluctant, for whatever reason, to mix with a group of people.

The Weekly News and Prayer Update will Continue

This is sent out each Saturday by Mail Chimp. You just need to let Patricia (pmrobinson51@gmail.com) have your email address and it will be sent to you each week. It includes the link for the Service, a copy of the hymn, the reflection and readings, prayer ideas, notices with links to online meetings, and the link for the Storytelling Services, material for teenagers and the monthly Family Service.

NOTICES

Zoom Meetings to help us meet remotely when unable to be together

❖ Coffee and Chat Wednesday 22 July

We are having a Zoom Coffee and Chat meeting every Wednesday morning from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. Just click on the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85929846901?pwd=Zko3TGpZV09KSnhLUm11dGlnemZrZz09>

❖ Midweek Morning Prayer Thursday 23 July

There will be a Zoom Morning Prayer Service at 9.30am on Thursday. Bring your copy of the Worship at Home booklet and your Bible if you wish to follow the readings or take part by reading one of them.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83223898656?pwd=d3JvdTcrTm5Gams5eWowZXlYQmlwUT09>

To join these meetings you will just use the link given. If you need the meeting ID and/or Password separately please contact:

Patricia on 01565 830595 or email: pmrobinson51@gmail.com

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Join the Prayer Chain:

Our Reader, Chris Stanisstreet has organised a **Prayer Chain** which is done by email and telephone. The idea behind this, is that when a specific prayer request is made, it is passed on by group e-mail to the people on the list who then pray for the particular situation.

If you would like to receive prayer requests or would like to make a prayer request, please let Chris Stanisstreet know:

Tel: 01925 755559; Mob 07918 981 723; stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk

Offering and Fund Raising – Please continue to give if you can

The best way to give is by direct payment into the bank account and to do this please contact the Treasurer of the Church you attend for the account details. Better still, if you are able, because your income is not affected, please set up a monthly direct debit. You may also send a cheque – please contact the relevant Treasurer.

St Mary's Treasurer: Mr Christopher Tetlow Tel: 0161 928 2137

St John's Treasurer: Nick Whimpany Tel: 07905 741969

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If your income has been adversely affected by the current situation, please do not worry about giving to the Church just now.

Morning and Night Prayer

If you would like to join with us, we are saying Morning Prayer at 9.00am Monday to Saturday (Thursday 9.30am) and Night Prayer at 9.00pm Monday to Saturday. Whenever you are able, why not say it at the same time as we do, then we will be joining together in prayer and worship.

If anyone does not yet have access to the "Worship at Home" booklet containing the Order of Service for Morning Prayer or Night Prayer, please contact the Vicarage, as there are large print copies and ordinary size ones that can be posted out or versions that can be e-mailed.

Bible Readings and Psalms for the Coming Week from the Lectionary.

Here are some suggestions for more Psalms and Bible readings to use with Morning and Night Prayer:

These readings usually follow on from each other so you get a bit more of the story each day (except on special Saints Days).

Monday 20th July: Psalm 126; 1 Samuel Chapter 5; Luke 20: 41-21: 4

Tuesday 21st July: Psalm 132; 1 Samuel 6: 1-16; Luke 21: 5-19

Weds 22nd July: Mary Magdalene: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 16: 14-end; Luke 8: 1-3

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Thursday 23rd July: Psalm 143; 1 Samuel Chapter 8; Luke 21: 29-end

Friday 24th July: Psalm 144; 1 Samuel 9: 1-14; Luke 22: 1-13

Saturday 25th July: James the Apostle: Psalm 7; 2 Kings 1: 9-15; Luke 9: 46-56

Night Prayer from the Day of Pentecost to All Saints Day

This Collect can be used at Night Prayer on any day throughout the year.

Lighten our darkness, Lord we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Psalms:

Sunday: Psalm 104: 1, 21-33; 134

Monday: Psalm 4

Tuesday: Psalm 143

Wednesday: Psalm 31: 1-5 [19-end]

Thursday: Psalm 16

Friday: Psalm 139: 1-18

Saturday: Psalm 91 (this is the one in the Worship at Home Booklet)

ACORN

Nick Whimpany, Karen Drury and Revd Patricia attended a webinar on 1st June about the role of the Church in lockdown and beyond. One of the main ideas (from Michael Harvey) is the simple ACORN acrostic that builds on Pilgrim and Alpha both of which have been used in the United Benefice at different times.

It is possible that many of us can think of someone that you would be able to contact. This is a good starting point so please think of someone this week and then contact that person, listen to them, and invite them to share in God's love through prayer for their situation.

The notes of the full meeting have been written up by Nick and will be circulated to PCC members and to anyone else who requests them.

Summary of Acorn:

A – ASK: In prayer ask God is there today someone you want me to connect with, outwith the Church

C – CALL: Contact that person. Ask "How are you?" That should be all that is needed to open up the conversation during which you may well have the opportunity to offer to pray for something or someone they are concerned about at the moment.

O – OBEY: There will be an ache or hurt at present. Identify it

R – REPORT: have a system to report it back to another Christian.

N – NOTICING GOD: what he is doing through us and in us