

Weekly News and Notices

Sunday 24th May 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

May God who made us and loves us and will never leave us
open our minds, our hearts, our whole selves as we gather to worship in his presence.

God has gone up with a shout, **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**
Sing praises to God, sing praises; **sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
For God is the King of all the earth; **sing praises with a psalm**

Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; That we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God. AMEN

May God, who is full of love, forgive you and free you, heal you and strengthen you to live the new life of Jesus in the strength of the Spirit. **Amen**

Collect

**Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

First Reading Acts 1:6-14

Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying.

Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you O Lord.

John 17:1- 11

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed: 'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

Reflection

Creed

We say what we believe in the words of the Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We bring our prayers using the response:

Risen Christ **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those on our prayer list -

Audrey Downes, Janette Ibbs, Michael Johnson, Bill Nunn, Michael Butler, Ted Talbot, Sybil Johnson, Ann Roberts, Robert Nicholls, Karyn Godwin, Sam Pownall, Freda Dale and Grace Palmer

and we remember the families of those who have recently died

June Pearman, Martin Watkins, Peggy Gould and Betty Wood. *May they know your peace.*

In our year's mind we remember -

Horace Stanley Cox, Muriel Ada Spencer and Linda June Garvey

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Jesus says:

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.’

If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.’ Alleluia.

The peace of the risen and ascended Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for us that are for our good and your glory. You said, “Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again”. We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, **Amen.**

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, ‘I am the Bread of Life’.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

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. Amen.

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

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. **Amen**

Blessing

May you find in Christ Jesus, risen from the dead, a sure ground for your faith, a firm support for your hope, the assurance of sins forgiven, and life that is eternal; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

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Stay at home, and stay safe to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

NOTICES

Funerals – June Pearman Thursday 28th May Stafford Crematorium, Peggy Gould 1st June High Offley Churchyard, Betty Wood 2nd June at Stafford Crematorium, Martin Watkins 8th June at Stafford Crematorium

Our buildings are closed but the church is the people and our church is still here and relevant. We are holding services each Sunday on the telephone and via ZOOM.

9am on Sunday to join in a service on your telephone land line.

10am on Sunday by computer, tablet/iPad or iPhone

If you haven't managed to join us yet do persevere, it would be so good to see and hear you - we have a practice session on Saturdays at 4pm and will very happily talk you through the process. Just ring Kathryn (822820) or Tina (823881) anytime. Also every evening at 9.30pm for Night Prayer. On Tuesday mornings at 9.30am we have Morning Prayer

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURERS

While our worship on Sunday in church is suspended our income will reduce considerably. Could I suggest that people may continue giving by one of the following methods -

1. Make a monthly donation on line.
2. Set up a monthly standing order. (We can let you have the form)

The bank details for each parish are as follows and if you would like help in any of these procedures please contact our treasurers or Rev Kathryn

Envelopes can be left at the Vicarage or I am happy to call and collect them if you let me know.

Gnosall

St Lawrence PCC sort code 30.98.00 acc no 02947405 envelopes can be left at the Vicarage
Treasurer - johnbridgeexpert@gmail.com or 07973778914

High Offley and Knightley

PCC High Offley sort code 524110 account 11003111
Treasurer - katharinetom@hotmail.co.uk or 302221

Norbury

Norbury PCC 54-10-36 acc no 08607540 Treasurer - bratton689@btinternet.com or 284714 or we have a 'Just giving' account set up which can be accessed through our Church website - www.achurchnearyou.com/norbury-st-peters/

Also envelopes can be handed in at 'Wentwood' High Meadow, Norbury, ST20 0PD

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PCC Moreton

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Treasurer - roger.craven.t21@btinternet.com or 823332

IF YOU MAKE A PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE BANK ACCOUNT PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME

HOUSE OF BREAD

We are still collecting non-perishable food, clothing and toiletries for those who are homeless and in need. Items can be left in the containers at the Vicarage in Gnosall.

If there is anything that you would like including on next week's notice sheet please let Kathryn have it by Wednesday, either call on 01785 822820 or email: rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

PLEASE TRY TO TAKE THIS SHEET TO ANY MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY WHO AREN'T ABLE TO ACCESS IT ELECTRONICALLY.