

From the Vicar

I thank you all for your prayers, love and support and during these challenging times, could I implore you now, more than ever, to be praying for our community in Potters Bar, our country and our world.

Whilst we cannot physically meet together as our church and halls are closed for the foreseeable future, we continue to be #KCMfamily, and as such we will continue to serve our community within the limitations of safety, government protocol and common sense.

We will continue to worship online, to pray together. Please let me know your prayer requests and whether you would like me to add these to my private intentions or to the list in this notice sheet.

We have set up an online children's hub, please be in touch with Nikki our Children and Families worker to access this.

If you need help with shopping or would like a chat – please let me know, we have phone buddies that we would like to put you in touch with, who you can call or they will call you at agreed times for a chat. Please do not be lonely!

I am keeping all of you in my prayers as I continue to say morning and evening prayer each day, and prayer at midday. If you would like to join in with these prayers *Time to Pray* app for use on phones and tablets is now completely free and can be downloaded via this link <http://cofe.io/TimeToPrayApp> or google *Time to Pray* which will take you to the Church of England website.

Keep in touch, the faith, keep strong and keep safe - Remember God is with us in the darkness and in the light.

With love, Revd Atalie x

p.s. How does your garden grow? Whilst many of us are out in the garden let's share some pictures. Email or WhatsApp them to me.

How to keep in touch

- This notice sheet is being printed and delivered to nearly 30 people for whom we don't have email addresses – if this is you and you would like to receive this by email please contact Revd Atalie, equally if you would rather have this delivered let Revd Atalie know.
- We will post a Sunday reflection on our website each week – This week David Thomson leads our worship.
- We are still working out live streaming but if you are on Facebook there are many other churches who are doing this (St Mary's in the Walk, Christ Church Little Heath, St Albans Cathedral).
- We have been posting on our Facebook and Twitter accounts
- We will endeavour to have a daily 2 minute video reflection from members of our community each day which will be posted on Facebook.
- We have also set up a KCM family WhatsApp group so we can keep in touch. Please be in touch with the wardens to be added. We ask that you keep comments on this group relevant and that conversations that look like they are going to go on for a bit are continued elsewhere.
- All this is online and digital but PLEASE pick up the phone to others!

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday 29 March 2020

Ezekiel 37.1-14

37 The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath^[a] enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I

looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’” ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.’ ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

Psalm 130

1. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.
2. O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.
3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?
4. For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.
5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.
6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
7. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.
8. And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Romans 8.6-11

⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then

even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

John 11.1-45

11 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

⁸ “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”

¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

¹² His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said

this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Collect Prayer

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour’s blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for ALL members of our community, especially:

Those who are self-isolating, anxious and unwell.

Those who live in: Pinewood Drive, Ranworth Gardens, Robert Close.

Those who are ill or in need: Anne Throup, Chris Sansom, Ciara.

Those with longer term needs: Vilma Dawson-Goodey, Maureen Savage, Alex, Clara, Jamie, Gillian Fleury, Joshua French, Ginny McClellan, Bev Nicholls, Ray Smith, Gill Syms, Neo Notley, Barbara Hale, Dorothea (Avril) Pye, Esther Wright, Jim Cogdale, Jean Stacey, Evelyn and Jimmy Long, Marilyn Kelly, Sheetal, Joan Kilburn.

The recently departed: Those who have lost their lives to Covid-19.

Anniversary of death: Stan Hawkes, Betty Whitely.

Please pray for members of our church family.

We have several in our congregation who are in key worker positions daily working with those who have Covid-19 and families who have been bereaved.

Please pray for their safety as they care for others.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Revd Atalie to have your name added to her private prayers or to the list that is published in this notice sheet for the congregation to use.

Notices

The Annual Parochial Church meeting, Wednesday 1 April CANCELLED

We have been told that we can hold this meeting up to the end of October.
We will let you know the new date when it is decided.

We have lots of look forward to in the coming months.

- Please put the dates of future social events in your diary (see below).
- Perhaps if you are being creative whilst isolating we can organise an exhibition or you could make crafts for us to sell at the Christmas Bazaar?
- Perhaps we could organise an open gardens fundraiser?

Dates for your diary.

Saturday 2 May Race Night

Wednesday 24 June Church Walk

Saturday 27 June Bingo/Beetle Drive

Saturday 19 September Supper Quiz

Saturday 24 October Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment by Jonathan Eyre

Sunday 25 October Evensong master class

If you would like to help organise any of these events, please let Revd Atalie know.

Meetings

Working on the basis that it will be several weeks before the government considers lifting restrictions there will be no PCC meetings or APCM in the meantime. We will look at holding meetings online if needed.

A short daily reflection. If you might be willing to video a short 2-minute reflection on life, the world and faith Revd Atalie would like to hear from you – as would the rest of our community.

Food Bank Needs. We are continuing to support Potters Bar Food Bank in this time of crisis. If you are able, please add extra to your shopping in the coming weeks to enable others to eat. They are especially in need of: Aptamil Baby milk for 0-6 months old and 12-24 months old, UHT milk, Pampers for 0-6 months and for 2 years old, No. 4, Rice, Pasta and Pasta Sauce.

The box is now outside the vicarage if you have donations.

Thank you for all that you have donated thus far.

Practically we will also need to think about our finances as we will have no income from our halls for the foreseeable future. The standing committee is in communication about our staff and what we can do for them.

Please encourage people to keep giving to the church, even if we cannot physically meet together as this will be our only source of income for the foreseeable future. Mindful as well that we still have many who use the envelope system and place these in the plate on a Sunday we are going to see our income fall dramatically and have to be prepared that we may have to make some savings.

If you, or others that you know, are not yet giving regularly using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) Steve Jones would be delighted to talk to you about setting this up.

Thank you for your patience. Please be assured that the wardens and standing committee are in touch and we are all making adjustments to find new ways of living and working and 'being community' please bear with us as we get some of this right and learn lessons from others.

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