



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,  
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**  
**Church of England Team Ministry:**  
**[www.wpcteam.org.uk](http://www.wpcteam.org.uk)**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**



### **Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May**

*Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.*

Last year 57,000 people took part and raised £8 million. This money is needed now more than ever in the poorest communities of our world. Christian Aid has developed a host of resources from e-envelopes to send out for you to personalize,

resources for worship, daily services, a daily quiz and more. Please check it all out here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Christian Aid needs our support. Please send your donation by cheque to Revd Nigel Whitehouse, The Rectory, 9a St Mary's Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1BG and I will bank your donations. Or you can keep it until we meet again in church and we can have a collection. Many thanks.

### **The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen**

### **A Prayer about Coronavirus**

***Father God, as people and nations of the world, help us to realise our dependence upon one another. We pray for healing among the sick, wisdom among our leaders, protection and effectiveness for health workers, and responsible behaviour by each of us as individuals. Most of all, Lord, we pray that you dispel our fears, for you 'did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline' (2 Tim 1:7).***

***For Jesus's sake. Amen***

### **A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use.**

***Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

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**Our regular services in church may have been suspended,  
Our church buildings may be closed.  
We are now a church at home united in the Spirit.  
Let us pray for each other.  
Let us be good neighbours.  
May God bless us all.**

## ***The Journey ahead***

As we go on this long journey of a gradual staged easing of restrictions over the next months, we will find that this is going to be a complex process, managing risks, hopes and expectations.

We will count on your continued support for both letter and spirit of the guidance as it is updated, so that together we can set an example of a community of faith that is informed, as safe as possible from the risk of infection, and loving.

We would also like to assure you that if you are content with leading worship from home for the time being, having set everything up to that end, you should feel under no obligation to switch back into the church for the worship. Likewise, it is perfectly good practice to continue sharing online services which are recorded or streamed by colleagues elsewhere – in fact, your cooperation is encouraged!

We will be in touch as soon as possible when there is further updated guidance.

*I will turn the darkness before them into light,*

*the rough places into level ground.*

*These are the things I will do,*

*and I will not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16*

This is the Moravian Watchword for today. In this God is our hope and our faith, and this Spirit fuels our love for our church and for all our communities.

God bless you all richly.

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Bishop of Huntingdon



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75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

## Prayers to be used as we reflect on the end of the Second World War in Europe

### **For those who served and died in World War II**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women  
who have died in active service, particularly in the  
Second World War, whose sacrifice brought  
Victory in Europe. As we honour their courage  
and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in  
your future; for you are the source of life and  
hope, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **For those who serve today**

O Lord God of Hosts,  
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm  
to strengthen and protect our service men and  
women. Support them in times of conflict,  
and in their rest and training keep them safe from  
all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty;  
and grant that in all things they may serve without  
reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **For the peace of the world**

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth  
in a single peace;  
that the design of your great love lighten  
upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows  
and give peace to your church, peace among  
nations,  
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Naval Prayer**

O Eternal Lord God,  
who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest  
the raging of the sea; who has compassed the  
waters with bounds until day and night come to an  
end; be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and  
most gracious protection the persons of us Thy  
servants, and the Fleet in which we serve.  
Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and of  
the air, and from the violence of the enemy;  
that we may be a safeguard  
unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen  
Elizabeth,  
and her Dominions,

and a security for such as pass upon the seas  
upon their lawful occasions;  
that the inhabitants of our islands and  
Commonwealth  
may in peace and quietness  
serve Thee our God;  
and that we may return in safety  
to enjoy the blessings of the land,  
with the fruits of our labours,  
and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies  
to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name;

**Amen.**

### **An Army Collect**

Almighty God, whose command is overall and  
whose love never fails,  
let us be aware of your presence and obedient to  
your will.  
Help us to accept our share of responsibility with  
strong heart and cheerful mind.  
Make us considerate of those with whom we live  
and serve,  
and faithful to the duties our country has  
entrusted to us.  
Let our uniform remind us daily of the traditions of  
the Army in which we serve.  
When we are tempted to sin, let us resist.  
When we fail, give us courage to try again.  
Guide us with the light of your truth,  
and keep before us the example of Jesus  
in whose name we pray and in whom we trust.

**Amen.**

### **Royal Air Force Collect**

Almighty God, who has promised that they who  
wait upon thee shall renew their strength and  
mount up with wings, as eagles, we commend to  
thy fatherly protection all who serve in the Royal  
Air Force. Uplift and support us in our endeavour,  
that we may be a safeguard unto our most  
gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and a  
sure defence to our homeland. Help us to fulfil our  
several duties with honour, goodwill and integrity,  
and grant that we may prove to be worthy  
successors of those who by their valour and  
sacrifice did nobly save their day and generation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Our churches pastoral work continues.**  
**Please contact us by phone if you need to or just what a chat.**

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**To support you with your daily prayer and contact with the wider church please make use of the following websites.**

**For those without internet – Daily HOPE**

This is an excellent national Church of England initiative for those who are especially isolated:  
A free national phonenumber **Daily HOPE** will be launched this Sunday, aimed particularly at the over 75's who don't have access to the internet.

The line, launched this Sunday, will be available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line will also offer callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by Connections, a group focused on this age group.

The launch this Sunday will be covered by an exclusive in The Mail on Sunday, please do all you can to promote this new service to those in your parishes as well as local care homes who will benefit from it.

**Church of England.** <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

**Prayer online.** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

**Diocese of Ely.** <https://www.elydiocese.org/>

**Ely Cathedral.** <https://www.elycathedral.org/>

<https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

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**Ely Cathedral** brings you "Worship at Home", regular Reflections with Canon Jessica, and resources for Holy Week and Easter. <https://www.elycathedral.org>

**Please make use of the Address prepared by John**

**Please make use of the daily cycle of readings.**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter – White**

**First reading**       **Acts 7: 55-end**  
**Second reading**   **1 Peter 2: 2-10**  
**Gospel**               **John 14: 1-14**

**Monday – Saturday** for Morning Prayer please see attachment to your email.

Monday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 145	Numbers 9:15-end; 10:33-end.	Luke 4:38-end
Tuesday	- Morning Prayer -	Psalm 19, 147:1-12	Numbers 11: 1-33	Luke 5:1-11
Wednesday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 30, 147:13-end	Numbers 12	Luke 5:12-26
Thursday	Feast of Matthias the Apostle - Morning Prayer –	Psalm 16, 147:1-12	1 Samuel 2: 27-35	Acts 2: 37-end
Friday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 138, 149	Numbers 14: 1-25	Luke 6: 1-11
Saturday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 146, 150	Numbers 14: 26-end	Luke 6:12-26

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter – White**

**First reading**       **Acts 17: 22-31**  
**Second reading**   **1 Peter 3: 13-end**  
**Gospel**               **John 14: 15-21**

**Made a mistake last week hence the repeat of the weekday readings – got ahead of myself. Sorry**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us:  
*All NHS staff, care workers and key workers.***

***Prayers are requested for Marie Rogers, Deborah Law, Terry Randells, Emma Aindow Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Richard Willows, Joan Kefford.***

***The families and friends of those who have recently died:***

***Mary Joan Davies, Eric Reginald Cole, Kenneth Fear, Arlin Gibson, Warren Walker***

**Anniversaries:**

**Holy Trinity:** 11<sup>th</sup> Roger Michael Dixon-Spain, 13<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Fenn, 14<sup>th</sup> 1980 Sybil Alice Wood,

**St Andrew's:** 10<sup>th</sup> Michael Joyce, 15<sup>th</sup> Arthur Henry Lee, Margaret Josephine Tinkler,

**St Thomas':** 10<sup>th</sup> Aubrey Stanton Dean,

**St Mary's:** 10<sup>th</sup> Patricia Warren, 12<sup>th</sup> Ellis Royal Fitzjohn, 13<sup>th</sup> Gerald Charles Bridger, May Scott, 14<sup>th</sup> Andrew John Shepperson, Muriel Eileen Lindsey, 16<sup>th</sup> Norman Reginald Foster,



## **CWC Helpline launched**

Cambridgeshire Workplace Chaplaincy has recognised a need for a helpline - to listen and comfort, for those who are finding life difficult at the moment. The day to day adjustments that many are having to make at the moment due to a stressful job or juggling working from home; coupled with responsibilities at home are very stressful for many of us.

Maintaining and enhancing the emotional and mental health of everyone is critical during these turbulent times. The helpline is for anyone in the workplace who needs help with stress and needs emotional support. We urge all to not be too proud or self-reliant and to seek support and help whenever you need it. It's not an admission of weakness.

The CWC Helpline is offering emotional support; a listening ear where we try to help the individual find their own solutions and where this clearly isn't possible, with their permission, we refer to relevant organisations. All calls are anonymous. The service is available during the hours of 9am-5pm Monday to Friday plus an out of hours voicemail if you would like a chaplain to contact you at a later point.

Our multi faith chaplains are a diverse group who are happy to provide support regardless of whether you're spiritual or religious – their aim is to listen and comfort.

**Call: 0800 246 5193 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and outside of these hours you can leave a message)**

[www.cambsworkplacechaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.cambsworkplacechaplaincy.org.uk)

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