



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,  
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**  
**Church of England Team Ministry:**  
**www.wpcteam.org.uk**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**"Thy Kingdom Come" Join the global wave of prayer 21<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**  
**Feast of the Ascension to Feast of Pentecost**

**The three aims are:**

To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father  
To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit  
That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son, Jesus Christ.

**The Prayer for thy Kingdom Come**

Please read the prayer which thousands of people across the world will be praying during *Thy Kingdom Come*. Prayer period from the daily from Ascension Day Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Pentecost Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

***Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

***Copies of Daily Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come are attached to this email  
for anyone wishing to be more involved.***

***Some of you may still have the copies you asked for last year.  
If you have please use them as they are the same for this year.***

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**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 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 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.**

**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 Nigel**

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Communion via Zoom conference call at 10.00 am**

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

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

Monday - Morning Prayer – Psalm 65, 67 Numbers 16: 1-35 Luke 6: 27-38

Tuesday - Morning Prayer - Psalm 124, 125, 126, 127 Numbers 16: 36–end. Luke 6: 39-end.

Wednesday - Morning Prayer – Psalm 132, 133 Numbers 17: 1-11 Luke 7: 1-10

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Ascension Day – White – Communion via Zoom conference call at 10.00 am**

**First Reading Acts 1: 1-11. Second Reading Ephesians 1: 15-end. Gospel Luke 24: 44-end.**

Friday - Morning Prayer – Psalm 20, 81 Numbers 20: 1-13 Luke 7: 11-17

Saturday - Morning Prayer – Psalm 21, 47 Numbers 21: 4-9 Luke 7: 18-35

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Communion via Zoom conference call at 10.00 am**

**First reading** Acts 1: 6-14  
**Second reading** 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11  
**Gospel** John 17: 1-11

**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, Cheryl Turner***

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

***Arlin Gibson, Warren Walker, Marie Stimson, Barry Walter Baxter***

**Anniversaries:**

**Holy Trinity:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Robert Alan Welbourn,

**St Andrew's:** 18<sup>th</sup> George Edward Barnes, 20<sup>th</sup> Audrey Eileen Lee, 22<sup>nd</sup> Alwyn Mullis

**St Mary's:** 17<sup>th</sup> Robert (Rob) Taylor, 21<sup>st</sup> Georgina Western, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Turvey

## Churchwardens

This year our churchwardens will not be elected until later in the year as Annual Parochial Church Meetings were cancelled. Those who were in office have remained in office along with PCC members and officers. I thought it would be worth while remaining you all of the place of the office of churchwarden in the life of our churches.

Each of our parish churches has two churchwardens. They are elected annually to serve as officers of the Bishop and representatives of the people. Churchwardens have a duty to represent the people and co-operate with the Vicar. They have important legal duties and equally important spiritual, pastoral and mission responsibilities. These make them foremost among the people of the church. They set an example in ministry, in commitment to regular worship and in seeking to witness to their Lord and God.

They are expected to lead the parishioners by setting a good example and encouraging unity and peace. They have a particular duty to maintain order and peace in the church and churchyard at all times, and especially during services. They are legally responsible with the Vicar for all the property and movable goods belonging to a parish church. They have a duty to keep an up to date record of the property and an inventory of items within the church and to produce these lists for inspection in case of a visitation by the Archdeacon or his/her representative.

When there is no Vicar due to a vacancy the churchwardens ensure that a minimum number of church services continue to be held in the parish, and in particular that the Eucharist continues to be celebrated every Sunday and on every Principal Feast.

To be elected to the office of churchwardens a person must be

1. baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, i.e. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. at least 21 years old.
3. on the electoral role of the parish.
4. someone who receives Holy Communion on a regular basis.

They serve for a period of one year and then may stand for election again. Many churchwardens hold office for a number of years. This is important as they gain knowledge and experience with which to support the people and clergy in their roles.

We are very grateful to David, Sarah, Sue, Ken, Rosemary, Paul, Alan and Elizabeth, our churchwardens, for the time and effort they freely give to their parish - its people, congregation and church.

On behalf of us all in Whittlesey, Pondersbridge and Coates - THANK YOU