**Resources for your faith journey**

* *Worship by phone* – A new service for people who don’t use the internet **0800 804 8044.**
* [*Online*](http://www.churchofengland.org) – There are lots of resources on the CofE website. Click on the links to light a candle, find a church livestreaming or join the weekly *Church Online*.
* [*Church Online*](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online) – the weekly service from the Church of England, livestreamed from 9am every Sunday and then available to watch later.
* *Music* – a beautiful choral classic first, [If Ye Love Me](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hGSh7TQYX0&feature=youtu.be), by Thomas Tallis, a setting of Jesus’s words in the gospel today, and a Taizé chant to join in with, [The Lord is My Light](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r64gcGMNhDE).

**Prayer for today**

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 for ever. Amen.

**A prayer from the Children’s Society**

God of compassion, at this time of crisis, we bring before you the peoples of our country and the world. We ask for your blessing and strength for those working tirelessly to protect and save life.

We pray especially for vulnerable children and young people who are at greater risk during this time: those who are not safe at home; those who may be plunged into even greater poverty; those whose fragile mental health may worsen; those who feel abandoned and alone. Draw near to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We also pray for staff of The Children’s Society as they find new ways to support these young people in challenging circumstances. Please bless their efforts and keep all with whom we work safe from harm. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

**Notices**

* *Video* Quick! This is your last chance to send me a video! Just film yourself saying “God has gone up” and email the video **today 17 May** to vicar@aldhelms.co.uk. Landscape rather than portrait if possible.
* *Email addresses* If you want to see the video and another fun Ascension Day activity I have planned, make sure I’ve got your e-mail address - email me at vicar@aldhelms.co.uk.
* *Zoom church*?If you would be interested in joining a Sunday service, Bible Study or coffee chat by Zoom, let me know.
* *PCC* During the pandemic the Bishops have amended certain rules to make it possible for PCCs to meet virtually, and so our PCC met by Zoom on Tuesday 5 May. Our next PCC meeting will be 15 September 2020 and the APCM will be 11 October 2020.
* *Coming up* Ascension Day is Thursday 21 May, St Aldhelm’s Day is Monday 25 May. Pentecost is Sunday 31 May. Keep an eye on our website!

And finally, an Easter blessing: May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,

fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.