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**ALL SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY ZOOMED**

*Our hearts remain open and our service continues: The life of God's kingdom is inextinguishable*

CHURCH OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

MON 10am-12pm, TUES 10am-12.30pm, WED 2pm-4pm, FRI 6.30pm-7.30pm, SAT 12pm-2pm

(Times dependent on supervision so may be subject to change)

**9.30am MASS Fourth Sunday after Trinity: 5 JULY 2020**

**Readings**

Zech 9:9-12

Rom 7:15-25

Matt 11:16-19, 25-end

**Psalm 145**

***R I will exalt you O God my king***

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion

slow to anger and of great goodness

the Lord is loving to everyone

and his compassion is over all his works

all your works praise you O Lord

and your faithful servants bless you ***R***

They make known the glory of your kingdom

that the peoples may know of your power

and the glorious splendour of your kingdom

your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom

your dominion endures throughout all ages ***R***

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and merciful in all his deeds

the Lord upholds all those who fall

he lifts up those who are bowed down ***R***

**Collect**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you

without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy

increase and multiply upon us your mercy

that with you as our ruler and guide

we may so pass through things temporal

that we lose not our hold on things eternal

grant this heavenly Father

for our Lord Jesus Christ sake

who is alive and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit

one God now and for ever

**Amen**

**Readings**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**Romans 7:15-25**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

**Matt 11:16, 25-30**

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Sermon**

Every so often in the history of our planet, there comes a crisis which marks and changes part if not all of it forever. We are living through one right now. These times challenge humanity to the core, questioning everything we thought we knew, as we are stripped of those things we look to for comfort, strength and identity. The structures of society which for good or bad, have upheld our individual and corporate lives for so long suddenly come crashing down and with it our daily routines and our dreams for the future.

Fortunately these things happen rarely, but this does mean that within living memory there is often no well-trodden path to follow. Sometimes we can draw wisdom from similar situations, but as is the case with COVID19 there is often not much to compare it too. As we are experiencing now, it is a case of making what we think is the best decision day by day, whilst being flexible and open to change as it comes. On the global scale our current situation is beyond our control, but we can find our way through on a local community level if we use the gifts of patience, compassion and most importantly hope which God has given us.

For even when things appear hopeless, for God this is never an absolute. Nothing is beyond his redemption or salvation, even when through human eyes it might seem otherwise. One day even the most confusing of situations will start to make sense again and new life *will* begin to grow where tragedy and catastrophe were once the order of the day.

Take a look at the words of Zechariah, the author of our first reading. As prophet and priest he lived through such a time: his ministry being in direct response to the Babylonian captivity, or as it is also named, the Babylonian exile, a crisis which irrevocably changed the course of his people. After ignoring the earlier cries of Jeremiah, the people of Judah had seen their beloved city of Jerusalem besieged, and their Temple sacked by the Babylonian king. As part of his victory Nebuchadnezzar exiled the Judean king, Jehoiakim along with his officials and demanded payment from them. After four years Jehoiakim refused to pay any more. Over the next seventy years this refusal would lead to his death and the subsequent exile of most of his people.

Then in 538BC Babylon fell to the Persian king Cyrus the Great who sent out a decree allowing the exiled Judeans to return. Some decided that even though they could go back to their homeland, they preferred to stay in Babylon. They had not suffered physically in their years of exile but had over the course of the years made peace with Babylonian society. They had farms, businesses and families, and were able to hold onto their identity exercising many of their customs as before.

This crisis changed the dynamics and relationships of the Jewish people. No longer were they all living in the same nation. They had been united in Egypt and then the desert, but now there was a distinct and prosperous community living in another place albeit it still in captivity.

Those who did return were the ones who rebuilt the city and the destroyed Temple, and amongst them was our friend Zechariah. For decades he worked alongside Haggai, as one of God’s prophets, offering his people spiritual and moral encouragement, and igniting again the hope that even though they had not listened to God thorugh Jeremiah, they were still his chosen people, and his promise to be with them stood firm.

His book is full of this hope both looking back to the past and forward to the fulfilment of this promise. Even his name Zechariah is part of this, as it means ‘The Lord remembers’. Zechariah reminds the people how God has always cared for them throughout history and did not leave them in their time of exile. Now Zechariah says, God is calling them home. They can restore the kingdom, rebuild Temple and put their trust in the knowledge God will always keep watch over them in their lifetime and for all future generations. Live in hope he says, salvation and the fullness of God’s Kingdom is coming.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Paul wrote in the knowledge that these words of Zechariah came true. The Messiah did come, and even though the Jewish people and the world at large would know other life shattering events, Paul is at pains to demonstrate that in the person of Jesus Christ God’s promise is one in which we can always find hope.

For, if we go back to Zechariah’s prophecy we will see his true character. A donkey was at that time always regarded as a lowly animal of peace. For the Messiah to come on such an animal, that is be carried to the place of his birth and then to the place of his death, reinforces the reason he came and the message he preached.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Paul says this is not always as easy as it seems. In full knowledge of our actions, we often do the opposite what we know is good for us; something, it may be fear, independence or perhaps even pride stops us in our tracks, frequently making our load seem all the more even heavier. But when this threatens to pin us to the floor, think of Zechariah.

God always remembers his children and will always keep his covenant with us. Whatever our burdens may be we are not called to carry them alone, and if we truly learn from what Jesus says, we will understand that we never have been. Amen

 **PARISH PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**: **Wherever we are let us pray**

**For those in need** in our parish and communities

**For our** NHS, key workers and community volunteers

**For our** schools and all places of education

**For all** affected by racial injustice and terrorism

**For all** facing job losses and those concerned for their financial future

*Father we leave them in your healing hands; you know their needs much better than we*

**In thanksgiving** for safe arrivals and new relationships

*In your grace do we find our life*

**For all the recently departed including** all who have died from COVID19

**For those whose year’s mind falls at this time**

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

*We do not pray alone but in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Spirit. We also*

 *pray alongside other Christians throughout the ages and around the world (Diocese of London)*

 This week the Sanctuary candle has not been sponsored

To add a name to the intercessions and/or sponsor the Sanctuary candle

please contact Revd Tina or Christine Munt



**CURRENT WEEKLY PATTERN OF ZOOM SERVICES**

Please contact Revd Tina if you are not receiving the invites to these.

***Mass:* Sunday 9.30am**

***Prayers & Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament:* Wednesday 7.30pm**

***Bible Study on Sunday’s Readings* Tuesday 7pm**

**Also, you can log onto** YouTube, Facebook, Twitter or join the St Peter’s Church WhatsApp group to access St Peter’s services, photographs and meditations

**Make your Spiritual Communion** at home with the following or the form as previously given.

*Sit quietly in front of a cross or a candle and reflect on the previous week.*

*Say sorry for your mistakes and ask for God’s forgiveness*

*Read the following or Sunday’s Gospel*

Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’ (John 6.35)

*Pray for others (see our intercession list for names)*

*Pray The Lord’s Prayer*

*Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you*

Lord, 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

*Conclude by asking for God’s blessing*

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil and keep us in eternal life Amen

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 7pm**

We gather and then collectively decide which of the Sunday readings we are going to explore, following a simple Benedictine Lectio Divina format.

We begin with a short silence and a simple prayer

One person reads the passage through.

A second person reads the passage through then the group identifies phrases or words which have stood out for them.

A third person reads the passage through then we begin to discuss the words and phrases mentioned.

We end with a short silence and a simple prayer

This Sunday’s Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12

*Author*: Zechariah, prophet and priest

*Date*: 540BC- 516BC with final prophecy after 480BC

*Recipient*: Post exilic people of Judah

*Purpose*: To rebuke the people then encourage them to rebuild the Temple & their spirituality

*Setting the scene*: Zechariah is contemporary with fellow prophet Haggai. He was born in Babylon, where the Jewish people were living during their exile, only returning to Judah in 538BC. His book foretells Christ’s incarnation, betrayal, death and resurrection. It refers to Christ’s lowliness, priesthood and kingship. *Chapter 9* is part of Zechariah’s final prophecy affirming the Advent of Christ as Messiah and the fullness of God’s Kingdom.

Romans 7:15-25

*Author*:Paul *Date*: early spring 57AD *Recipient:* the Gentile people of the Church of Rome

*Purpose:* In preparation for his visit and his mission to Spain, to explain the theology and doctrine of the Church and the relationship between Jew and Gentile, especially around dietary laws and sacred days

*Setting the scene:* This letter is a complex theological and doctrinal treatise to the faith community in Rome, It deals with subjects such as grace, sin and salvation though Jesus Christ. It concludes by asking the readers to live out their faith in practical ways, both in the Church and in the world. *Chapter 7* focuses on how we can die to sin and how the law has been superseded by Christ. Our deliverance, ie our freedom, comes not through legalistic effort but through the forgiving love of God seen in the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Matt 11:16, 25-30

*Author*:Matthew the tax collector & one of the 12 disciples *Date*: between 50-70AD or later  *Recipient:* Greek speaking Jews *Purpose:* To prove to the Jews that Jesus is their Messiah

*Setting the scene:* At the beginning of the chapter, John the Baptist is in prison. Jesus compares himself to his cousin an then berates the people for their lack of response to him. He then goes on to assure his followers they can find rest and peace in him.



**WEDNESDAY PRAYERS OF VIGIL WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 7.30pm**

We come together in solidarity to underpin with prayer the work of caring for the sick and the pain of our hurting and grieving world

Be still and know that I am God

We are not people of fear we are people of courage

We are not people who protect our own safety:

We are people who protect our neighbour’s safety

We are not people of greed we are people of generosity

We are your people God, giving and loving wherever we are,

Whatever it costs for as long as it takes, wherever you call us **Amen**

***First Reading*: Phil 4:4-6**

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God

 **We pray for those in need in our parish and communities……………(see list)**

A prayer is said ending with the words: Lord in your mercy  **Hear our prayer**

 ***Second Reading*: Lamentations 3:22-24**

 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases his mercies never come to an end, they are new

 every morning great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion says my soul, therefore I

 will hope in him

 **We pray for our NHS workers and all community volunteers and key workers**

 A prayer is said ending with the words: Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

***Third Reading*: Psalm 102:1-2**

Hear my prayer O Lord, let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me answer me speedily on the day when I call.

**We pray for all the recently departed……(see list)**

 A prayer is said ending with the words:

 Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them**

***Fourth Reading*: 2 Thess 2:16-17**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word

 **We pray for those whose year’s mind falls at this time….(see list)**

A prayer is said ending with the words: May they rest in peace **and rise in glory**

*The prayer from p7 is said as we reopen our church for private prayer and public services*

Lord of all life to you we offer our prayers, those spoken out loud

and those too deep for words as we say together: Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

*This or another blessing is used*

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith,

a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and with those you hold in your hearts and in your prayers, this night and always **Amen**

May the risen Christ give us his peace **Amen**

**There follows a 30 minute silent Vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament**

**A HYMN FOR ORDINARY TIME**

(Paul Oakley)

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You*
I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye
*You alone………*

You're my friend and You are my Brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

*You alone………*



**PERSONAL PRAYER & REFLECTION RESOURCES**

We all have our own prayer and reflection resources to call upon.

Here are some that might help you through this week.

**The Church of England online services www.churchofengland.org**

***‘Finding Space with God at Home’ Booklet***



**BENEDICT OF NURSIA (c480-547)**

Feast day Saturday 11 July

Benedict of Nursia was born as the Roman Empire was breaking up. He was the son of a Roman nobleman and grew up in Rome. At the age of 19 or 20 he abandoned his studies and his rich way of life for a life of service to God. He left Rome with an old servant and settled in Enfide, near a church dedicated to St Peter. This is where he performed his first miracle, restoring an earthenware pot his servant had broken. Reeling from the publicity this generated, Benedict abandoned his servant and fled towards Subiaco about two miles away.

On the way there he met a monk and after becoming one himself, lived as a hermit for the next three years during which he performed more miracles. Many came to be taught by him, so he founded thirteen monastic communities for them to live in.

Benedict’s greatest achievement was his Rule of Life, (a guide as to how all aspects of daily living are to be carried out in the service of God). There are now many different ones to choose from. Benedict’s was one of the first and based on the vows of Obedience, Stability and Conversion of Life. It was approved by the Church and adopted by most religious communities founded during the Middle Ages. It is still regarded as one of the most influential religious rules in Western Christendom. For this reason, Benedict is called the founder of Western Monasticism.

**Prayers of St Benedict**

Gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you

Intelligence to understand you, diligence to see you

Patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you

A heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you

Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord

We pray Lord, that everything we do

may be prompted by your inspiration

so that every prayer and work of ours

may begin from you and be brought to you

in completion

(based on the prologue to his Rule)

**Sayings of St Benedict**

 Listen and attend with the ear of your heart

 Let peace be your quest and aim

 It is now time for us to rise from sleep

 Run while you have the light of life!

He who labours as he prays lifts his heart to God with his hands.

 Before all, and above all, attention shall be paid to the care of the sick,

 so that they shall be served as if they were Christ Himself

**ST PETER’S UPDATE LETTER**

**COVID19**

Dear brothers and sisters

Good news, the church is now open for individual prayer (see supervised times on front page). We are now looking at when & how we can resume public worship safely here at St Peter’s. Our first step is to as all of you the following question:

**If we opened St Peter’s in the next couple of weeks for a simple said Sunday Mass**

**would you come?**

*I would be grateful to receive your responses by 12 July (next Sunday) either by email, phone, what’s App, text or in person*

In the meantime as we think about our future please continue to pray that we can work and walk together into whatever it holds, remembering that in Christ all things are made new.

Thank you and stay safe in all you do

Revd Tina

Dear Lord,
We are now planning for our shared future,
we are seeking to create a safe space for encounters with Jesus Christ
and we hope to be good news within the communities that we serve.
We pray for wisdom, we pray for creativity
and we pray for pragmatism as we discern your will.
Father, in the midst of the chaos
and lament of this season, in your mercy,
help us not to seek to control the wildness of your Spirit,
but help us be immersed in your generous love,
rebuilding lives, communities and your City.
Amen

**FUNDRAISING**

We are also mindful of the financial future of our church. We no longer have the income from the Church Hall but we continue to pay the Common Fund every month and serve our community. Therefore how about engaging with the following suggestions:



 Continuing to fill up your gift aid envelopes and dropping into the vicarage or the church when open



 Setting up a regular BACS transfer



 Summer Sale (Plants/Garden ornaments/Marmalade/Cakes & Cushions: see p8)



 The Smartie tubes

 Make the most of your daily routine/exercise by asking people to sponsor you



Raise donations through online shopping at no extra cost to you. Use the link below to register & send to your families & friends

[*https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchloweredmonton/?invite=9VWB6W&referral-campaign=c2s*](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchloweredmonton/?invite=9VWB6W&referral-campaign=c2s)

Thank you to everyone already working so hard; let's continue to fundraise……

 **And finally………PARISH BREAKFAST NOTICES AND NEWS**

**PLEASE DO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICES AT ST PETER’S (p7)**

**St Peter’s Doorstep Church:** Check out our films on YouTube under ‘Gerry Kelsey’

**Summer Sale**: Bizzy Lizzies, Fuchsias, Geraniums, Lemon Plants, Petunias, Spider Plants50p each.  Orange or Lemon Marmalade £2.00 a jar. Cushions £3, Garden Ornaments £3-£28 depending on size. For more details please contact Christine via the Church email address stpetersedmonton@gmail.com.

**Community Support:** *Bread and Butter* deliveries continuing. Donations for *ECYPS foodbank*, duvets, sheets, pillowcases for *NHS workers* and summer clothes for *Sri Lanka via Buddhist Meditation Centre* can be left in the green cupboard by the vicarage front door. Thank you

**‘Daily Hope’ 0800 804 8044**: Church of England free phone number to listen to hymns, prayers, reflections and services.

**2020 Parish Magazine themes around the Sacraments and copy dates**

Sept/Oct – Confession – 14 August

Nov/Dec – Anointing – 9 October Jan/Feb – theme tbc – 11 December

*Caulene would be pleased to receive all contributions. Thank you*

**Congratulations to our June 100 Club winners**: Timothy Munt & Leila Suberan



 BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS TO ALL CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

**Hi there all you lovely St. Peters people, it’s been 12 weeks now so hopefully you have learned a few things along the way**

Welcome to the THIRTEENTH St. Peter’s quiz. It’s not a competition so don’t send anything in, just take time to chat with family and friends, work out the answers, have some fun and learn something new.

**Round 1 The Bible:**

1 When was the first bible printed?

2 Where was the first printed bible printed?

3 What was the language of the first printed bible?

4 Who printed the first printed bible?

**Round 2: Riddles:**

1 People buy me to eat but never eat me, what am I?

2 I am a bird, a fruit and a person, what am I?

3 Where does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?

4 What has 13 hearts but no other organs?

**Answers to quiz 12**

**Round 1 The Bible** **Round 2:**

1 Philistine) 1 Are you asleep)

2 Esau) 2 eyes)

3 Jericho) 3 he sleeps at night)

4 7) 4 no one, peacocks do not lay eggs)

**Our prayers for all our Government Leaders, Volunteers, Carers, Nurses, Doctors and key workers and scientists working to beat the Virus and all people in need of support, fairness and equality**

*In these uncertain times, if you are worried, fearful, have questions or just feel like a chat I am here, just get in touch. Revd Tina*

***We are for now a dispersed community. In prayer, hope and love we remain united***