



WEEKLY UPDATE



FOR THE PARISHES OF
KIRK LANGLEY, MACKWORTH AND MUGGINTON

30TH JULY 2021

Hello Everyone

As the unlocking continues, many people are experiencing an increased heightening of anxiety. Some people are delighted to finally be able to abandon all social distancing and are happy to go to pubs, restaurants and the cinema; some are still shielding and planning on continuing to do so until the New Year if necessary. Most of us are somewhere in the middle: being cautious and tentatively relaxing their vigilance a stage at a time.

Whichever part of the spectrum you are on, this is a challenging time for all of us: one day cases are up, another day they seem to be down. I can't work out what is happening, but what I do know is that none of us knows how this will end, but God will never abandon us as long as we are trying to follow our faith and do everything in love.

I found this quote from Thomas Merton which seemed to sum up the situation we find ourselves in:

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." — Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude.

Best wishes,

Jacqueline

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Priest in charge - Kirk Langley, Mackworth, Mugginton with Kedleston
Area Dean - Dove and Derwent

Details of forthcoming services being held in the churches in our benefice:-

Please note that everyone is welcome to attend any service within the benefice regardless of which church/parish you would usually attend.


- 1st August – Trinity 9 - Kirk Langley/Mackworth – Holy Communion at 11.15am
- 8th August – Trinity 10 - Halter Devil Chapel – Holy Communion at 8.00am
- Kirk Langley/Mackworth – Morning Prayer at 11.15am
- 15th August – Trinity 11 - Kirk Langley/Mackworth – Holy Communion at 11.15am
- Mugginton – Celtic Evening Prayer at 4.00pm
- 22nd August – Trinity 12 - Kirk Langley/Mackworth – Joint Communion Service at 10.30am
Bishop Libby will take part in this service.
- 29th August – Trinity 13 - Mugginton – Joint Benefice Morning Prayer at 10.30am

Please be aware that Holy Communion will continue to be taken in one form only.

PRAYER PODCAST

The daily podcast of prayer is still continuing, which you will find on Spotify or Google podcasts. To access this please click on the link below.

Link: [Revd Jacqueline Stober • A podcast on Anchor](#)



Prayer During the Day

By Jaqueline Stober

I am Priest in Charge of Kirk Langley, Mackworth and Mugginton. Here is an opportunity for us to pray together daily. You can email me with your prayer requests at bjstober@yahoo.com

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