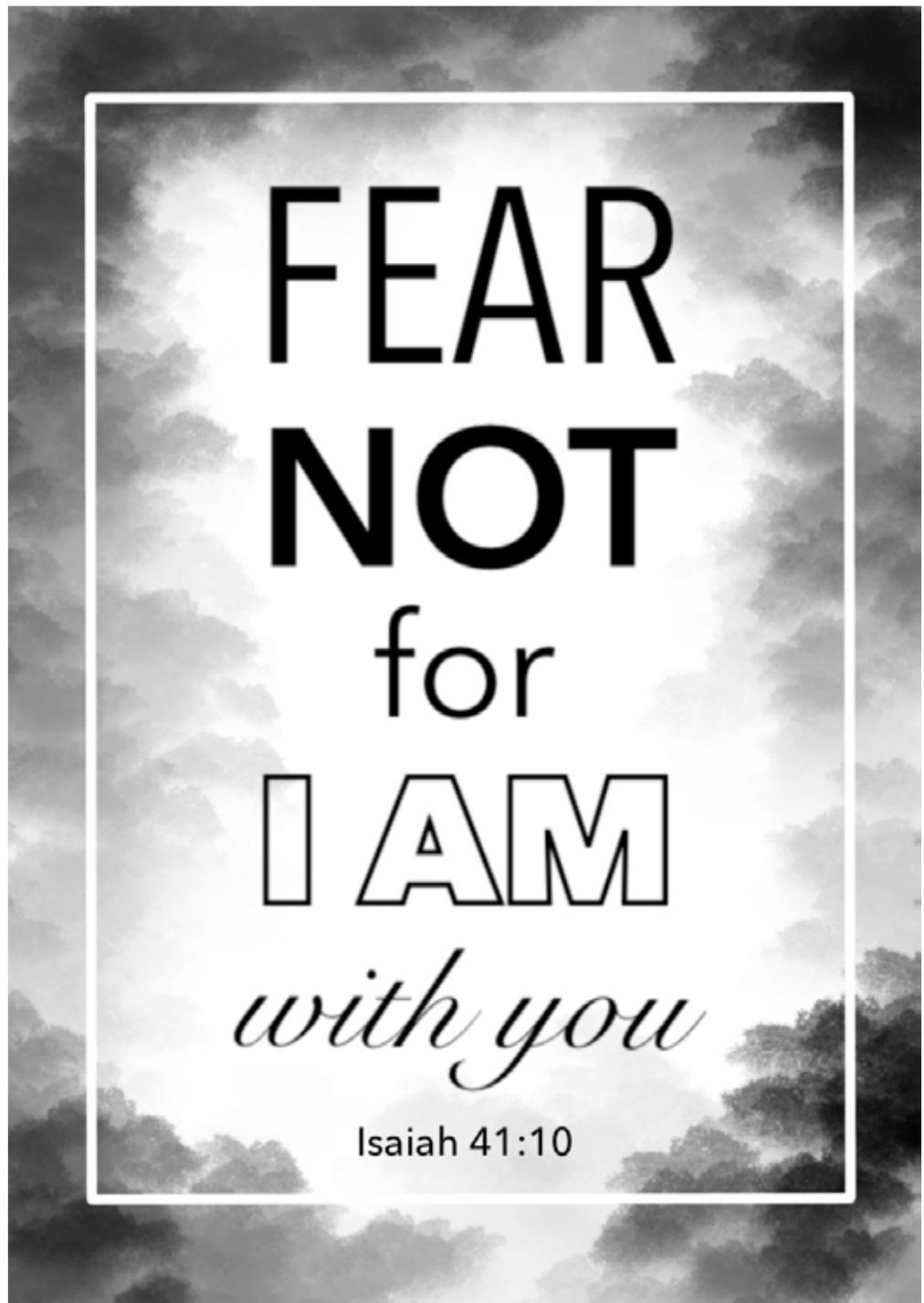




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# JESUS

## Risen and Ascended Lord





# CHURCH NOTICES

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## House Communions and Home Visit

If you know of anyone who is sick or would like a phone contact, please inform the Vicar (contact details above). The Revd. Andrew Norman will be pleased to offer spiritual direction.

Please tell the Vicar if you (or any one you know from the parish) is in hospital or confined at home as we may not be aware.



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## PASTORAL CARE GROUP

These are distressing times and many of us are anxious and worried. Due to government restrictions we are not able to visit but please contact one of the following if you would like a phone call



Mrs Anne Jackson 01524 761174  
 or the Church Wardens.

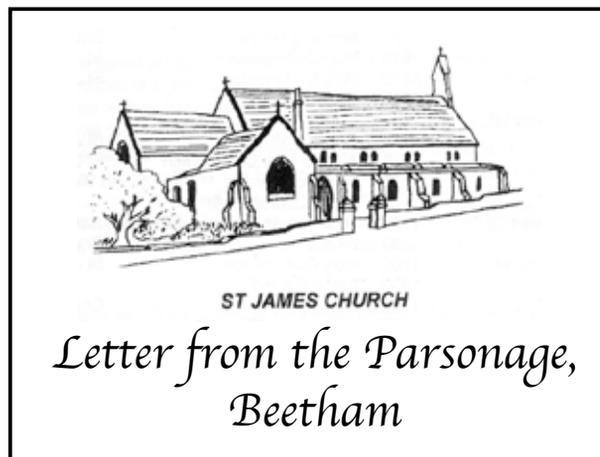
## Church Mission Statement

*The villages of Arnside and Storth have churches where EVERYONE:  
 is welcome - can worship and encounter God -  
 can learn more of God and his ways. We do this together, not alone.*

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*Dear friends*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**‘When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’**

**John 20.19**

This letter comes with the assurance of my prayers for you, your loved ones and families in the midst of all that we are confronting as a community, as a nation and as a world at the moment. It arrives too with repeated Easter greetings and blessings, hoping that despite the challenges we are confronting we will know the peaceful and life-giving presence of the risen Jesus in our hearts and our homes.

I have done my best (with the help of others) to contact as many people from the church’s electoral roll and the regular congregation as possible in these recent weeks. However, if you are reading this magazine and you haven’t heard from me, either on the telephone or through email, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I have been piecing together contact details through asking others, so I’m not sure yet if I have a comprehensive list. Therefore,

please do get in touch - it would be lovely to hear from you. Also, if you have access to the internet, and therefore email, and you are not yet receiving my weekly email updates of news with guides for worship, prayer and reflection - please again, do get in touch. Moreover, if you know of anyone who you think it would be good for me to be in touch with as the parish priest, do let me know.

I am also keen to try and encourage all of us, whoever we are, to do our best at keeping in touch with friends, fellow members of the congregation, and other members of our village community. This is an important part of our witness as Christ’s disciples in the world, and a practical way of showing our care and concern for those who might appreciate someone to talk to at this time. We are all aware of the terrific service being done by the Arnside Volunteer Group, which is doing so much to serve the village at this time. Whoever we are, we have the opportunity of helping others - even if it might be in small ways - so do think of who you might be able to be in touch with in the weeks ahead.

If the current situation has revealed anything then it is the goodness that appears in the midst of adversity, evidenced in the rebirth in our understanding of the common good and in the thanksgiving we have offered to all those who continue to work and serve as key-workers amid the current crisis, particularly

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in the National Health Service and social care, but also in our shops and supermarkets, in food production, delivery, retail, education and other things we have come to value with renewed gratitude. For people of faith, we believe this to be intimately bound up with the story of God lived out in the life of Jesus Christ, and proven through his death and resurrection. At Easter, we rejoice in the goodness and joy that fills the whole universe in and through the resurrection of Jesus - reminded that we see God's triumph of life in all those who show love and care, selflessly and generously, offering light in the face of darkness.

Of course, the most important thing we can do as we stay at home, to protect our National Health Service and help save lives, is pray. We sing in that well-known evening hymn '*The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away*'. A reminder that wherever we are as Christian people we are bound to offer up our own needs and the needs of the world in prayer. If the world needs anything at the moment, amid the anxieties we are facing, it is prayer - the challenge being, if we don't pray who is going to? One easy aid or method to pray is that provided by following the word symbolised by **PACTS**:

### PAUSE

'Be still and know that I am God'

(Psalm 46.10)

We pause to know the Lord's presence with us, seeking to be drawn into fresh relationship with him.

### ADORATION

**'Praise the Lord O my soul: all that is within me praise his holy name'**

(Psalm 103.1)

We offer to God our worship and praise, joining our prayers with all those who have ever uttered a prayer; we become aware of God's glory and majesty, reminding of the great love he has for us.

### CONTRITION

**'Have mercy on me O God in your enduring goodness, according to the fulness of your compassion blot out my offences'**

(Psalm 51.1)

We honestly acknowledge our failures and fears, the things we have done wrong and the times we have fallen short. We turn away from those things we know to have hurt others or ourselves, asking for God's forgiveness for the ways in which we have neglected him or failed to do the good that is within us.

### THANKSGIVING

**I will give you thanks O Lord with my whole heart**

(Psalm 138:1)

We give to the Lord our thanks for the ways in which he has blessed us, for his forgiveness, for all the things we enjoy, for the blessings of our relationships, our families and friends, and chiefly for the gift of his love in Jesus Christ. We ask God for wisdom and grace, remembering that he is faithful and working everything for our good.

### SUPPLICATION

**'Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness'**

(Psalm 4:1)

We are prompted to offer to God the needs of our own lives and those of the world, praying for all those who are in need, the isolated, alone and afraid; for those who are suffering at home or in hospital; for those who seek healing in body, mind or spirit; for those who mourn and grieve that they might be comforted; for those who have died that they may rest in the Lord's peace and rise in

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his glory. We pray for those whom the Lord places upon our hearts and those situations where we seek the assurance of God's leading and presence.

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me.  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

**The God of peace himself, give me his  
peace,  
at all times and in all ways.  
Amen.**

This is just one form of prayer that might be useful in the days ahead, however, of course there are others and the most important thing is working out what helps you draw closer to God. It is good to establish a rhythm of prayer each day, whether that's praying at a particular time or in a particular place; regardless of what words you use, or indeed if you choose just to be silent, the most important thing is the desire and willingness to open our hearts and minds to God in prayer.

Although public worship across the churches is suspended, and despite the fact we cannot meet together in the parish church, we can still pray.

We are still the body of Christ, united to each other and to the Lord in heart, mind and spirit, surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses who at Easter give thanks for the Lord's resurrection. May God inspire and guide us all in our praying - that in the days and weeks ahead we might find fresh opportunities to know his presence within us and around us.

Of course, please don't hesitate to be in touch if there is anything, or anyone, I can

remember in my own rhythm of prayer, in which of course I pray for you all.

I wrote last month about the importance of making 'Alleluia' our song during these days of Easter, the shout of 'praise the Lord' - this is perhaps no more important than at the present moment as we live through difficult and worrying days. The shout of 'Alleluia' reminds us amid the challenges of this life, our promise of a share in the life that is to come; a reminder of the gratitude that we ask God to give us as in our prayers we give thanks for the blessings he gives. These gifts are uppermost in our mind during Eastertide, as we celebrate what God has done in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the undying, unshakeable hope that gives to the world.

On the first Easter Day, after appearing to Mary Magdalene, the risen Jesus stands among his first followers; a frightened group of his closest friends who in the days before had failed in their service of him. They had fled, they had denied, they had betrayed - and yet, Jesus stands in the midst of them and offers them the blessing of his peace. The risen Christ comes not with recrimination or judgement, but rather to give substance to their hope and to re-ignite their love. May God bless us all with that same peace today and always.

I pray that you will all know the risen Lord with you in the days ahead, as we remind ourselves each day of the share he has given us in his risen life.

With my prayers for God's blessing and protection for you and yours,

As ever,



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*As the church is at present closed there is no flower rota at this time. This will resume at the appropriate time.*

#### **IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE**

If you are writing cheques for the treasurer please can you make them payable to:

ARNSIDE PCC

Thankyou.

### IN MEMORIAM

**WALTER HALLIWELL**



Friends at St James were saddened to learn of Walter's passing, suddenly in March, aged 86 years. He and Jean were involved in all aspects of Arnside village life and he will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Walter loved travelling with Jean and was also active in numerous village organisations. We send our deepest sympathy and blessings to Jean. Walter was a much loved father to Simon, Sarah and Rachel, and Ba Ba to Laura, Issac, Sam, Rory and Annabel. Our prayers and love to all at this sad time.

### ***As St Paul reminds us in his epistle to the Philippians (4.8-9):***

'Finally, beloved whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.'



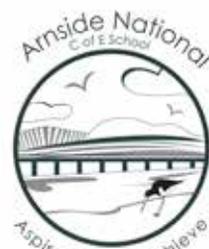
# FROM OUR SCHOOLS

**Arnside National School**

*Headteacher, Mr N. Sharp*

**Storth School**

*Headteacher, Mr S Brabant*



Please hold our schools in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We ask Gods blessing on our head teachers, staff and pupils at Arnside and Storth, that they and their families will be safe. We ask God's blessing on parents and families as they face the challenges and anxieties of the present time.

## CARING FOR THE SICK

For hospital staff and medical researchers  
Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience



to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## A PERSONAL PRAYER

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,  
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,  
Eternal Power, be our support,  
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;

that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek thy face

and be brought by thine infinite mercy to thy holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Creative Ways of Praying

You might find it helpful to listen to favourite hymns or worship songs, or other pieces of music that have a special meaning for you.

Pictures can help prompt our prayers - for instance photos of loved ones, maps or pictures of our community or the wider world.

If the news is getting you down, try praying for the people and situations that are mentioned.

Why not try doodling, painting, or drawing as you pray?

## A PRAYER BEFORE SLEEPING

O Lord God, who art light eternal, in the brightness of whose countenance is day that knows no night, and in thy protecting arms all quietness and tranquility: While the darkness covers the face of the earth, receive our body and soul unto thy care and keeping; that whether we sleep or wake, we may rest in thee, in thy light beholding light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## 31st May - Pentecost in Jerusalem

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send them ‘a Comforter’.

They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on Him, and for Him. They were not disappointed, for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ’s body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the Gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta - to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move!

He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow Him.

## KING’S FOODBANK, KENDAL (<http://www.kingsfoodbank.org.uk/>)

*Please see a message below from Jude and Chris Bratt:*

One of the casualties of the present lock down has, of course, been our regular collections of food for King's Food Bank in Kendal. However, the need for the food bank is as vital as ever, particularly as shops and small businesses have closed down and many have laid off staff. The Food Bank has already seen a rise in referrals.

We are suggesting that as we obviously can't donate actual food items at the moment, we can support the work of the food bank by one off or regular cheque donations. Having money enables them to buy things that are in short supply.

If you would like to contribute in this way, please post a cheque or drop one, made payable to Kings Food Bank, through our letterbox (which falls into a locked box) at 47 Church Hill, Arnside LA5 0DW.

We will then send them directly to the manager, who was delighted to hear of this possibility, as they are facing increased demand. We thank you for your continuing support.

## The Trials of new technology

Certain members of the congregation have been having fun during the last few weeks with new technology. Arranging Facetime calls, whatsApp, Zoom and other social media means of communication has certainly been a sharp learning curve.

I think it is safe to say that those of us who a) use social media and b) found a way to communicate via same, did reasonably well although some of the group calls could only be described as chaotic and hilarious!

For those not on social media the good old telephone has also been a lifeline.



# SAINT OF THE MONTH: 19th May – Dunstan: the abbot who restored monastic life in England

Dunstan (909-988 AD) stands out as an example of what just one person can achieve when they follow the call of God on their life.

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury, of a noble family with royal connections and church connections; his uncle was Archbishop of Canterbury. But in 935, at the age of 26, he was accused of ‘studying the vain poems of the pagans’ – and expelled from court. He nearly married, but instead made private monastic vows and was ordained a priest by Elphege, bishop of Winchester. Dunstan felt God’s call on his life and responded. That decision was to shape English history.

Not at first, however. For Dunstan began his priestly life by simply returning to Glastonbury and living as a hermit. He painted, embroidered and did metalwork. But when in 939 Edmund became king of Wessex, he recalled Dunstan and made him abbot of Glastonbury. The monastic life of the country was all but dead; the Danish invasions and the hostility of local magnates had seen to that. Dunstan set out to change all this, and went on to restore monastic life in England, under the Rule of St Benedict.

Down the years, Dunstan saw kings come and go: Edmund, Edred, Edgar, Edward.

Under King Edgar Dunstan was made bishop of Worcester in 957, bishop of London in 959, and Archbishop of Canterbury in 960. Thus was born a fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which was to reform the Church in England. Monastic orders began

to thrive once more. After the Conquest, the days of Dunstan would be looked back on as the ‘golden age’.

Dunstan was zealous for the faith. He taught, prayed, fasted, repaired churches, acted as judge, inspired national laws of the land, made sure taxes were paid, and encouraged his monks in their manuscripts and prayers. He remained active right to the end of his life: he preached three times on Ascension Day 988, and died two days later, on 19 May, aged nearly 80.

They wrote of him: he was without doubt “chief of all the saints who rest at Christ Church” (Canterbury). It has been well said that the 10th century gave shape to English history, and Dunstan gave shape to the 10th century.



## CUMBRIA CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

*The ecumenical Cumbria Spirituality group have composed this prayer for the current time, it might be useful in your daily prayers and devotions.*

Loving God, as your Son healed the sick and brought good news to the needy be with us this day. Loving Jesus as you taught us to

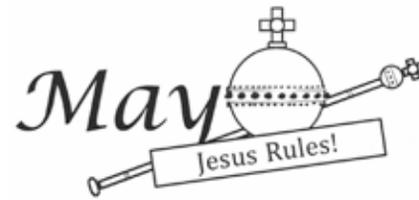
‘Do unto others as you would have them do to you’ be with all the medical staff this day. Bring your healing fire to our homes, our hospitals and our county, but most of all, be with us this day.



**Amen.**



## COLLECTS and READINGS for SUNDAYS IN MAY



### **The Fourth Sunday of Easter - Sunday 3 May**

Acts 2.42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2.19-25  
John 10.1-10

#### **COLLECT:**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection  
and the life: raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are  
above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Sunday 10 May**

Acts 7.55-60  
Psalm 31.1-5,15-16  
1 Peter 2.2-10  
John 14.1-14

#### **COLLECT:**

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 for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Sunday 17 May**

Acts 17.22-31  
Psalm 66.7-18  
1 Peter 3.13-22  
John 14.15-21

#### **COLLECT:**

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.**

### **ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 21 May**

Acts 1.1-11 or Daniel 7.9-14  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1.15-23  
Luke 24.44-53

#### **COLLECT:**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into  
the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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**PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) -  
Sunday 31 May**

Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30

Psalms 104.26-36, 37b

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39



**COLLECT:**

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy  
Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our  
Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

‘May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and  
soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. The one who calls you is faithful,  
and he will do this.’

1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

**Five Tips for Tackling  
Loneliness  
and Isolation**

The Church of England has published a leaflet giving five tips to help loneliness:

**Pray:** Light a candle, if safe, and pray for hope, faith and strength to keep loving and caring for each other during this time of struggle.

**Talk** about how you feel. This may be difficult if you are self-isolating, but do use the telephone, internet, and social media. If you need to contact a counsellor this can be arranged by your GP, or via local agencies, or privately. Samaritans are there 24 hours a day, every day, and it's free to call them on 116 123.

**Focus** on the things that you can change, not on the things you can't.

**Look after yourself** - physically, emotionally, spiritually. Plan in things that you enjoy at regular intervals during the day – a TV programme, a phone call, a book, a favourite dish, a game.

**Look after others:** Even if only in small ways, but do what you can: a smile, a kind word, writing a letter or an email.

Useful web resource for those of you who have the internet::

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/dealing-loneliness-and-isolation-five-top-tips>



## Coronavirus:

### What the Archbishops say:

Since 17th March, when the Archbishops of Canterbury and York had to put the public worship of the Church of England on hold, they have called on Christians to become *“a radically different kind of church, rooted in prayer and serving others.”*

They have also urged congregations to be in the forefront of providing practical care and support for the most poor, and the most vulnerable, during the crisis.

*“We may not be able to pray with people, but we can certainly pray for people.*

*“And please do carry on supporting the local foodbank and buy extra provisions for it. Ensure also that the night shelters, wherever possible, are kept open.*

*“Then by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel – a hope that can counter fear and isolation - will spread across our land.”*

They add: *“This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly a church for all, or just the church for ourselves?”*

*“We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world.”*

Live with us . . .

Take a **rest** with us . . .



Or just call in for a **change** of scenery!

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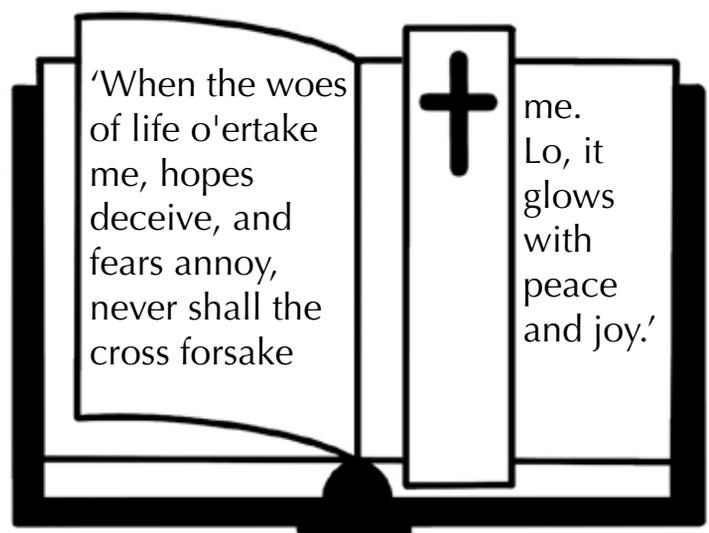
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## BLESS YOU

People used to say 'bless you' if you sneezed. Nowadays they might say something ruder! We live in troubled times.

Some say that the expression started in Rome, when plague broke out. Sneezing was one of the plague's main symptoms, and Pope Gregory I suggested that a tiny prayer in the form of saying, "*God bless you*" after a sneeze would protect the person from death.

Sadly, that does not always work, but we can still remind ourselves of Psalm 91: 4-6:

*"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday."*

Psalm 91: 4-6

## EASTER PILGRIM - REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Church of England are preparing a reflection each day between Easter Day and Ascension Day based around The Lord's Prayer, you can sign up to receive daily emails using the link below. Alternatively, you can download the app 'EasterPilgrim' onto your smartphone or tablet.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/easterpilgrim-lords-prayer>

### Praying together:

A lot of people are choosing to say the Lord's prayer each day at 12 noon. Others are lighting candles at 7pm each night and coming together in prayer. You might find this helpful to know that you will be joining each other at those times.

### Visit the C of E online page

**There is now a range of digital resources for to you connect with God at this difficult time. These include:**

Time to Pray app (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>) which is free and has an accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes.

Mental health reflections (<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>)

Tips to tackle isolation (<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/dealing-loneliness-and-isolation-five-top-tips>)

Finally, there are the Church's smart speaker apps, which provide a range of Christian resources. <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/our-smart-speaker-apps>  
In March alone, the number of people using the Alexa app rose by more than 70 per cent.

More details at:

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



## PARISH NEWS



ST JAMES CHURCH

## MAGAZINE From the Editor

In the eleven years I have been editor of St James' Church Magazine this is the first time I have had to produce one under such sad and difficult circumstances. I have done my best to prepare this as a digital copy that can be sent out via email, printed privately at home or viewed, hopefully, on social media via Facebook. We also hope it might be possible to post some for those not on social media. I can only hope that this reaches as many as possible as we are not permitted to personally deliver printed copies.

May God bless and protect us and for those whom we care. SF

## CHURCH BUILDING

By the time this magazine is available there are bound to be changes to the present situation as I write. However, in the meantime, the church is locked and being cared for as we have always done.

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

As you know Anne Jackson ran an Easter Egg raffle to raise funds for Arnside National School to help towards costs of their new kitchen. We were also collecting in church prior to this although to date the amount collected in the clonboy is unknown.

However, Anne has informed us that we raised £330 on the Easter Egg Raffle which is wonderful. As soon as the final totals are available we will report in the magazine. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

## FROM THE EDITOR



The deadline for the **June** magazine is Monday, **11th May, 2020.**

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## PSALM 46

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

'Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea...

'Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.

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'He says, "Be still, and know that I am God...'

**Psalm 46**



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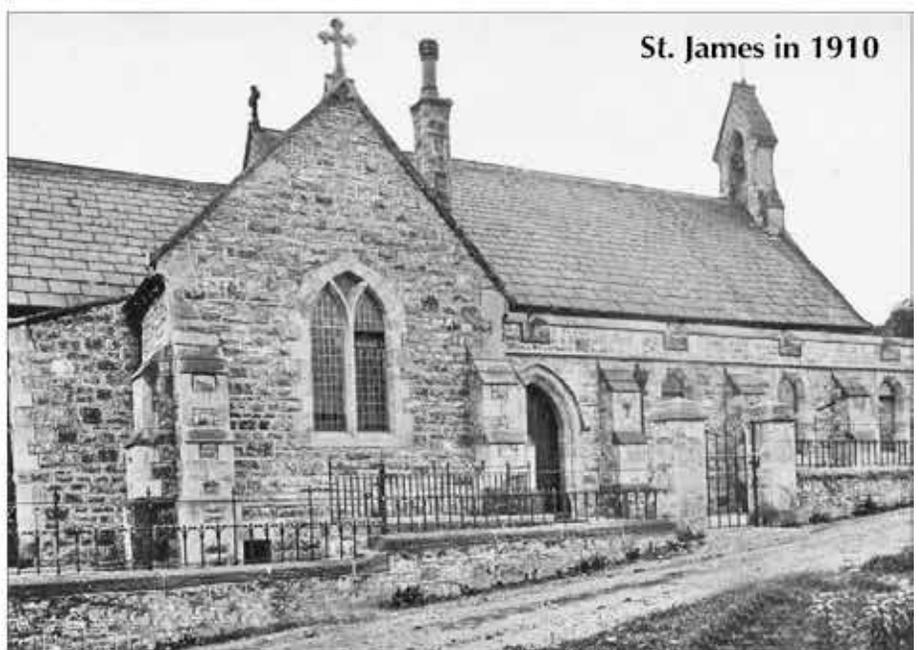
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