



Sunday, 15 November

Dear Friends,

Hoping everyone is keeping safe and well. An excited early morning call announced the tooth fairy had delivered on the first wobbly tooth. It is amazing how technology is now woven into daily living. Royal Mail is also doing a great job as we check out posting to Japan! We have seen beautiful rainbows this week with blue skies, rain and sunshine. Remembrance Day on Wednesday was a time to pause again to remember and be ever thankful for our freedom.

This week, with the announcement of the first COVID-19 vaccination, many of us are feeling ever more hopeful. We have begun to see a time more clearly when COVID will no longer dominate our thoughts, with its impact on health, livelihoods, and the contact we can have with families and friends. Hope helps us believe challenges can be overcome and that the future can be better. It makes it easier for us to cope with the restrictions that we are living under, which might well remain for a while longer yet.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for the hope you bring us in so many different ways.
Thank you how hope helps us to see a new better future
Amen

VERSE FROM A FAVOURITE HYMN

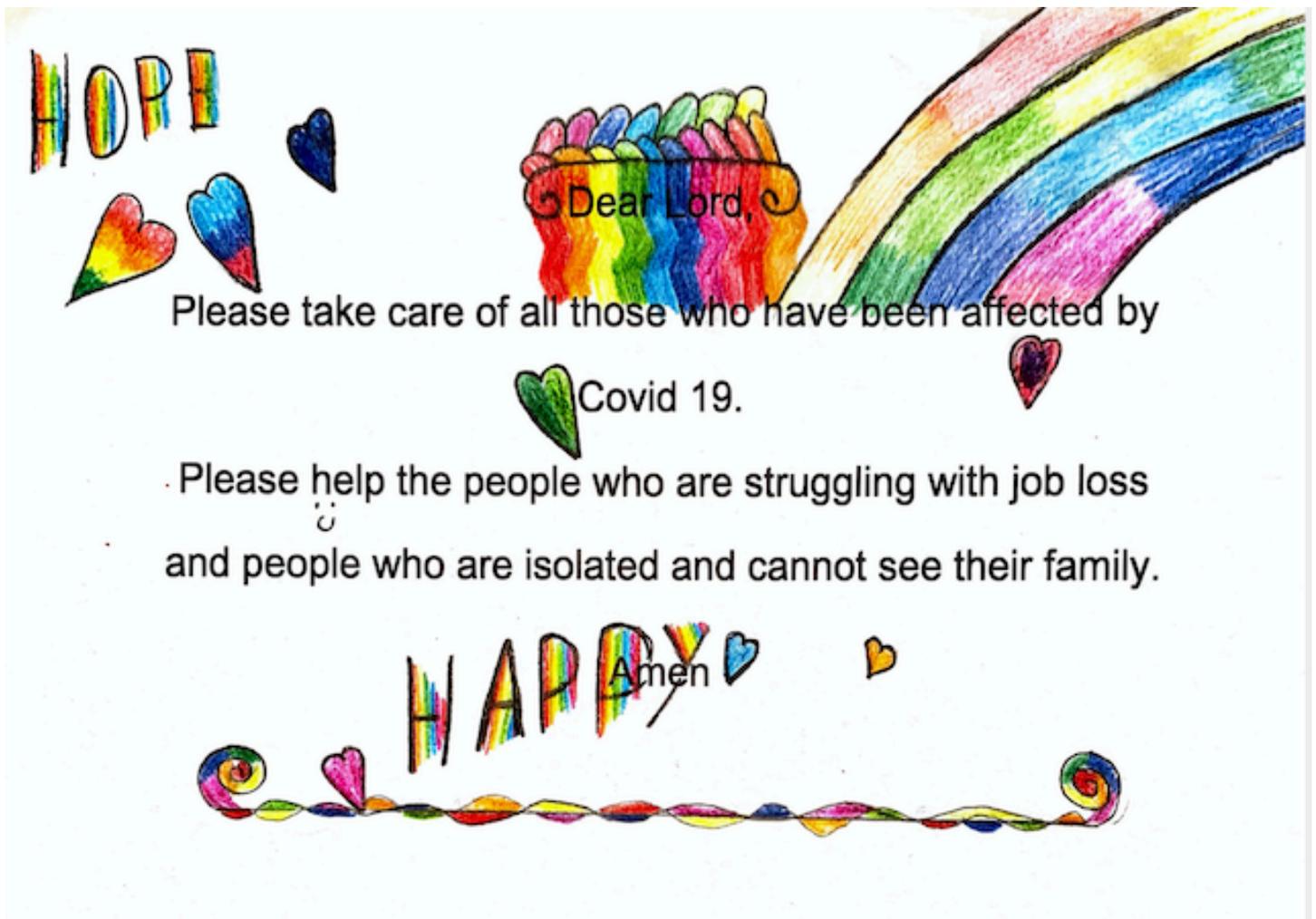
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

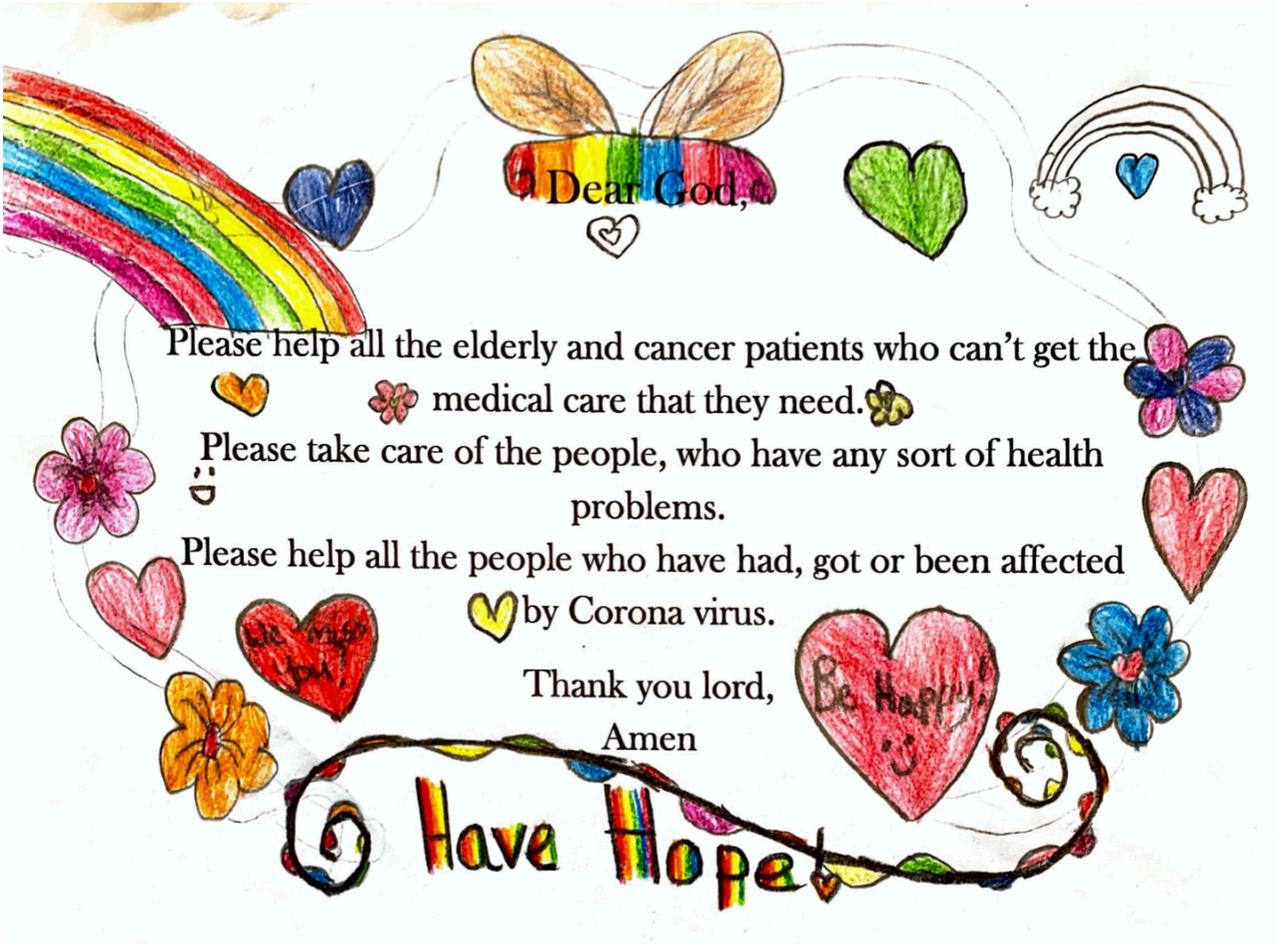
This week hope has come because of some incredible people who have worked hard and used their God-given scientific talents for good. Jesus told a story about God giving us all talents so that we can help each other and enjoy life. In it, he encourages us all to use the talents we have been given. We have all been given talents, talents we can use to help, care and make others feel more human and valued. A smile, a wave, a phone call, a letter can have an impact greater than we might know.

PRAYER

Help us Lord to learn to give out of what you have given us
Help us to learn to use the talents you have given us to help others
Amen

Some children's prayers shared with us.





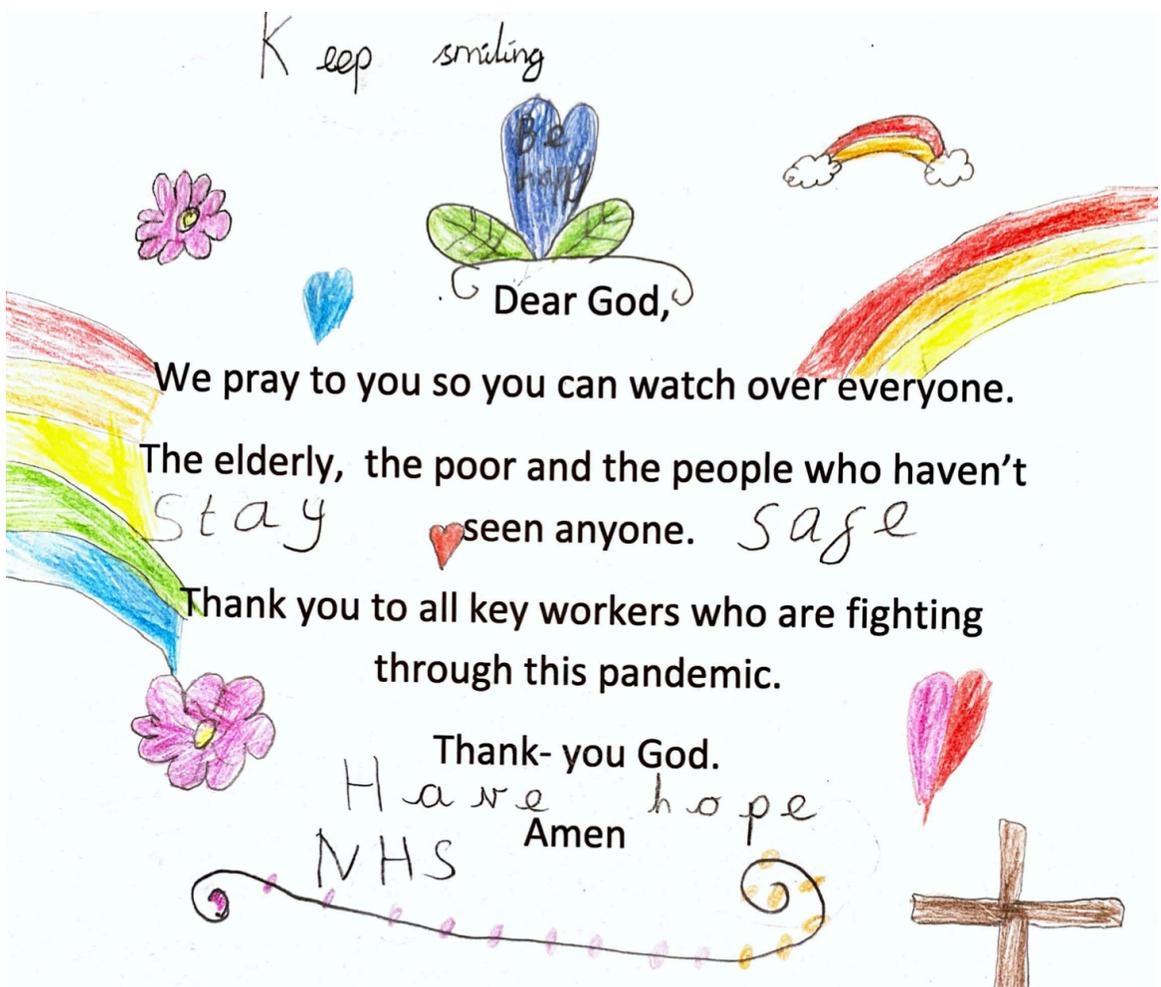
Dear God,
Please help all the elderly and cancer patients who can't get the
medical care that they need.

Please take care of the people, who have any sort of health
problems.

Please help all the people who have had, got or been affected
by Corona virus.

Thank you lord,
Amen

Have Hope!



Keep smiling

Dear God,

We pray to you so you can watch over everyone.

The elderly, the poor and the people who haven't
stay seen anyone. safe

Thank you to all key workers who are fighting
through this pandemic.

Thank-you God.
Have hope
NHS Amen

COVID has had an impact on the finances of many. The Bishop is concerned about the extent to which we have had to dig into our reserves to make up loss of income. Christ Church has suffered significantly. The Bishop is encouraging us all to make a special one off donation, so the work of our Church can continue as normal. We would be grateful to all who are able to contribute. We know that all of you are not in a position to do this at this time.

Bishop Julian is calling us to pray and give. A different member of the Bishop's Leadership Team is leading Evening Prayer at 7pm every evening until 29th November at 7pm via zoom, for all who would like to join in. Karen and Barbara Wilkinson joined yesterday and reported back that it was "lovely, just half an hour". Here is the link.

Topic: Evening Prayer - Call to Pray and Give

Meeting ID: 991 6834 8480

Passcode: BBprayer

Click to Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99168348480?pwd=T2Z6WExrNDhDRERkb0VuQ0xFdHI4UT09>

To help retain the integrity of the meeting, we have been asked not post this link on any social media such as Facebook, twitter or Instagram.

VERSES FROM A FAVOURITE HYMN

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

As you know, churches have again been closed for public worship. We hope you are able to join us tomorrow for Sunday Worship on "zoom" at 11am. It is very relaxed. Do please let Judy at judyknott3@gmail.com know if you would like to receive an invitation or need any help in using zoom.

As an alternative, there is a Diocesan Service at 9am onwards on the Diocesan Youtube Channel. This week it is from Wesham.



PRAYER

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take good care and keep safe. Please do call if you need anything, even for a chat. It is always good to catch up and I love to hear how folk are doing.
You are always in my prayers,

With love and blessings,
Rev John