

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10th May 2020**

This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, alleluia! and I will raise them up on the last day, alleluia, alleluia!

*John 6.40*

**The 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.**

**Reading: Acts 7.55-60**

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

**Psalm 71 - O Lord be my help - David Ogden**

O Lord be my help  
Be the rock where I hide  
Be my tower of strength each day  
O Lord be my hope  
Be the one whom I trust  
Be the saviour who guides my way

1. It is you O Lord who will comfort me  
Who will shelter me with care.  
It is you O Lord who will show me the truth  
And listen to my prayer

2. All my life you've walked close by my side

A help and joy from birth  
My lips shall speak of your mighty deeds  
And your wonders on the earth.

**Reading:** 1 Peter 2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Gospel: John 14.1-14**

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

**Intercessions**

**We give thanks** for our supportive community

**We pray particularly for:** James, William, Anne Memery, Bishop Lee, Tim Tayler, Myra Wilcox, Josephine House, Derrick Sheppard, Marc Vyvyan-Jones, Arthur Brice, Benita Wallis-Langley, Graham Manning, Margaret Moore

*On-going prayers:* Tom Freeman, Flora Nash, Josephine, Mary, the Bingham family,

Tracey Hedderman, Mike Blanchard

*Recently died:* John Rogan (priest), Peter Holmes (priest), Roger Thomas, John Crawley, George Shaw, John Boyers

**We remember** the following, whose anniversaries of death occur this week:

Margaret Burton, Roy Pepworth, David Fitter, Colin Preece

We pray for their loved ones who miss them.

**Local Church Partners:** Trinity-Henleaze United Reformed Church

**Mission:** We pray for the work of Christian Aid, giving hope and making a difference to the poorest people of the world, and pray that during this week of giving we will recognise that despite Coronavirus "Love never fails: Love unites us all"

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** the Anglican Church of Kenya: The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

**Bristol Diocese:** Penhill: St Peter

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: Grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Anthem The Call- Come My Way Vaughan Williams**

#### **Christian Aid Week still needs you!**

Christian Aid week this year will be **Sunday 10th to Saturday 16 May**. We are not permitted to do any house to house collections this year because of the lockdown but there are a variety of ways in which you can still donate. Online donations are welcome via the Christian Aid website.org/payin. There is a virtual red envelope, an E envelope, for you to spread the message to friends available via this link [https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/?\\_ga=2.167228414.1170227913.1587981461-1709870549.1525087798](https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/?_ga=2.167228414.1170227913.1587981461-1709870549.1525087798)

Also, for those of you like me who find Justgiving a quick and easy way of giving to charities I have set up a Christian Aid Week Justgiving page for Holy Trinity on the advice of Christian Aid. The link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ken-pattison7>  
The funds go directly to Christian Aid and it is just a conduit, nothing to do with me!

Alternatively please make a bank transfer to our usual church bank account with 'Christian Aid' as the reference.

I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have about Christian Aid Week. However you do it, please donate!

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## Help and Support

1. If you are currently self isolating and need help please contact either Gill Howse, Phil James or the Parish Office.
2. If you would like to join the support group - either to help those who can't get out by running errands or to make phone calls to maintain contact. Contact Gill Howse, Phil James or the Parish Office

Gill Howse Tel: 01179503132, Mobile: 07840542937

Phil James Mobile: 07847490270 Email: [philjames@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:philjames@blueyonder.co.uk)

We broadcast a 'Night Prayer and Reflection' on Wednesday evenings at 8pm. This is available on [www.facebook.com/wotchurch](https://www.facebook.com/wotchurch)

**Please note** that when the computer newsletter, Youtube and Facebook say 'subscribe' it simply means 'sign up' - it is free!

**Today's service will be available live on Facebook at 10am** and will afterwards be found on the church website: [www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk](http://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk)  
The Parish Office is open, weekday mornings only. Please make contact by post, (Parish Office, Church Road, BS9 3EQ), e-mail: [office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk) or telephone, 9508644.

**Parish magazines and printed copies of the pew-sheet are available Monday to Friday mornings from the Parish Office corridor.**

If you have not already paid for your magazine please bring the correct money with you (60p each). If you are not able to come out during the current situation, please let us know and we will arrange delivery.

If you or someone you know would like a printed copy of Sunday sermons and Night Prayer reflections, please contact the Parish Office to be added to our regular mailing.

**Parish Magazine** - It is really important, especially at this time for us to keep producing the Parish Magazine for people to be able to read. Please do contribute even a few lines - it doesn't have to be a full article!

We'd love to hear from all ages.

Please email your contributions to [bridget.niblett@outlook.com](mailto:bridget.niblett@outlook.com) (preferred) or post them to the parish office. The deadline for the next issue is **15th May**.

Bristol North West Food Bank - There is a box at the parish office for Food Bank donations.

**If you are wondering what to do with your regular giving envelopes**, or giving generally, any of the following work:

Save them up till we are back to Church

Drop them in to the Office

Bank transfer, envelope number would be useful but not essential.

Register with Parish Giving Scheme. They are not dealing with post but can now do set up by phone, 0333 002 1271. The website is

<https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/>

and when speaking to them our details are as follows:

Parish: Westbury on Trym Holy Trinity

Diocese: Bristol

Parish 050605122

Ref:

Alternatively, please contact our Treasurer, Gill Carter, Tel: 9624926.

**Prayer** – please let us know if you would like us to pray for anything specific. Names can be added to our prayer lists - please ask.

**If you would like to give to our church funds** - Scan the QR code (on the right) with your mobile and you can donate safely and directly to us.

**0800 804 8044 - Daily Hope** – a free 24hour phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers; this is an initiative from the Church of England particularly aimed at those without internet access.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, delivered a message of hope to school pupils across the country in the first assembly at Oak National Academy. The Archbishop's address will remain available on the Oak National Academy website.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

How appropriate that on VE Day, **Kay Huggins** celebrates her Birthday– so we send her our very best wishes and hope we can meet again soon!

What do we actually know about Florence Nightingale? Most of us will have heard recently of International Nurses Day on May 12th. Do we realise that this year that day will be the 200th anniversary of Florence's birth in 1820?

For more on this subject please see the parish magazine for June!

[Services and newsletters for our church families](#)

Over the past few weeks we have been considering the best way to bring our services

to our young families. We are continuing to send out monthly Teatime Church newsletters so that people can access the service message and the related crafts/activities in their own time. Please sign up to access these newsletters at: [http://eepurl.com/ge\\_u\\_P](http://eepurl.com/ge_u_P). They are also available on the church website. Alongside these newsletters, we have decided to create some short videos for children/young families to add a personal voice to our messages. The first recording will be posted on our church website so please have a look at

<https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/youth-and-family/4-o-clock-service/>  
**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Daily Prayer: College Park Drive

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May**

International Nurses Day

Daily Prayer: College Road

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Daily Prayer: Comb Paddock

8pm Night Prayer and Reflection  
(Facebook/ Website)

**THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**Matthias the Apostle**

Daily Prayer: Coniston Avenue

9.00am Funeral of Canon John Rogan at Canford Crematorium

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Daily prayer: Coombe Bridge Avenue

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Daily prayer: Coombe Gardens

**NEXT SUNDAY – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

There will be a live broadcast service at 10am on our church's Facebook page.

It will be available on our church website later in the day.

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