

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday after Ascension Day**  
**24th May 2020**

I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord, alleluia! I am coming to you, alleluia,  
alleluia! *John 14.18*

**The Collect**

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Reading: Acts 1.6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The response to **Psalm 27** is

**The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help,  
the Lord is my salvation.**

The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation.  
Why should I fear? With God I fear no-one  
God protects me all my life  
With the Lord what should I dread? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I long for:  
All of my days with God to be dwelling,  
Gazing with awe at the beauty of God,  
And in wonder look on God's house. **R**

I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness;  
Now in this life, I'm sure I will see it.  
Trust in the Lord, be strong and be brave;

Wait in hope for God, our salvation. **R.**

**Reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel: John 17.1-11**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

**Intercessions**

**We give thanks** for hot water and electricity

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

*On-going prayers:* Jane Kirkpatrick, Ann Collins, Pam Jeans, Paul Sheppard, Robina Freeman, Bishop Lee

*Recently died:* Roger Thomas, John Crawley, George Shaw, John Boyers, Ian Dobson, Brenda Baylis

**We remember** the following, whose anniversaries of death occur this week: Kenneth Meek, Esme Grinham, Margaret Perkins, Conrad Sargisson (Priest - Vicar of WoT 1973-79), Margaret Poolman, Rosa Goodchild, Anne Castle.

We pray for their loved ones who miss them.

**Local Church Partners:** The River of Life

**Mission:** We pray for those suffering from dementia and their carers, as we remember the work of BRACE, supporting local university research into Alzheimer's Disease, through the vision of helping science beat dementia.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world:

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops; For members of the Anglican Consultative Council; For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon; For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.

**Bristol Diocese:** Shirehampton: St Mary

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Christian Aid Week** donations are still welcome. Please see the Justgiving page for Holy Trinity: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ken-pattison7> or call 020 7523 2269 to donate by telephone, or talk to Ken:  
Ken Pattison Tel: 968 1485; [kenandjo@pattisonfamily.co.uk](mailto:kenandjo@pattisonfamily.co.uk)

### **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)

**Our services** are all pre-recorded, then broadcast on Facebook, YouTube and the church website 'live' at **10 am Sundays** (Eucharist) and **8pm Wednesdays** (Night Prayer & Reflection).

They can afterwards be found on the church website: [www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk](http://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk)

**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 Parish Office is open, weekday mornings (9.30 to 12.30) only. Please make contact by e-mail: [office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk) or telephone: 9508644, or by post: Parish Office, Church Road, BS9 3EQ.

**Parish magazines and printed copies of the pew-sheet, reflections and sermons are available** Monday to Friday mornings (9.30 to 12.30) 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 unable to come out during the current situation, please let us know and we will arrange delivery. (Normal magazine deliveries are happening). If you or someone you know would like a printed copy of any of the above, please contact the Parish Office to be added to our regular mailing.

**Parish Magazine** - Please do contribute 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 June issue will be available from 27th May; the deadline for the following magazine is June 12th.

**Bristol North West Food Bank** - There is a box at the parish office for donations of non-perishable goods. Financial contributions may be made through their website: <https://www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk/>

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, delivered a message of hope to school pupils across the country. The Archbishop's address remains available on the Oak National Academy website: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

**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.

As we pray, let us remember the people living in many African nations, most of whom have neither the space to distance themselves nor access to health care, running water or sanitation. In part of West Africa there are, for example, just 60 ventilators for 80 million people - figures beyond our comprehension in our well-supplied country. Let us be thankful for our dedicated health service and let us pray that Covid-19 can be prevented as much as possible in Africa and similar places.

**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 Ref: 050605122

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

**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.



### **Services, newsletters and prayer resources for our church families**

Teatime Church online: The youth team at Holy Trinity Parish Church have now put their first recording of 'Storytime Sessions' on the church website for children and young families to enjoy. We share a short, popular story for children then talk about our monthly Teatime Church theme with a gentle biblical message. There is also an action prayer to join in with at the end! Alongside our videos, we are releasing monthly newsletters with easy-to-access craft ideas and useful messages and links. These can all be found on Holy Trinity's website <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/youth-and-family/teatime-church/>

'Thy Kingdom Come' family resources: 'Thy Kingdom Come' is a worldwide prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost. As part of the initiative, there are many lovely activities for children and young families. These include a digital family prayer adventure map, where an app can be used in collaboration with a prayer map that can be downloaded from the website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map>. There are also some great ideas for making prayer spaces at home <https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home> and a prayer journal with 11 beautiful images, reflections and prayers. These are very accessible and can really help to focus and support prayer at home at this time.

George, Family Worker



Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Every single day hundreds of millions of our brothers and sisters around the world say the prayer Jesus put on our lips, praying 'Thy Kingdom Come'. In the past few years, the focus of our prayers in these days between Ascension and Pentecost has been for the coming of the God's Kingdom in the lives of family and friends, neighbours and colleagues that they might come to faith.

This is a special time whilst in lockdown to pray for all, near and far for their needs and that they may come to know God's love more clearly. So plan for these days and use the resources on the website to help you in your prayers.

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

### **Online Beacon Event, Bristol**

Pentecost Sunday. 31 May 2020, 7.30pm

Please join us for an online evening of prayer and worship. [www.tiny.cc/tkcbristol](http://www.tiny.cc/tkcbristol)

**Congratulations** We send our best wishes and congratulations to Betty Bennell who celebrated her 90th Birthday this week.  
Please do let the Parish Office know of any significant birthdays you wish to have mentioned.

**TRAIDCRAFT** - I have Traidcraft stock of mainly tea, coffee, dried fruit, biscuits and chocolate - which you may purchase from me.  
I would also encourage you to look at the Traidcraft website <http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk> and if there are items you need, please contact me either by email [lornarenschaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lornarenschaw@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 950 0934. Once the orders have reached £50, I do not need to pay any delivery costs.  
Please continue to support Traidcraft if you can, but in the meantime, stay safe everyone. Lorna.

A list of businesses in Henleaze and their current trading arrangements is available on the website of The Henleaze Society - The parish office can send you a printed copy if required. We hope to publish similar availability for Westbury businesses in the next magazine.

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

### **MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735**  
Daily Prayer: Cote House Lane

### **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Augustine, archbishop, 605**  
Daily Prayer: Cote Lane

### **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Daily Prayer: Cote Lea Park  
8pm Night Prayer and Reflection (Facebook/Website)

### **THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Daily Prayer: Cote Paddock  
11.00 Funeral of Roger Thomas at Canford Crematorium

### **FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Daily prayer: Cote Park

### **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906**  
Daily prayer: Cross Elms Lane

## **NEXT SUNDAY – PENTECOST**

There will be a pre-recorded Eucharist service broadcast at 10am on our church's Facebook page, YouTube and website.

It will be available to view afterwards as well.

### **7.30pm - 2020 Thy Kingdom Come - Bristol Online Beacon Event**

Please join us for an online evening of prayer and worship. [www.tiny.cc/tkcbristol](http://www.tiny.cc/tkcbristol)