

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
3rd May 2020

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, alleluia! Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die, alleluia, alleluia!

John 11.25-26

The 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.**

Reading: Acts 2.42-47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23

1. Because the Lord is my shepherd,
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in the meadow
And leads me to the quiet streams.
He restores my soul and he leads me in the
paths that are right:

Refrain:

**Lord, You are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow you always,
Just to follow my friend.**

2. And when the road leads to darkness,
I shall walk there unafraid.
Even when death is close I have courage,
For your help is there.
You are close beside me with comfort
You are guiding my way: ***Refrain***

3. Your goodness always is with me
And your mercy I know.
Your loving and kindness strengthens me
always
As I go through life.
I shall dwell in your presence forever,
Giving praise to your name:

Refrain:

**Lord, You are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow you always,
Just to follow my friend.**

Reading: 1 Peter 2.19-25

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit, if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

The Parish Office will be minimally manned this week. We will respond to any urgent messages

**MONDAY 4th May
English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation**

Daily Prayer: Cheriton Place
2.15pm Funeral of John Berkeley-Hill at Canford Crematorium

**TUESDAY 5th May
Daily Prayer: Cherry Orchards**

WEDNESDAY 6th May
Daily Prayer: Chock Lane
2.15pm Funeral of Janet Marjorie Hall at Canford Crematorium
8pm Night Prayer and Reflection
(Facebook/ Website)

**THURSDAY 7th May
Daily Prayer: Church Road**

**FRIDAY 8th May - Bank Holiday
Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c.1417**
Daily prayer: Churchill Drive

**SATURDAY 9th May
Daily prayer: Clover Ground**

NEXT SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Canon John Rogan's funeral has been arranged for Thursday 14th May at 9.00am at Canford Crematorium.

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

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.

Intercessions

We give thanks for the gift of life.

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

On-going prayers: Celia House, Charlie (Age 8) and his family, Carly Elliott, Robin, Lee Hawkesford, Sylvia Wiltshire, Benita Sloan, Amelie (aged 7)

Recently died: Robert Jones, Marjorie Hall, John Berkeley-Hill, John Rogan (priest), Anthony Willis, Peter Holmes (priest), Roger Thomas, John Crawley

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

Herbert Steer (Priest) (Vicar of WoT 1948-1961), Angela Baynton (infant), Jean Hime, Fr Robert Hampson

We pray for their loved ones who miss them.

Local Church Partners: The Well (House of Prayer)

Mission: We ask for God's blessing on all those who give advice and support to local people by phone responding to the anxiety and need for information during the current crisis

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan): The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

Bristol Diocese: Marshfield: St Mary the Virgin; Marshfield CE VC Primary School

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 caweek.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

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! You can also send a cheque to Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London, SE 1 7RT . Please gift aid however you donate if you can. I can provide advice on how to gift aid if required. 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!
Ken Pattison Tel: 968 1485
kenandjo@pattisonfamily.co.uk

Condolences: We extend our condolences to Tom & Lucy Holmes and family on the death of Tom's father last Sunday. Revd Peter Holmes was Vicar of the parish of St Peter's, Norbiton, in the Kingston Deanery. We remember the congregation in our prayers.

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

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/>

'**Night Prayer and Reflection**' on Wednesday evenings at 8pm will be available on www.facebook.com/wotchurch

Today's service will be available live on Facebook and on YouTube at 10am and will afterwards be found on the church website: 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 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 paper 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 (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 donations of non-perishable goods. Financial contributions may be made through their website:
<https://www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk/>