

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
17th May 2020

God has rescued us from the power of darkness, alleluia! And transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, alleluia, alleluia! *Colossians 1.13*

The 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.**

Reading: Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Psalm 33 Rest your love – David Ogden

Rest your love upon us, O Lord
For all our hope is in you
You O Lord are all I have, you give me all I need.
How wonderful your gifts to me
When you are near nothing can harm me.
O Lord, gently rest your love

R. O Lord, gently rest your love

Rest your love upon us O Lord
For all our hope is in you
I find joy in your presence along the path of life.
At your right hand I stand; you give me happiness for ever.
O Lord, gently rest your love

R. O Lord, gently rest your love

Reading: 1 Peter 3.13-end

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Intercessions

We give thanks for Bishop Lee's ongoing recovery as he returns to ministerial duties. We also give thanks for Alexis's recovery.

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: Joy Beckwith, Abi, Nick, Stephen Weston, John Cannon, Margaret Routledge, John Reed, James Wisheart

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

We remember the following, whose anniversaries of death occur this week: Nancy Wydell, Emma Hacobian, Ruth Bailey, Mary Pelmore, Tony Eastman, Eleanor Purcell, Bill Wragg, Gwen Hart, Hazel Dickenson
We pray for their loved ones who miss them.

Local Church Partners: Emmanuel

Mission: We remember the homeless young people supported by Church Army at Ty Bronna and Ty Danescourt in Cardiff. We pray for the staff and the young people themselves that together they can create positive futures where there seemed no hope.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Anglican Church of Korea: The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon
Bristol Diocese: The Diocese of Kigezi, linked with North Wilts Deanery

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anthem: 'If ye love me' – Tallis

Christian Aid Week still needs you!

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! 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. Unfortunately under the current circumstances regarding Covid-19, there is a delay to processing donations by post. Please give via Justgiving as above or via the website caid.org.uk where possible - or call 020 7523 2269 to donate by telephone. 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

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

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 or telephone: 9508644, or by post: Parish Office, Church Road, BS9 3EQ.

Parish magazines and printed copies of the pew-sheet 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 Sunday sermons and Night Prayer reflections, please contact the Parish Office to be added to our regular mailing. These are also available from the office corridor.

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 June issue will be available from 27th May; the deadline for the following magazine is June 12th.

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

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

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 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/>

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 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 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. 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/>

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 lornarensaw@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.

We have a list of Shops in Henleaze currently available (thanks to the Henleaze Society) - please contact the parish office & we will send you a copy. We hope to publish similar availability for Westbury traders in the next magazine.

Do you have any wool/yarn you do not need? Would you be willing to donate it to the Parish Office Corridor on its way to people who knit?

There is a bag hanging up in the corridor for any completed 8" squares which will be sewn together to make a blanket.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 18th May

Daily Prayer: Coombe Lane

TUESDAY 19th May

Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988

Daily Prayer: Coombe Rocke

WEDNESDAY 20th May

Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804

Daily Prayer: Coombe Way

8pm Night Prayer and Reflection
(Facebook/ Website)

THURSDAY 21st May

Daily Prayer: Cooper Road

FRIDAY 22nd May

Daily prayer: Cote Bank House

SATURDAY 23rd May

Daily prayer: Cote Drive

NEXT SUNDAY – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.