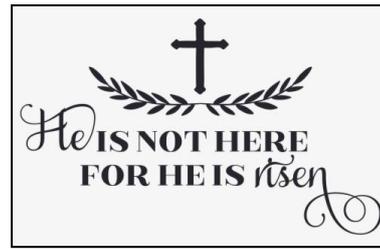


Fourth Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2020



Cowslip Sunday

This week in Lambley would have traditionally been Cowslip Sunday. It always happens on the first Sunday in May.

There are various stories as to how it became an important part of Lambley life, some darker than others. When I first came to the tradition, I was a minister covering the vacancy at the church and was asked if I would help with the service.

I was told by one of the older members of the congregation the weekend was a sort of Mother's Day before there was a Mother's Day.

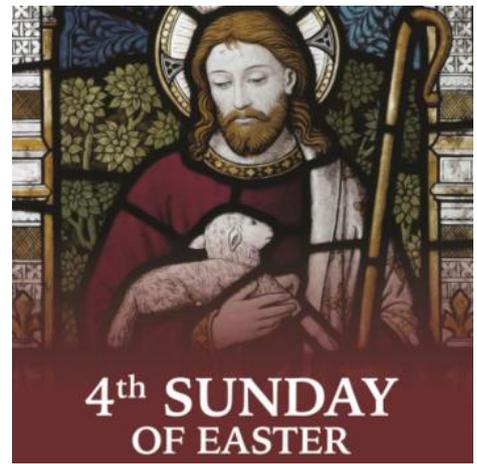
The local children would collect the cowslips from the fields and bring them to church where they would be blessed and given to their mothers. She also mentioned that many folk wore cowslip bonnets to church as well.

These local customs make each of our communities wonderful themselves but also add to our wider culture, so one of this week's services is the Cowslip Service which has been adapted for online worship; let us share and enjoy it together.

God bless

Mic

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>[Genesis 7]</i> <i>Acts 2: 42-End</i> <i>Psalm 23</i> <i>1 Peter 2: 19-End</i> <i>John 10: 1-10</i>
Monday English saints & martyrs of the Reformation Era	<i>Acts 11: 1-18</i> <i>Psalms 42:1-2; 43: 1-4</i> <i>John 10: 1-10 (or 11-18)</i> Lesser Festival eucharistic lectionary: <i>Isaiah 43: 1-7 or Ecclesiasticus 2: 10-17</i> <i>Psalm 87</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4: 5-12</i> <i>John 12: 20-26</i>
Tuesday	<i>Acts 11: 19-26</i> <i>Psalm 87</i> <i>John 10: 22-30</i>
Wednesday	<i>Acts 12: 24-13: 5</i> <i>Psalm 67</i> <i>John 12: 44-End</i>
Thursday	<i>Acts 13: 13-25</i> <i>Psalm 89: 1-2, 20-26</i> <i>John 13: 16-20</i>
Friday	<i>Acts 13: 26-33</i> <i>Psalm 2</i> <i>John 14: 1-6</i>
Saturday	<i>Acts 13: 44-End</i> <i>Psalm 98: 1-5</i> <i>John 14: 7-14</i>



Collect for Today

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

Parish Prayer Diary

Please use this Prayer Diary as a part of your daily prayer

Please pray for:

The Warden and Residents of Marion Murdoch Court Sheltered Housing

The Sick: Stephen Dodds, Sue Brown, Clare Bower, Phil, Jane Johnson, Chris & Gary Walton, Sarah Davies, Gladys Aspland, Mike & Sheila Richards, Kate Sinclair

The Departed: Ken Esden, Eileen Brown, Eva Wilson

Intercessions

Our loving Lord, we ask for your help and guidance in the church and in the world at this time of uncertainty and distress. You have said that you will be with us always and we take comfort and strength from that. Be with all those working in our hospitals and care homes, many concerned about their own families who may be worried about them. Renew them when they are exhausted, giving them the grace to carry on.

We also pray for those in the community who are frightened of catching the virus especially when they know that loved ones will not be able to visit them. Also, we pray for your comfort for all who are lonely and missing being able to go out to clubs and other social events where they can meet to exchange news.

Thank you, Lord, for all the people in our communities who have offered to shop for neighbours, and those who are working in food banks so that others should not be hungry. We also pray for families where there are children who are confined indoors, without gardens where they can play. May they find enough resources to keep them occupied indoors. Thank you too, for teachers providing lessons for children to study at home.

Father we bring to you for healing those who are ill, housebound because of infirmity, or suffering depression or loneliness. And we pray too, for those whose life on earth is drawing to its end. Take away any fear they may have and comfort their loved ones.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers in Jesus' name.

Amen

	Thought for Today	In our Diocese	In our Parish
Sunday	Walk worthy of God. <i>1 Thessalonians 2:12</i>	The Interim Assistant Archdeacon of Newark (Mark Adams)	Hanselin Close Rosa Close
Monday	Do not despise the chastening of the Lord. <i>Hebrews 12:5</i>	The Cranmer Group Tim Chambers	Wood Lane Waterhouse Lane
Tuesday	Wait on your God continually. <i>Hosea 12:6</i>	St Peter Widmerpool; St Mary & All Saints Willoughby-on-the-Wolds; Holy Trinity Wysall	Main Road Shearing Hill Shearing Close
Wednesday	Pray without ceasing. <i>1 Thessalonians 5:17</i>	Wiverton in the Vale	Brooklands Drive Brooklands Crescent Danehurst Drive
Thursday	Oh give thanks to the Lord. <i>1 Chronicles 16:8</i>	DIOCESAN STAFF Director of Parish Support for the Diocese, Fraser McNish & colleagues	Station Road The Orchards
Friday	The Lord is my light and my salvation. <i>Psalms 27:1</i>	BANK HOLIDAY	Waverley Avenue Carnarvon Grove Tennyson Avenue
Saturday	The Lord gives wisdom. <i>Proverbs 2:6</i>	GEDLING DEANERY Area Dean Anthony Giles	Vernon Avenue Duncroft Avenue Ranmoor Road

NOTICES



WhatsApp

We have a church WhatsApp group. If you would like to join please message your name and mobile number to **07498 042760** and Mic will add you

The Ark 'Just Giving'

Contributions to the work of The Ark can now be made via 'Just Giving'. All contributions are gratefully received and will enable The Ark's mission to our local community to continue.

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PRact:sing

PRact:sing is a Creative Platform operating on behalf of the Parishes of All Hallows Gedling

and Holy Trinity Lambley, on which to collect and store creative work in all media, made in response to the COVID 19 pandemic in which we are currently living. The collection will be made in preparation for an exhibition in 2021 (or whenever the pandemic is over) to be called CO:DID 20, a title which is reflective of what we have thought, said, done and *made* during the social isolation and work lockdowns.

Creative writing, poems, historical accounts, photographs, emojis, graphs, recordings, films, videos, singing, drumming, readings, paintings, drawings, sculpture, every media will be acceptable, provided that it is a response to our separation from each other or is a reflection of living with the death of loved ones.

Some of the work will be put onto the All Hallows website as a billboard for others to join the Platform.

The Reverend Jean Lamb is Associate Priest to the Parishes of All Hallows Gedling and Holy Trinity Lambley and is a practising artist; she will be managing the artwork and forthcoming Exhibition CO:DID 20, working alongside her colleagues in the churches. Her work can be found on www.jeanlamb.com

Items for the next Pew Leaflet should reach the office by 10.00 am on Thursday

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