

Fifth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2020



“Blessed are the Peacemakers”

On Friday we celebrate peace returning to Europe after 6 years of bitter war, an event we observe.

It's been 75 years since this occurred and we rightly remember those who lived and served through those years. Their lives and sacrifice have shaped the world. Yet we also need to acknowledge that, even with the end of World War 2, peace did not return to the world. These anniversaries remind us that peace is an ongoing process, not a point in time.

We as Christians know this well. We are reminded in the Communion Service, as we exchange the peace with each other, that we must choose to actively do this.

***23** "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, **24** leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."*

Matthew 5:23-24

In offering the peace to others we also recognise our need for God's Peace. We do it each time to remind ourselves that peace needs to be engaged in actively so we can be reconciled to each other.

The point at which it appears in the service is also important. It comes as the link between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Sacrament. The point when the service moves from the feeding of the mind to the feeding of the soul, effectively from head to heart. The peace is the link reminding us that both need to be incorporated in our faith. If peace is to be real, head and heart both need to be active. If love is to be expressed it is done in their offering. Here we share the wonder of God's peace shown to us by the love of Jesus in our lives.

Knowing this we become the Peacemakers, sharing what is real and ongoing, active and alive, we make each time we do this a moment of celebration, recognising Christ's victory will bring peace to the world.

Rev Mic

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>[Genesis 8: 1-19]</i> <i>Acts 7: 55-End</i> <i>Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16</i> <i>[or 31: 1-5]</i> <i>1 Peter 2: 2-10</i> <i>John 14: 1-14</i>
Monday	<i>Acts 14: 5-18</i> <i>Psalm 118: 1-3, 14-15</i> <i>John 14: 21-26</i>
Tuesday	<i>Acts 14: 19-End</i> <i>Psalm 145: 10-End</i> <i>John 14: 27-End</i>
Wednesday	<i>Acts 15: 1-6</i> <i>Psalm 122: 1-5</i> <i>John 15: 1-8</i>
Thursday	<i>Isaiah 22: 15-End</i> <i>or Acts 1: 15-End</i> <i>Psalm 15</i> <i>Acts 1: 15-End</i> <i>or Corinthians 4: 1-7</i> <i>John 15: 9-17</i>
Friday	<i>Acts 15: 22-31</i> <i>Psalm 57: 8-End</i> <i>John 15: 12-17</i>
Saturday	<i>Acts 16: 1-10</i> <i>Psalm 100</i> <i>John 15: 18-21</i>



Collect for Today

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**

Intercessions

We thank you Lord for 75 years of peace in Europe, peace that was achieved by so much sacrifice from the soldiers who gave their lives. The war years were miserable, and many lives were lost and affected severely but during that time we learned to live, support and work with our neighbours. We gained camaraderie, we built beautiful countries and learned how to live and work again with each other and for this we thank you Lord.

Bless Lord our doctors, nurses and support staff and all those who work to keep us safe whilst so very short staffed. These are our soldiers and heroes of today, they are on the front line working to protect us all. Thank you Lord. Our war with the virus is not over so help us Lord to work now and continue to follow the guidelines keeping us free from Covid-19. Help those Lord who struggle without their regular routine, those who are lonely and those who need extra care at this time. We give thanks for those who are still working in charities for very little money, for those that give support to the disabled or confused by brain injury.

We will never forget those whose lives have been taken by Covid-19 and pray Lord their families will be comforted by your love. During the time that some of us are self-isolating, may we all find value in peace and contentment whilst acknowledging the importance of a tranquil space in our lives.

MORNING PRAYER WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY

Psalm 77; Numbers 12; Luke 5:12-16

A few years ago, my wife Janet and I enjoyed a lovey holiday in Crete that included a visit to the island of Spinalonga. A very pretty place, you might like to look it up. Spinalonga was until 1957 a leper colony. A disease still common in poor parts of the world. Leprosy, a disease thought so terrible that sufferers would become outcasts from society, made to be *socially distant*, to be *isolated* from others. In the bible, leprosy is used to identify not only a horrible physical illness, but also one that robs the sufferer from all social status and particularly in the Hebrew scriptures, separates the sufferer from God Himself. In our reading from Numbers we have Miriam, inflicted by God, separated from the camp and from God. But this is a temporary distancing, a matter of days. She is healed, brought back into the fold. St Luke recalls Jesus' healing of the leper. This isn't done automatically, the leper through faith in Jesus' healing power asks for his healing touch. Jesus touches the untouchable and he is healed.

You see both of our readings are about our relationship with God. Our trust in Him. Our faith in Him. God has faith in us and wishes to be close to us. But we in turn need to have trust and faith in God. By being close to God, we will be fully healed. Amen. *John Tattersfield*



Parish Prayer Diary

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

Please pray for:

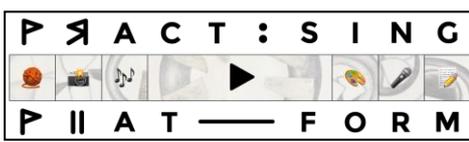
The Staff and Residents of Stoke House Nursing Home

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

The Departed: Eileen Brown, Eva Wilson, Clare Bower

	Thought for Today	In our Diocese	In our Parish
Sunday	Whatever you do, do it... as to the Lord. <i>Colossians 3:23</i>	The Bishop of Southwell & Nottm (Paul Williams)	Blackhill Drive Orlando Drive Highclere Drive
Monday	I am with you always. <i>Matthew 28:20</i>	St Mary Arnold	Gedling Road Burton Road Burton Close
Tuesday	The Lord knows the thoughts of man. <i>Psalms 94:11</i>	St Wilfrid Calverton	Doveridge Road Doveridge Avenue
Wednesday	You are my hiding place. <i>Psalms 32:7</i>	St John the Baptist Carlton	Manor Road Manor Crescent
Thursday	You have put gladness in my heart. <i>Psalms 4:7</i>	SECTOR MINISTRIES Lowdham Grange Prison (Dave Clarke)	Eastmoor Drive Station Road Elm Drive
Friday	Your word was to me the joy... of my heart. <i>Jeremiah 15:16</i>	St Paul Carlton-in-the-Willows	Conway Road Conway Avenue Conway Crescent
Saturday	God, my exceeding joy. <i>Psalms 43:4</i>	St John the Baptist Colwick	Freeman's Terrace Freeman's Road

NOTICES



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.



A new What's App group has been established this week by Revd Jean Lamb. She would be delighted to hear from anyone in the parish who would like to be part of the Chat – please contact her via Messages on her iPhone.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS ON HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

ALL HALLOWS FINANCES END APRIL

Income for April: Planned giving £2885 (less than usual due to planned giving envelopes not having been received). Obviously there has been no money from collections which would average out at £250 per month but we have received our quarterly tax return which averages out at just under £1000 per month

We will be struggling to pay the Diocese in full this year, especially if we are not allowed to open up church for services or to hold fund raising events like coffee mornings.

We do need to continue to contribute to the Diocese which uses the funds to pay clergy. We urgently require planned giving envelopes on a regular basis in order to be able to achieve this.

GIVING ENVELOPES OR DONATIONS CAN BE PUT SECURELY INTO THE WALL SAFE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CHURCH STEPS IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GET OUT AND ABOUT, OR GET IN TOUCH WITH ELEANOR OR THE CHURCHWARDENS WHO WILL ARRANGE TO PICK THEM UP FROM YOU.

Many thanks, stay safe and well.

Eleanor 0115 956 1385

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CURRENT SITUATION.



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

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