



## Seventh Sunday of Easter 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020



### **SOMETHING TO PONDER**

What have the passages below in common?

Luke 1 vs 11-20

Luke 1 vs 26-38

Luke 2 vs 8-15

Luke 24 vs 4-8

Acts 1 vs 10-11

And what is different?

HMMMM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
<b>Sunday</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter	<i>[Ezekiel 36: 24-28]</i> <i>Acts 1: 6-14</i> <i>Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-End</i> <i>[or 68: 1-10]</i> <i>1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11</i> <i>John 17: 1-11</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Acts 19: 1-8</i> <i>Psalm 68: 1-6</i> <i>John 16: 29-End</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Acts 20: 17-27</i> <i>Psalm 68: 9-10, 18-19</i> <i>John 17: 1-11</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Acts 20: 28-End</i> <i>Psalm 68: 27-28, 32-End</i> <i>John 17: 11-19</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11</i> <i>Psalm 16: 1, 5-End</i> <i>John 17: 20-End</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Acts 25: 13-21</i> <i>Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20</i> <i>John 21: 15-19</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Acts 28: 16-20, 30-End</i> <i>Psalm 11: 4-End</i> <i>John 21: 20-End</i>



**Collect for Today**

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**

**Intercessions**

Lord we offer up to you your Church, whom you left at your ascension, to be your living presence and witness until your return. May the Church bear even stronger and more persuasive testimony to your capacity of love and direct the lives of all your disciples.

We pray for a world floundering in a tragedy, and for a world fighting against an unseen viral enemy. Give understanding to Scientists, Doctors, Nurses, and all in a position of power to assist with healing, cure, or immunisation against Covid. Through your healing powers help all Nations to bring about a solution. Give us wisdom and the foresight to the many, that we may overcome this global tragedy and through which we may all become better disciples of your love and care.

Fill Ministers and Councillors with your capacity to create peace, love and harmony in all our lives. Fill us all with sympathy, to care for our neighbours, as you cared for us all.

We offer up to you those who are a special concern for your compassion and love, and to all you had in mind when you left the world in their stewardship. May the needy of this world always inspire in us an acute sense of humility and thanksgiving for your many blessings.

We pray and give thanks for all those who have died, and who have now ascended with Christ to live with him in his kingdom. As we celebrate the ultimate fulfilment of their resurrection, may our own witness be strengthened as we strive to embody the risen and ascended Christ in our daily lives. God bless the Queen. Amen

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

**Please pray for:**

**The Staff and Residents** of Beacon Lodge

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

**The Departed:** Clare Bower

	<b>Thought for Today</b>	<b>In our Parish</b>
Sunday	<b>Thy Kingdom Come Day 4</b> – Pray for the witness and evangelism of our diocesan link churches.	Westdale Lane Lascelles Avenue Rufford Avenue
Monday	<b>Thy Kingdom Come Day 5</b> – Pray for the witness and evangelism of our local partner churches.	Chesterfield Avenue Welbeck Avenue Thoresby Avenue
Tuesday	<b>Thy Kingdom Come Day 6</b> – Pray for the witness and evangelism in our outer estates.	Perlethorpe Avenue Perlethorpe Close
Wednesday	<b>Thy Kingdom Come Day 7</b> – Pray for the witness and evangelism in our rural communities.	Perlethorpe Drive Perlethorpe Crescent
Thursday	<b>Thy Kingdom Come Day 8</b> – Pray for the witness and evangelism through our market town centre churches.	Storey Avenue Besecar Avenue Besecar Close
Friday	<b>Thy Kingdom Come Day 9</b> – Pray for the witness and evangelism of Christians in civic life.	Clifton Grove Redcar Close Wollaton Avenue
Saturday	<b>Thy Kingdom Come Day 10</b> - Pray for the witness and evangelism of our Cathedral.	Linby Close Hucknall Crescent Babbington Crescent

**Psalm 68: 32-End**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord,

*Selah*

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel;  
and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary,  
the God of Israel;  
he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

We are living in a time which none of us have ever known before whatever age we are.

Before the Corona virus arrived, we could leave our homes, be free to shop and meet friends and families, attend church services and go wherever we wanted, at any time.

The things we are unable to do, we would have taken for granted 11 weeks ago.

It's my birthday in a few days' time and it's going to be strange not seeing my family and friends in person to celebrate. I'm sure a Rigby barbecue would have been held!

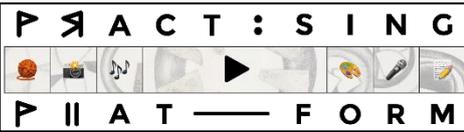
My stepdaughter was going to be married a few weeks ago and that has had to be postponed. We had a trip to London planned a couple of weeks ago and that also had to be cancelled. Many other events here and abroad have had to be cancelled.

But, our faith shows that during this time, our Lord is always there. He holds his arms out to us, to guide us. He listens and helps all the time.

Keep your hearts alive with the knowledge that our Lord is supporting and helping us during this difficult period. Be certain that good times will be back with us all soon.

Amen

# **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 What's App group has been established 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](http://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](http://www.jeanlamb.com)



I have really enjoyed looking at all the creative work that people have sent to Mic for Palm Sunday; the Easter Bonnets; Cowslip Sunday and the Hero Service and the way the work has been gathered together into a video with background music etc.

Jean is trying to capture the flavour of our experiences during lockdown - a really interesting historical document for the future!!

It would be wonderful if you could look at All Hallows website and at Jean's PRact:sing platform, follow the instructions and send your work. It sounds complicated but as long as your work is saved in a folder, the folder will upload onto the site.

I am not the best with technology, but I managed to upload some photos of walks I've been doing, my palm artwork, hero montage and videos sent to me by my daughter of my grandson's first linked words 'Stay at Home!!' and the artwork she has painted on her window.

I am looking forward to a really interesting exhibition next year - please take a look at the website and send examples of how you've been dealing with lockdown and what you've been doing with your time for the last seven weeks!!! I should think there are some lovely examples of how people decorated their homes/streets for VE Day and Orlando Drive created an amazing video of their scarecrows.

*Eleanor*

## **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.

**Thank you to everyone who has posted their giving envelopes in the safe box at the bottom of the church steps. Please keep them coming in - everything helps to keep our ability to pay our Giving for Ministry which in turn pays clergy wages.**

**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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