



Sunday 17th May – Easter 6

Our common values are:

Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth

NO PUBLIC SERVICES

We will be holding an online homily this Sunday which will be by Lynn Wallington. Checkout the URL link on the website (this week) or below.

<https://youtu.be/WHv8xfAFCYw>

To join the online worship service please contact the parish office (details below)

We will continue to hold the parish in prayer during this time.

Please follow us on twitter or Instagram and our website www.stpaulinus.co.uk

Please hold in your prayers Roger Laing this weekend as he becomes a licensed lay minister. Congratulations Roger.

If you wish to contact Fr Paul, Revd Amanda or the church office please see the contact details below:

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Re-entering of churches for clergy will now begin to take place:

With immediate effect, ministers may now enter their churches for the following reasons:

1. Pray the daily offices
2. Live stream or pre-record worship
3. Celebrate the Eucharist on behalf of the community
4. Ring one bell from the ground floor to announce prayers being said
5. Check the fabric of the building in the course of these duties

FIRST READING Acts 17.22–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 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. 24 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, 25 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. 26 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, 27 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. 28 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." 29 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. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 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 66.7–18 R [Bless our God, you peoples;] let the sound of his praise be heard.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard. 8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. R

9 For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. 10 You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. R

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. R

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. 15 I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. 16 If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; R

17 But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me. R

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3.13–22

A reading from the first letter of Peter. 13 Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 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, 15 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; 16 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. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 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, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 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. 21 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, 22 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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus said to his disciples: 15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 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. 18 I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 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.'

Church Notices

Do you know anyone who needs any help during this crisis?

Please think of those who live near to you who may need some groceries or just a call to ensure they are okay. If the church can be of any help please pass on the details on this pewsheet. Keeping all in our prayers.

[Look at our prayer page under Thoughts & Prayers](#)

Craft Club

For all of you that like to make and do with a little chat and a cup of tea, the craft club was launched just before the lockdown began.

This can involve a collective craft or bring your own to join in. Margery, a member of the group has created a template to create your own card, so if you would like a go please contact either Revd Amanda Spence or Kelly at the church office who would be happy to send you one.



Daily Hope

For those of you who do not have access to the internet but would like to join in a daily service, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justion Welby launched the Daily Hope. This is a free phone line.



The Foodbank now more than ever is an important resource for families at this time of lock down. CTiC have recently been able to donate £330 from across the CTiC. This is vital community work we can participate in if we are able. Please see the Foodbank details on the St Paulinus website or get in contact with Marilyn Downes 01322 294569 if you need further information on how to donate.

Ascension Day is Thursday the 21st May. There will be resources available for prayer and reflection for Ascension to Pentecost, from Thy Kingdom Come. These include:

- **Novena with daily prayers, readings and reflections**
- **Prayer Journal with passage from the Bible, a short reflection, a prayer, and a suggestion for action. There is also space each day for your own notes**
- **Prayer Intentions, a simple set of prayers for each day**
- **Prayer Map an interactive map for children and families**

These can be ordered from, <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources> / 01903 263354, they will also be available to download on stpaulinus.co.uk, or contact Rev Amanda on 01322 310657 if you would like a download posted.

Rev Amanda will be doing Celtic Morning Prayer on the Wednesday for when the usual 9.30am Low Mass occurs. This link will also be available after this time. The printed service will be available on the stpaulinus.co.uk website, if you wish to follow at home.

If you missed the Lockdown Online Guided Retreat it will continue until 24th May 2020

The online guided retreat has been so popular it is will be extended to the 24th May. For those of you who missed the earlier opportunity and feel drawn to spending more time in prayer, you are simply encouraged to put aside time each day for your own prayer. You will be paired with a spiritual accompanier, who via phone or via computer, will contact at the same time each day for 20–30 minutes, to listen to God through your own prayer with scripture and through talking and reflecting with your accompanier. The dates and length of the retreat will be flexible (recommended 4-5 days) at mutually arranged To find out more or to book a place please contact Susanne Carlsson on susannecarlssons@hotmail.co.uk or 07795 167603.