WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET

FOR THE BENEFICE OF ST WITHBURGA HOLKHAM, ALL SAINTS WARHAM, ST NICHOLAS WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA AND ALL SAINTS WIGHTON

19th April 2020 2nd Sunday of Easter

11.00am Live-streamed service from the Rectory on YouTube.

Our pattern of prayer continues and Revd Brenda will live-stream a service from the Rectory on Sundays at 11.00am and Wednesdays at 10.00am.

In addition we have set up a 12 hour prayer chain each Friday with a team signing up for 30 minute slots between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Let us know if you would like to join in by e-mailing Revd Brenda.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . .

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these."

And remember, do protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home unless essential.

For Our Prayers In these Worrying Times

In our benefice this week we pray especially:-

for those among us who need our prayers: Clare Banham, Peter Wilson, Nicola, Anthony Atkinson, Gill Smith, Mercedes Edwards, Paul Bishop, Amanda Newton, Sylvia, and John Crook.

for those who have died recently: Hilda Swanson, Betty Collins, and Herbert Seaman.

and for those who died at this time in years past: Peter Antwis

<u>Funerals:</u> Due to the current restrictions only close family may attend the services and must observe social distancing. Please keep them in your prayers at this time.

Betty Collins on Monday April 20th at 12.00 noon at Cromer Crematorium Hilda Swanson on Tuesday 21st April at 2pm at Cromer Crematorium

Most glorious Lord of Life like the two Marys, restless with grief and fear, we yearn for you.

Come into our tomb-like places, we pray, meet us in the homes and hospitals, of your changed and broken world, console us with your risen presence and turn the darkness of our distress to a new dawn. Amen.

Susanna Gunner, our Diocesan Advisor in Spirituality,

A Bible Study Group with a difference will be soon starting on-line. We will be studying the book of Acts and Fr Trevor will write an introduction for a bible passage each week. This will be sent by email to those wishing to take part, who will then have the opportunity to share their thoughts with the group, via email. The first session will hopefully start on Monday 27th April. If you are interested, please send your email address to Kate:- kate.clodd321@gmail.com.

If you have been going online to watch services please subscribe to the channel. It doesn't cost anything and you will only get notifications for our channel. We are currently filming on a laptop because YouTube will only allow us to use a phone or tablet (which is easier) if we have 1000 subscribers. I know we are unlikely to manage that but let's have a shot. The weblink is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCbV-ISQ1HQ1jZvnESfrY2A/

The Foodbank are in desperate need of toiletries as well as food items at the moment. Could items to be taken to the Co-op now please while the churches are closed. Thank you

Christian Aid - Whether or not you have followed the Lent 'Count your Blessings' appeal, it would be great if you could support Christian Aid at the moment. Aid agencies will all be struggling so much now, and of course all the projects Christian Aid supports will be threatened with the virus too.. If you are able, a donation can be given at caid.org.uk/lent (no cheques now, I'm afraid) - Helena

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The Collect Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Acts 2.14a,22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Gospel John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have



come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.