

WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET

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

26th April 2020 3rd 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.

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: Amanda Newton, Peter Wilson, Nicola, Sylvia, Anthony Atkinson, Clare Banham, Gill Smith, Paul Bishop, John Crook, Mercedes Edwards and Jayne Savory.

for those who have died recently: Hilda Swanson, Betty Collins and Mark Dunthorne.

and for those who died at this time in years past: Ruth Whiting

Funerals: 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.

Mark Dunthorne at Wells Cemetery, Tuesday April 28th, 3.00pm

".....Emmaus is really everywhere, the road that leads there is the path of every Christian, indeed every human being. On our own journeys, the risen Jesus is a traveling companion who rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope and the breaking of the bread of eternal life."

Pope Benedict XVI



Risen Christ,
on the road to Emmaus
your presence brought excitement out of dashed hopes,
fresh energy out of weary fear,
and deep joy out of sadness.
As you walk lovingly alongside us in our changed and unfamiliar world,
open our eyes to recognise you journeying with us,
and set our hearts on fire with love for you. Amen.

Bible Study Course

Fr Trevor is preparing weekly instalments for a short course of reading, thinking and praying using Acts of the Apostles as a scriptural basis. You will find each week his study notes attached to the pew sheet.

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. if we have 1000 subscribers. I know we are unlikely to manage that but let's have a shot.

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



Christian Aid like all aid agencies are all struggling so much at the moment 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 (no cheques now, I'm afraid) -

Also for Christian Aid week there are other fundraising opportunities which are on their website. I have decided to do the 300,000 May step challenge (mad me!). There is a JustGiving page set up and any money goes directly to Christian Aid.
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/HelenaJArguille>
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The Collect Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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,36-41

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.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Gospel Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion Prayer Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.