

Weekly Information Sheet

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



24th May 2020 7th Sunday of Easter

Services Live Streamed from the Rectory

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| Today | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday | 10am | Holy Communion |

The Bishop of Norwich is inviting everyone across the diocese to join him at 9pm each evening between Ascension Day and Pentecost in a virtual Compline service. The details can be found on the Diocese website - or by using this link [an-invitation-to-join-with-bishop-graham-for-night-prayer-via-zoom](#)

For Our Prayers In these Worrying Times

In our benefice this week we pray especially: -
for those among us who need our prayers: - Joan Price, Amanda Newton, Anthony Atkinson, Gill Smith, Sylvia, Paul Bishop and Mercedes Edwards
for those who have died recently: - Peter Wilson and Simon Linley
and for those who died at this time in years past: - Elena Condorteaunu, Melvyn Pearson and Nell Clodd.

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.

Peter Wilson at Cromer Crematorium on Thursday May 28th, 2020 at 4.00pm.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Jenny and her family at this sad time.

Peter Wilson's family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, concern and support over the last few weeks. Your lovely cards and flowers are so much appreciated. We look forward to having a memorial service in church later in the year.

A prayer before silence

Loving God,
we seek your presence
in the silence beyond words
looking to you for comfort,
strength, protection and reassurance
breathing with gratitude
holding on to hope
trusting with faith
that you are still God
in the midst of the turmoil
and that your love reaches
to the ends of the earth.
Be present with us now.
(Silence)
Amen.

COVID Friday Prayer Chain

Thank you to all who take part in the prayer chain. Over the next few weeks it would be nice, if possible, that finding a vaccine for the virus could be added to your prayers.

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. The Co-op is also accepting monetary donations at the moment.
Thank you

 Helena's Christian Aid challenge update! 🙏🙏🙏
Many thanks to Rev Brenda and Steve for putting together the Christian Aid service so skilfully on Sunday.
I'm still walking.....By Friday eve my total steps were 452,200 of the 600,000 I need to do which is equivalent to 300 miles. I've passed 2 targets and raised £2,900 (which should build 2 dams) . Thankyou all! I hope to finish by the 30th May and celebrate Pentecost with my feet up. Helena Arguile
(<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/HelenaJArguile> and 01328711788)



Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds-
his name is the Lord-

Dear Friends,
You will be aware that many organisations are struggling financially and that includes our churches and the Diocese. The Diocese has done what it can to cut costs without affecting clergy stipends and that has included furloughing a number of administrative staff. Many parishes have significantly reduced income because the churches are closed and they cannot fund-raise. So, if you normally give to the church on Sundays at worship we would be so grateful if you would consider setting up a standing order with your bank to do regular planned giving. If you need the bank details, please contact the treasurer for your parish or get in touch with me. Many thanks,
Rev Brenda

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The Collect

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.

First Reading

Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Second Reading

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.