

WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET

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

3rd May 2020 4th 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.



For Our Prayers In these Worrying Times

In our benefice this week we pray especially:-

for those among us who need our prayers:- Revd Peter Bowles, Joan Price, Rita Smyth, Amanda Newton, Peter Wilson, Anthony Atkinson, Clare Banham, Gill Smith, Paul Bishop, John Crook, Sylvia, Mercedes Edwards and Jayne Savory
for those who have died recently:- Annabel Stannard, Simon Linley and Mark Dunthorne.
and for those who died at this time in years past:-

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.

Annabel Stannard - 7th May at 1pm at Cromer Crematorium

THANK YOU to all those who have been contributing to our 12 hours of prayer each Friday. Please can you continue while the lockdown starts to ease.
Katrina

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

Thank you



Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way:
what need I fear when thou art near,
O King of night and day?
more safe am I within thy hand
than if a host should round me stand.

My destined time is known to thee,
and death will keep his hour;
did warriors strong around me throng,
they could not stay his power:
No walls of stone can man defend
when thou thy messenger dost send.

My life I yield to thy decree,
and bow to thy control
in peaceful calm, for from thine arm
no power can wrest my soul:
could earthly omens e'er appal
a man that heeds the heavenly call?

The child of God can fear no ill,
his chosen, dread no foe;
we leave our fate with thee, and wait
thy bidding when to go:
'tis not from chance our comfort springs,
thou art our trust, O King of kings.

St Columba



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/HelenaJArguile>

On Sunday 17th May at 6.30pm there will be a service for Christian Aid led by Revd Brenda streamed on the YouTube channel.
Helena

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The Collect Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Acts 2.42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 2.19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Gospel John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

Post Communion Prayer Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

