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Prayer Diary

For your prayers in May

Aston The residents of Maple Drive, Laurel Drive, Cedar Croft and Yates Avenue . Also the Scout & Guide organisations.

Barrow The residents of Deep Dale Lane and Fenello Close.

Elvaston The residents of Brook Road and Hannslyn, Thulston. Also the Elvaston Art Club.

Shardlow The residents of Canal Bank, The Wharf, Mill Green and The Marina.

Swarkestone The residents of Trentside.

Twyford The residents of Arleston.

Weston The residents of Trent Lane. Also, the Guides & Brownies.

The Community Youth groups and Scout & Guide organisations.

The Diocese The N.E. Derbyshire Deanery. The Ministry of Readers.

The Worldwide Church The Anglican Provinces of Kenya, Korea, Melanesia and Mexico.

Tony writes



Dear friends,

Since I wrote my last letter, so much has happened to change the way in which we conduct our lives and the way in which we function as a Church. Following the Government's restrictions to slow the spread of the coronavirus, all church services, meetings and activities were suspended from the middle of March and about a week later we were instructed by the Bishop to shut our church buildings, even for private prayer or filming of services. Hopefully this restriction will be lifted before too long.

We have had to discover a new way of being the Church in these difficult times, streaming services on-line and supporting and encouraging people pastorally over the phone and through social media. Despite the restriction of not being able to come together face-to-face, there have been some things learnt through this experience. I have spoken to a few people, who were already largely housebound and unable to get to church on a Sunday, who have really valued the on line services. For this reason, it may be important for us to continue to post services on the website even when lockdown has come to an end. Perhaps too we are being challenged about what being the Church really means. So often we define ourselves as those people who "go to Church." At the moment, we cannot go anywhere and what we can do is severely restricted. However, as individuals and as a community we do not cease to be. We continue to support, encourage and above all pray for one another during these difficult times.

Our love and prayers are with those who are suffering at this time, either because they are or their loved ones are ill with the virus or because they are feeling isolated, anxious or financially stretched. Perhaps at this time, when freedoms are restricted and we feel very fragile, we realise how much we take our health and well-being for granted. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who work in medical and other vital services. Perhaps we have been forced to realise how much we depend upon one another, not just in our country but throughout the world. Our lives are only comfortable, because others work to provide what we need.

In our own communities, it has been wonderful to see so many people pulling together, in particular to support and provide for those residents, who are more vulnerable and confined to their homes. It reminds me of something I said in my April letter and Easter sermon, namely that **there is something much more infectious than coronavirus and that is love**. At times like this, we often ask ourselves, "Where is God in this?" The answer is quite simple; God isn't up there somewhere, waving a holy magic wand, rather he is present in every act of compassion and kindness, every sacrifice of time and energy to serve the wider good, every bit of scientific research, every act of caring for the sick and vulnerable. In all these things God is present in us. Love is more infectious than coronavirus.

Please know that, even though I and my colleagues are not able to get out and see people in person, we are always on the end of a phone, whenever anyone needs someone to talk to.

God bless you and your loved ones in these difficult times.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tony', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

*And people stayed at home
And read books and listened
And rested and exercised
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped
And listened deeper
Some meditated
Someone prayed
Someone danced
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless
Even the earth began to heal
And when the danger ended
And people found each other
Grieved for the dead people
And they made new choices
And dreamed of new ways of life
And healed the earth completely
Just as they were healed themselves.*

This was a poem written by Kathleen O'Meara, Irish poet, in 1869, after the famine,
how relevant it is for today.

Some readers may relate to this poem!

*There's a monster in my bathroom
It's sits grins with glee.
It calls to me 'come closer
The truth is inside me'.*

*There's a monster in my bathroom
It's in the corner over there.
I see it every day,
I can't avoid its stare.*

*There's a monster in my bathroom
It gives me such a fright.
Ever since this lockdown
It dominates my sight.*

*There's a monster in my bathroom
I want to weep and wail.
Just one more slice of chocolate cake.
Tomorrow I'll brave that scale.*

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PROCEDURE WE HAVE TEMPORARY MEASURES
IN PLACE.....

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TEMPORARY MEASURES

DUE TO CLOSDOWN

WE HAVE CREATED A
COMMUNITY SHOP WITH EVERYDAY
ITEMS - BREAD, MILK, EGGS, FRESH MEAT, VEG,
TINNED GOODS, TOILETRIES ETC.

OPENING HOURS - MON-THUR - 10am - 4pm
- FRI + SAT - 12noon - 3pm
- SUN - CLOSED

SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES IN PLACE,
PLEASE WAIT AT BENCHES ON THE
GRASS TO THE RIGHT OF THE DOOR,
UNTIL THE PERSON IN FRONT HAS BEEN
DEALT WITH - 1 PERSON / FAMILY AT A TIME.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
KSEN + LENA



At the start of the lockdown we didn't have a village store in Shardlow, but The Malt Shovel stepped up and provided us with a pop up shop selling much needed essentials including fresh vegetables and fruit etc also some

frozen meals. They are even serving takeaway food on Fridays and Saturdays. There is information on Facebook or give them a call. All the staff involved are so friendly and helpful.

This has proved to be for me and so many in the community I would think a valuable life-line. I would like to say a big thank to everyone involved. Please keep up your good work, it is very much appreciated.

Benefice News

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

"The show must go on! Due to the current circumstances the monthly draw for the Benefice 200 club took place across the garden fence and was kindly drawn by Mary and Brian Grooms and witnessed by the organiser, Alison Wheeler and husband Haydn."

The winning numbers for the April draw were :-
1st – 66 (Aston), 2nd – 38 (Weston), 3rd – 1 (Aston).



On Line Services I know a lot of you have managed to access the on-line services, which we have posted on both the Aston and the Benefice websites. You just need to go to the page entitled "On Stream worship" In addition to Sunday services, there is also a service of Compline (night prayer) for each Wednesday and I have also posted a couple of relaxing meditations.

I am sending out regular emails alerting people to the posted services, providing direct links and sharing the weekly **Prayer Diary**. If you are not yet receiving these emails, do let me have your email address and I can include you in the mailings. Also let me know if there is anyone you would like included on the prayer list.

We have just started a weekly **Bible Study** at 7.00 pm on a Wednesday. This is via a conferencing program called Zoom. Zoom is easy to download onto your computer, smartphone or tablet. Once you have the app, you can join in the Bible Study by means of a link, which we will publish each week. Why not join us on Wednesday? If you have any trouble accessing or operating Zoom, please contact Ed or me for advice. We will do our best, as we are all learning new IT skills!

All Saints', Aston on Trent Facebook Group. There is now a Public Group on Facebook for All Saints'. It is not at all exclusive, and one or two people from the other parishes have joined it already. It is another convenient way of keeping in touch and will be very useful once our services and activities start again. If you are not on Facebook or are unfamiliar with or suspicious of social media, why not join just to access the church group?

Giving These are going to be financially challenging times for all our churches, as we shall be missing weekly collections, fees for weddings/funerals and fundraising events. At the same time a lot of our regular expenditure continues. If you give regularly by envelope scheme, please let your church treasurer have envelopes through their letter-box, if you can manage this. If you do not belong to one of our free-will offering schemes, please consider setting aside your normal giving and making a gift to your church whenever convenient. You may wish to consider making donations by standing order (have a word with your treasurer) or, if you are in Aston or Elvaston parishes, joining the Parish Giving Scheme.

Thank you for all your support!

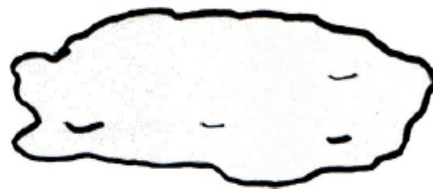
CHILDREN'S PAGE

ASCENSION

Shade in the letters with a star (*) to reveal the meaning of today's feast.

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		*	*	*	*			*	*		
Y	E	W	H	E	A	V	E	N	K	R	L
			*	*	*	*	*	*			

Jesus spoke to the apostles for the last time. Then he was lifted up – a cloud came and they could see him no more!



Draw Jesus covered by the cloud and the apostles looking up on the hill.





Aston and Weston Mother's Union

There are so many things to be positive about right now. Despite our worries we are fortunate to live in our two villages where we have gardens and outside space in a time which is so uncertain for many. Coronavirus has affected so many countries in the world and we think of Mothers' Union members and their families everywhere who need our prayers.

There are things to be grateful for. The internet has come into its own during the pandemic and we were able to use Zoom and virtually join with MU members at mid-day prayers at the Cathedral. We are heartened to hear about how pollution has reduced, and how we can live our lives better by behaving more considerately towards others and, importantly towards the planet.

Such a challenging time but if we can remember the Mothers' Union theme for this year "Building Hope and Confidence" and continue to support all our friends, we will all know the sure hope of God's infinite care for every one of us.

The MU has joined with the Craft Group in knitting squares to be made into small cot blankets for Moses baskets for the Derby Refugee Solidarity Project. If you would like to help, this is the pattern. Please give any completed squares to Carole who would also be happy to collect any spare wool for the project.

KNITTED SQUARE PATTERN

WOOL – Double knitting

NEEDLES – Old -8, New – 4

Cast on one stitch.

Increase by one stitch at the beginning of every row until you have 32 stitches.

Decrease (knit 2 together) at the beginning of each row until you have one stitch left.

The finished square should be about 4inches (10 cms).



Aston on Trent WI

As of the beginning of May, it is anticipated we will still be living within the restrictions of lockdown. Hopefully the social limitations from these six weeks will mean that we push through May in a better position than the previous weeks.

Perhaps you've had spare time to enjoy some of the glorious sunshine we've been having in your garden. Or if not, even the sight of a clear blue sky through your windows is enough to lift your spirits! Maybe you've noticed that less traffic and noise mean we can hear the beautiful birdsong! More wildlife's appearing in our gardens and global pollution is temporarily in check. Whilst the human race is regrouping and planning next steps, the environment is certainly benefiting.

Many of us have had more time to spend on the phone with friends, or learning new technology to connect with our family! And of course we must include a big thank you to all the local members and volunteers who are helping those in need at this time.

There's lots to look forward to and in the words of our Queen, "we will meet again". We hope our annual holiday to Bournemouth later this year will be a high point. We're also making plans to support our chosen charity for this year - the Derbyshire Children's Holiday home in Skegness – continuing the good work our ladies have always carried out for important causes.

Our plans and social activities are on hold right now, but let's be grateful for how our local communities are helping everyone. Take each day for what it's worth and remember – keep washing your hands!

From the Registers

Aston Funerals

26th March (in the churchyard) Graham Streek (57yrs)

7th April (at Trent Valley Crem) Victor Brown (80 years)

15th April (at Trent Valley Crem) John Harrower

21st April (at Aston Cemetery) Ronald Jackson (75 yrs)



Barrow

Barrow upon Trent has fully embraced the lock down that we have been asked to implement. Meetings are now going on via Skype or Zoom, the parish council meets either via emails or virtual meetings, and parishioners have been very good at respecting each others' personal space.

Nature has taken over in the village with birdsong much more noticeable, traffic far less, fewer planes and many more people out and about on foot each day for their permitted exercise.

Sadly the work on the transformation of the church was due to begin on the day that the lock down was implemented, so we await the builders' move on to site. This has not stopped our commissioning of several people to undertake the work of Activity Planning, Evaluation and Interpretation of our project. These people are in touch via Zoom, and beginning work for us.

Hopefully, in the next On Stream, we shall have made some more progress



Flvaston



Shardlow



Swarkestone



Twyford

As I write this, we are all still in Lockdown or self-isolating. How fortunate we are in having the Services online, thanks to Tony.

We are virtually brought together. We must all be longing for the day when we can be back in our churches in reality. One day this privation and anxiety will be history.

Before inoculation against childish ailments was the norm, things were very different. Here are some examples:



From Twyford School Logbook

Sept 10th 1900

Re-assembled this morning owing to the prevalence of Measles, the managers thought it advisable not to re-open the school until a week later.

Dec 23rd 1902 several of the children have sickened during the week of chickenpox

Nov 18th 1904

Five children are ordered by the doctor not to attend school again this winter

Oct 12th 1907

Received a letter from the Medical Officer of Health advising closing of the school until Oct 28th on account of the outbreak of Diphtheria at Merrybower

November 24th 1913

Only 13 children present. The rest are home ill with Measles

Nov 28th 1913

Only 7 children at school

Dec 1st

Doctor Minchin closed the school from December 1st to December 20th owing to the Measles

(The school roll varied between 42 children in 1900, 22 pupils in 1914)



St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent

Sunday Services

1st Sunday 10.30 Family Morning Prayer.

4th Sunday 10.30 Family Communion,





If a certain well known person had captained the Titanic

- There is no Iceberg.
- We won't hit an iceberg.
- I knew it was an iceberg before anyone else knew.
- No one knows icebergs better than I do.
- The penguins brought the iceberg here.
- No one could have predicted the iceberg.
- We cannot allow an iceberg to stop our ship.
- The crew is spreading fake news about icebergs.
- Some of you have to drown.
- I am the best captain, ask anyone.



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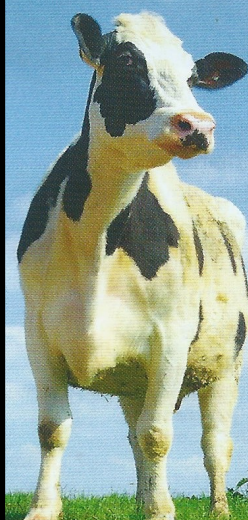
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