

# Newsletter

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## Holy Week and Easter thoughts from Rev'd Nick

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS...

Good Friday is the point where the Easter story gets bad. Horrifically bad. Pretend for a moment you don't know how the story ends. It really is bleak. One of the twelve with whom Jesus had shared the Passover meal - one of those whose feet he had washed - betrays him. His rock, Peter, denies him three times. There is clearly no hope of reprieve for Jesus from within the religious court, nor from the secular judiciary. Nobody wants to take responsibility for the death of Jesus – the high priest defers the matter to the Romans, but in the end, having released a murderer rather than Jesus, Pilate washes his hands of the affair, as if he has no choice. The crowd shun him and side with the Empire. Jesus is mocked, tortured, stripped, humiliated and executed. His defeat seems complete.

The scene is not a glorious one: it is horrific, make no mistake. The cross is an outrage: cruel, unjust, inhuman in its abuse and destruction of a human being. Yet the cross is where God meets humanity and takes away the sin of the world. This place of powerlessness is where the all-powerful love of God is revealed. This moment of defeat is where love wins.

We live in a time in which human frailty and death itself loom large. We have been reminded of our human frailty, of our interdependence on one another, and that in a pandemic, all are equally mortal. So where in the world is God in all of this?

Look at Jesus on the cross. Broken. Bloody. Suffering. As powerless as it is possible for a human to be. Yet this is what God looks like. Not an angry old man, hurling bolts of lightning. Not a superhuman, arrogantly



bestriding the world from Mount Olympus behaving capriciously like the Roman gods worshipped in society at large in the time of Jesus. Jesus on the cross: this suffering, broken, dying human – this is where we see God at work in the world. On the cross, God embraces us humans at our most powerless, and God does so out of profound love for us. Jesus, Son of God, submits to the very worst that humanity can throw at him, the worst of the world. And God's love meets humanity in that suffering. God is with the hungry and thirsty. God is with the dying. God is with the despised. God gasps for breath without a ventilator. God is with us.

At Christmas we called Jesus 'Emmanuel: God with us'. And on the Cross, we see what that truly means. On the Cross, God's love wins through a time of darkest despair, deepest suffering and utter defeat. The Cross is not glorious: it is horrific, by any human measure. But it is where God's love won in the face of the darkest evil that humans can devise, the bleakest suffering, the most abject, hopeless situation. God's love won.

Abuse, injustice, shame, torture, humiliation and death: they were all very much part of the events of Good Friday, but they did not get the last word. Love won. Love embraced human suffering and gave itself up for the sake of the whole world. The inglorious cross, a symbol of terror, horror, abuse, shame and suffering is revealed as the place of deepest love, of living hope, and the place of the greatest good. Jesus snatched death's brand, death's logo - the cross - and subverted it. There is no corner of human experience so lonely, dark and dismal that the light of the love of God cannot reach into and bring hope, life, light, love and peace.

That's what's wondrous about the cross.

Dear Readers,

What a week! This is my first week of lockdown. I have tried very hard to follow all the rules; I have used it at a very good excuse to chat on the phone to loads of people, to avoid as many people as possible in a very quiet Morrisons, and pray for you all daily.

I had a lovely piece of thoughtful message from a friend on WhatsApp this morning and I would like to share it with you. **'God is not, now or ever, socially distanced!'** When you are out for your solitary walks, or sitting in your home, looking out on the world, think on that thought and be glad!

Nick and I continue to pray for you all each and every day and I use Wednesday as a special day of prayer, including any messages that come in from you about people you are concerned about. If your family are far flung and unable to visit and you worry about their circumstances, or even about minor things, then tell me and I will put those worries into my special prayer time.

On an upbeat note, when you go out and about locally be sure to listen to the natural sounds of our wonderful corner of the world. The blackbirds have definitely filled the air with song and you can even hear the bees as they find the flowers. Such joy to have so little noise pollution and the time to hear these things.

Keep well and keep safe! *Revd Trish*



## **St Mary's Email Prayer Group NEEDS YOU!**



St. Mary's Email Prayer Group was formed 18 months ago to support people with varying needs, not only within the church family but also in the community and beyond, whatever their faith.

We currently have 20 members who commit to regular prayer. A new list is sent out by email every month with names and events that have been requested for prayer along with updates. This list is for private prayer within the group and is not published or shared with anyone else.

During this difficult time when we must isolate ourselves in our homes and are not able to meet together to worship and pray, this group has an even greater responsibility to share the love of God by supporting others.

**I am asking you all to consider joining our group**  
(if you have online access).

**To be vigilant and contact me if you know of anyone who needs our prayers at any time.**  
Permission must be sought before adding names to the list.

Please contact me on [stmarysprayer18@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprayer18@gmail.com)  
for prayer requests or for an information sheet about joining the group.

Niki Hampson

## Online resources

### Easter for families and children

<http://bramhambenefice.org/children-young-people/>

Prayers from the Church of England national website

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **A prayer for the Christian community**

We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.  
We are not people who protect our own safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.  
We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.  
We are your people God,  
giving and loving,  
wherever we are,  
whatever it costs  
For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us.

# Sunday 5th April - Readings

## Palm Sunday

### Philippians 2.5–11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Matthew 21: 1-11

### Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

**21** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.<sup>[a]</sup>” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd<sup>[b]</sup> spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

# Sunday 12th April - Readings

## Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31.1-6;  
**Acts 10.34-43;**

**Matthew 28.1-10;**  
Psalm 118.1-2,14-24

### **Acts 10:34-43**

#### Gentiles Hear the Good News

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## Matthew 28:1-10

### The Resurrection of Jesus

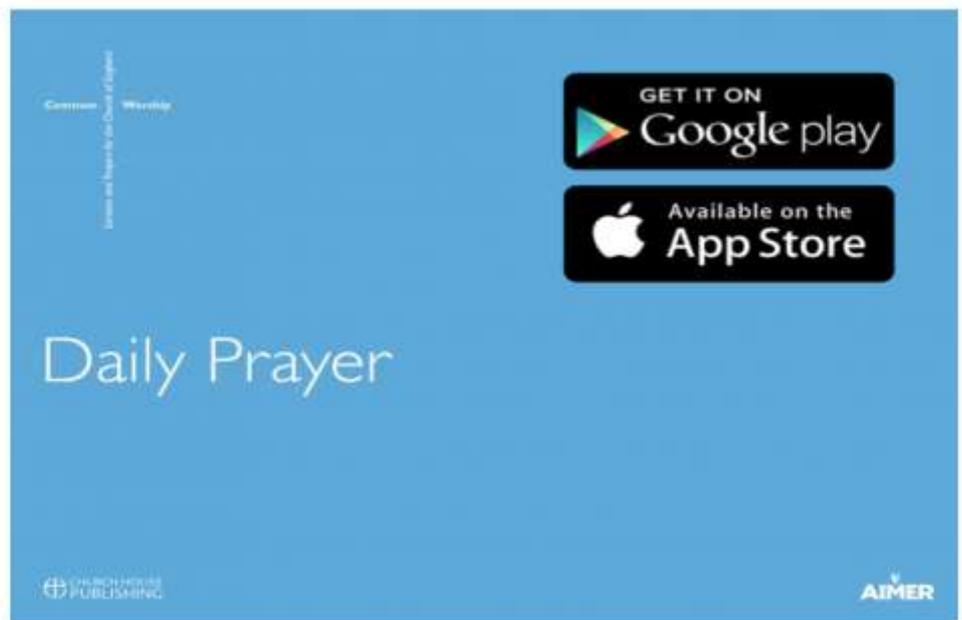
**28** After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.  
<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he <sup>[a]</sup> lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, <sup>[b]</sup> and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

**Sunday Services will be posted on our Website or by clicking the link below.**

**<http://bramhambenefice.org/download-our-new-sunday-order-of-service-worship-where-you-are/>**

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

**Alec Marsh  
Ian Lockey**



## **The Cowslip**



Did you know?

'Cowslip' is actually a distorted pronunciation of 'cow slop', so named because the flowers are associated with cow pat in meadows and fields.

The German name is rather more romantic: Himmelschlüssel – heaven's keys, or keys to heaven.

For everyone who is self isolating, vulnerable, key workers, people who still work full time hours and can not do their shopping.

Here is a list of small businesses who deliver food and other goods to your doorstep.

This information may change if business situations change.

TD Goodall	Milk	01132892229
Hebben and Poole Fine Foods	Fruit and vegetables	01937 843085
Andrews Butchers	Meat	01937 582063
Windmill Inn, Linton	Ready meals, bread and eggs	01937 582209
North Street Deli	Daily specials	01937 585113
Sant Angelo's restaurant	Full takeaway service bread and dried pasta	01937 581422
The Oven Door	Bread and savouries	01937 584839
The Red Lion	Hot meals for elderly and self-isolated people. £5 per meal	01937 582136
Touchwood	Hardware	01937 585726
Ace Cards	Greeting cards	01937 582878
Castlegate Stationers	Stationary	01937 582920
Riverside Nurseries	Gardening	01937 582598
Clifford Moor Farm Pet Hotel	Overnight and day care for pets	019837 844929
Discount Feeds	Pet food and	01937 580797
The Country Store, Collingham	Pet foods	01937 572000

Hartley Wood Cattery	Look after your cat	0113 2861251
Sykes House Farm	Butchers	01937 582549
The Bay Horse Pub	Takeaway meals	01937 290163
Spice4U	Indian takeaway	01937 583694
The Yorkshire Meat Company	Butchers	01937 843086
Don't tell the Duke	Takeaway meals	01937 587897
The Barking Lot	Pet food and sup-	01937 588662
Scotts Arms Pub	Frozen ready meals	01937 582100

Please share this information with others.

Take Care

If you are a small business owner or know someone who is,  
and would like their details adding to this list please  
contact Emma on [bramhambenefice@outlook.com](mailto:bramhambenefice@outlook.com)

Website:

[www.bramhambenefice.org](http://www.bramhambenefice.org)



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# ARE YOU FINDING IT HARD TO ACCESS FOOD?

In light of COVID-19 we are putting additional support in place to ensure everyone is able to access the food they need.



## Am I eligible for help?

If you are finding it difficult to access food due to financial constraints, self-isolation or accessibility of food provision, then you are eligible for help.

When making the referral you will be asked questions about your personal situation which will enable us to determine what type of support you require.

## How can I access help?

If you think you may be eligible to help from these scheme then you can contact a local keyworker or service who will make a referral for you.

This might be somewhere or someone you already have contact with such as a school, college, social worker, housing officer or it could be a provision in your local area such as a Community Hub.

Ideally a referral should be made through one of these support services, however if you are finding it hard to access these please make a self-referral by calling us on **0113 376 0330**. This is a free number.

## What happens next?

Once a referral has been made, we will pass your information on to local volunteer coordinators, and you will be provided with a food parcel or a supermarket voucher.

This will be either delivered to a provision hub near your home for you to collect, such as a community hub, school, foodbank or a charity, or delivered to your home directly.

We want everyone to feel supported and will work with you to see what route is best for you.

For more information and guidance please  
contact the Local Welfare Support Team on 0113 376 0330.



## ADDITIONAL FOOD SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN LEEDS

In light of COVID-19 we are putting additional support in place to ensure everyone is able to access the food they need. Please see below for the process of making a referral for your service users.



### Who is eligible for help?

If someone is finding it difficult to access food due to financial constraints or self-isolation, then they are eligible for help.

Their personal circumstances will determine the type of help they can receive—i.e. whether it is a food delivery, food collection or supermarket vouchers.

### How do I make a referral?

To make a referral please fill out a 'Referral for Emergency Food Provision (COVID-19)' form. Please email [Thriving@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Thriving@leeds.gov.uk) to request this form.

Please include as much detail as possible and return the form to [lwss@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:lwss@leeds.gov.uk) as soon as possible after completion.

Ensure that you provide a contact name and number for yourself at the bottom of the form so that we are able to get in contact if needed.

### What happens next?

Once the Local Welfare Support Team receive your referral they will input this data and share with volunteer and staff coordinators who are working with Voluntary Action Leeds.

They will then work with local based suppliers to coordinate and deliver either food parcels or a supermarket voucher to a provision hub close to the service user. Alternatively, arrangements will be made for a delivery to their home by volunteers.

These provision hubs could be your service, and include schools, children's centres, foodbanks, community hubs and third sector organisations.

There is also space on the form to note if they require any additional support, please use this space to help us ensure individuals and families are referred to further services as needed.

**For more information and guidance please  
contact the Local Welfare Support Team on 0113 376 0330**





**Leeds**  
CITY COUNCIL

**For COVID-19 council advice or requests for volunteer support:**

**0113 3781877**

**LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS**

For your local Councillors, call 0113 3788557 or email first name . last name @leeds.gov.uk

**HAREWOOD WARD**

Samuel Firth  
Matthew Robinson  
Ryan Stephenson



**WETHERBY WARD**

Norma Harrington  
Alan Lamb  
Linda Richards



Due to St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa and All Saints' Church, Bramham being closed, you can drop your donations at the places listed below.

- TOILET ROLLS
- PASTA
- RICE
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- COOKING OIL
- VINEGAR
- CONDENSED MILK
- SUGAR - SMALL BAGS
- ALL SANITARY PRODUCTS
- NAPPIES - ALL SIZES
- TOILETRIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, SOAP, SHOWER GELS, HAND WASH, TOOTHPASTE, TOILET ROLLS AND TISSUES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WASHING UP LIQUID, FLOOR CLEANER, BLEACH AND CLOTHS

LOCATION OF FOOD DONATION POINT	OPENING HOURS	COMMENTS
Sainsburys Local, Crossley Street, Wetherby	0700 - 2300	at front of store
Morrisons, Horsefair, Wetherby	0700- 2200	trolley by checkouts
Wetherby Town Hall	0900-1630	box at front of town hall
Wetherby One Stop Shop	0900-1500	

# SPRING WORDSEARCH



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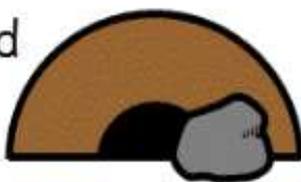
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# Easter Word Search

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**You if need a quick response contact:**

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**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD LIIKE THIS NEWSLETTER EMAILING TO THEM, ASK THEM TO EMAIL OR PHONE THE OFFICE LEAVING THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS AND I WILL ADD THEM TO THE DISTRIBUTION LIST. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN DIRECT THEM TO OUR WEBSITE.**