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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

**THE GRAPEVINE 17th MAY 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

FROM THE GAZETTE SECTION IN THE CHURCH TIMES APPOINTMENTS:

INGHAM. The Revd Malcolm Ingham, Vicar of Alwalton and Chesterton (Ely), to be Interim Rector of Badby with Newnham and Charwelton with Fawsley and Preston Capes (Peterborough). (Malcolm was the last full-time Associate Minister at St. Christopher's.)

BOURNSIDE SCHOOL - according to the Gloucestershire Live website, Gareth Burton has stepped down from his role as head teacher. Karen Hanley will be acting head. Please pray for the school at this difficult time.

SILVERDENE SNIPPETS: PURPLE PASSAGE

As I sit in the sunshine in the garden, I'm surrounded by purple - my favourite colour. Across a fence there's a cascade of wonderfully scented wisteria. Honesty has spread: they are stately spires of purple all round the borders. Then there are single blooms of clematis - big as my hand - in deep purple. At the opposite end of the size scale violets peep out like stars through other plants, and there are cushions of tiny ivy-leaved toadflax. Apart from the wisteria and clematis all the other plants are classed as wild flowers and are self-seeded. Over the years they've just appeared, and I give thanks for the joy of nature created by God. What a gift.
Pam Dainton

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK A little fellow in the ghetto was being teased by an older boy: "If God loves you, why doesn't he take care of you? Why doesn't God tell someone to bring you shoes and a warm coat and better food?" The little lad thought for a moment before replying with tears welling up in his eyes. "I guess he does tell somebody, but somebody forgets."

Don't let's forget to donate to Christian Aid this week., either online christianaid.org.uk or via your bank account.

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with any one of the Clergy.
If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.
Without your information we are unable to provide pastoral care.
Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher
If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to
Edna Willox (grapevine@tcivh.org.uk Tel 510773) by early Wednesday evening

A Message from Revd Gary

In our reading from Acts this Sunday, Paul is in Athens and speaking to the people from the an outcrop of rock called the Areopagus. The climax of his speech is the introduction of Jesus, but the people weren't ready for this. They don't want to hear about judgement or indeed a God they can't buy through worship! And that God might focus all of his truth and meaning in one man, Jesus, is just too hard for them to believe. But perhaps it's hard because, like the Athenians, we too prefer the idea of having some sort of control over God and the potential to find meaning in our lives without him? It's easily done...

This week

This Sunday there will be a 10am Holy Communion Service live-streamed on our social media pages and website: www.tciwh.org.uk (follow the links)

This Sunday's readings:

Genesis 8.20-9.17; Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

Devotional Bible readings for the coming week

A good way to stay connected is to read the Bible and see what scripture is saying to you each day, and what you might want to pray about.

There is also a live-stream service of Morning Prayer, led by Revd Gary or Revd Nick, weekdays at 9am here: www.stpetersleck.org (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Monday

Psalm 65

Numbers 16.1-35,10.33-36

Luke 6.27-38

Tuesday

Psalm 124

Numbers 16.36-end

Luke 6.39-end

Wednesday

Psalm 132

Numbers 17.1-11

Luke 7.1-10

Thursday

Psalm 110

Isaiah 52.7-end

Hebrews 7.11-end

Friday

Psalm 20

Numbers 20.1-13

Luke 7.11-17

Saturday

Psalm 21

Numbers 21.4-9

Luke 7.18-35

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Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

MORNING PRAYER This is being led by either Revd Gary or Revd Nick each weekday at 9am. Do join in and post your prayers on-line each day as we gather together to read, reflect and pray. You can join in via: www.stpetersleck.org or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pipandjims

SPRING LIVE STREAM SERVICES The South Cheltenham Team have produced a schedule of services for the coming month. This can be found on our website under 'Services' and is as follows:

The First Sunday Holy Communion services will be themed with just one reading

All services can be accessed from one of the following:

TCIWH website: www.tciwh.org.uk

St. Peter's website: www.stpetersleck.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pipandjims

DAILY HOPE The C of E have launched a new free national phone line for those unable to join on-line services; it is a 24 hour number and will enable callers to listen into prayer and worship. The number is **0800 804 8044**. Please do share this with any friends or neighbours who might benefit. Revd Gary.

REMEMBER YEMEN? I hope you may remember that our Lent project was to help the people of Yemen, the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. I'm afraid the corona virus has reached them and the aid agencies, Tearfund and their partners, are working to give help wherever they can. Unfortunately one of the groups there has declared self-rule in the area they control, which could lead to further violence and disrupt aid delivery. It is vital that support is able to reach them. Please pray for a peaceful solution to this latest crisis. I trust that when we are able to return to church we shall be able to bring the monies we have saved so that it can answer some of the needs there.

NOTE Joyce Smith has settled in very well in her new home, 'Hampton House' and sends her love to everyone.

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PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR the easing of the lockdown, that everyone respects the new conditions. Those involved in making decisions for the future.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR those who are troubled at this time, those who are sick, and those who mourn.

Weekly Prayer Focus

17th	Chelmsford & Hidcote	21st	The Greenings & Barwick
18th	Davallia Drive & Crythan Walk	22nd	Gardenia & Tayberry
19th	Ferndales Close & Genista Way	23rd	Amaranth Way & Campion Park
20th	Justicia Way & Jasmine Way	24th	Japonica & Hillier Drives

ASCENSION DAY There will be a live-streamed Ascension Day Holy Communion service, at 9am on Thursday 21st May, to mark the 40th day after Easter when Jesus ascended to heaven. This will be led by Revd Peter Quinnell and replaces Morning Prayer. You can join in the usual way via www.stpetersleck.org or www.facebook.com/pipandjims/

CORONAVIRUS SURVEY A survey to capture the experience of churchgoers during the lockdown has been set-up by York St. John University. To take part, please go to: www.tinyurl.com/yqsq9fy2

ROGATION SUNDAY This Sunday is Rogation Sunday where we traditionally 'beat the bounds', that is, walk around the boundary of the parish praying for all as we go. This year, can I suggest you walk around your garden, fields or street (if safe to do so) saying a blessing over the different things (creature, places, people, tools) that you see, and saying: 'For a blessing on....., hear us, good Lord'. As you go, reflect on what boundaries you see in the world around you today? Revd Gary.

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