

# Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

24th May 2020 : Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## A MESSAGE FROM REV'D ANN

Dear All

The lockdown is being eased a little – first steps towards freedom and normal life but what will the new normal be? This pandemic will have left its mark but I hope and pray, that whatever the future is, that we carry forward all the love, helpfulness, support, community feeling and gratitude of the past weeks into it. And of course as Sue brings out in her thought for the week, we don't face the future alone but with God beside us. How God is beside us is brought out in the Pew Sheet Acts reading (Acts 1 1 6-14) on the Ascension (which we celebrate on Thursday) The disciples had been devastated by Jesus arrest, torture and death, all their hopes for the future shattered but then came the amazing joy of his conquest of death and return to them. But the new normal wasn't the old. Jesus wasn't with them all the time. He came and went mysteriously. He spoke of a future they couldn't understand and now it seemed the final goodbye as he disappeared into the cloud of God's presence. Life had changed again and they were left wondering what the new normal would really be. But Jesus hadn't gone to God the Father to abandon them, but so he come back to them in the love and power of God in a different way in the Holy Spirit (John 14 v 18). That way he could be each one of them wherever they went for ever. That way he can be with each of us wherever we go or don't go in whatever happens for ever. The Ascension means that whatever our new normal will be, God in Jesus will be there for us.

### BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat  
brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life.  
And may the blessing of Almighty God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with you and all those you love  
today and evermore.

You may be delighted to know that although we can't be at dear Brian Boniface's funeral on Thursday, 28th May, the funeral cortege will be passing through Harbury and we will be able to line the road and pay our respects. Details of timing and route are printed on the next page.

May God bless you all and hold you close in his love.  
Keep safe. With love & prayers for you all.  
Ann

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As I was looking at the reading for this Sunday I was struck by the relevance for today of 1Peter 5 v6-11- you might want to read the verses before considering these thoughts.

Peter, the impulsive disciple, who often spoke or acted before he had really thought things through is sharing here the good news of Jesus' gospel of love. It is a letter to everyone offering encouragement and hope when surrounded by the difficulties of the world.

In verse 6 Peter is inviting us to humble ourselves before God - we can understand that as an invitation to be real and be vulnerable-that requires humility but we can do it because verse 7 assures us God cares for us. He understands our current worries of health, finances, businesses, schooling, isolation and loss of freedoms. So we can chat to God about these concerns as we pray in the knowledge that we are under the protection of His Mighty hand (verse 6).

Peter also calls us to be self- controlled and alert - interesting that the government's new strapline has a similar message! Here Peter is urging us to be alert to the enemy who prowls around like a roaring lion (verse 8). The enemy would love us to feel locked down by fear at the moment and let's be honest these are frightening times but Peter is encouraging us to stand firm in our faith trusting in our Heavenly Father. It is reported "Fear not" appears 365 times in the bible and 1John 4 v 18 reminds us that "His perfect love casts out fear".

Peter gives us another key to unlocking fear- by looking around us to others. There is an enormous amount of kindness, goodness and love being shared throughout our nation and the world at this time borne out of the shared threat to our lives and lifestyles. Yes, we are all experiencing this situation differently and the impact for some must be overwhelming but there is strength in a shared experience and a desire to be there for one another in whatever way we can.

Finally, Peter points us to the hope of the time when difficulties will pass. This gives reassurance that God will restore and heal what has been wounded and destroyed by the virus, and its wider impact on our society. As he encourages us to be strong, firm and steadfast we are reminded that these are the characteristics of our God in whom we trust.

He is strong, firm and steadfast and promises "never to leave us or forsake us" Deuteronomy 31v6

So let's be encouraged and encourage one another as we journey through this season- holding on to the hope that as we emerge from this time we will be stronger in our faith and more united as a community.

Sue Wright

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## PRAYER FOR ASCENSION DAY

(from the Intercessions Handbook by John Pritchard)

Lord we need the message of Ascension in our own hearts.

Too easily our God is so small. We lift our eyes to the hills instead of the high mountains. Too easily we fail to expect you to be present in our worship, to speak in our hearts, or to change anything in response to our prayers.

Too easily we remember our weakness, and forget your strange and beautiful strength. Take us back to the deep truth of a risen crucified, risen and ascended Lord, so that we may fall joyfully to our knees again and taste the wonder and certainty of his love.

Amen

praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on world today; that many might come to know the love, peace and joy that is found in Christ. Numbers are limited. If you would like to join go to Thy Kingdom come's facebook page and register

## BRIAN BONIFACE'S FUNERAL

Brian Boniface's funeral will take place at Oakley Wood Crematorium on **Thursday, 28th May**.

Sue writes " Obviously the service at Oakley Wood can only be attended by 6 family members and it is not possible for the service to be streamed. However, it would be lovely to see familiar faces as we drive through Harbury and know you will be with us in spirit. The timing for Brian's coffin to be driven through Southam and Harbury is as follows:-

He will be at the Boniface home at **10.20 am**. He will be at the roundabout near **Galanos House** at approximately **10:25 am**. The journey to Harbury village should then take approximately 8 minutes, so the estimate for entering **Hall Lane** is around **10:30am- 10:35am**, with the route of Crown Street, Church Street, High Street and Mill Street taking up to 10 minutes. With love Sue"

## On-line Worship

We can join in worship on radio and TV which is being live streamed from churches Here are some services. Do please let Sally Sleath know of other churches that are live streaming or of programmes we'd find valuable.

- **Coventry Cathedral** at 9:15 am on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/coventrycathedral>
- \* **St Michael's Church, Bishop's Itchington**  
[www.stmichaelschurch.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelschurch.co.uk)
- \* **St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele**  
[www.stnicholasrestored.co.uk](http://www.stnicholasrestored.co.uk)
- **St Mark's Coventry** at 10:30 am on YouTube - <https://www.stmarkscoventry.org/online>
- **St Paul's, Leamington** at 10:00 am <https://stpaulsleamingtonspa.churchsuite.co>
- **St Mary Magdalene, Lillington** [lillingtonparishchurch.org](http://lillingtonparishchurch.org) click on streaming and all their services
- \* **St Andrew's Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon**  
<https://www.saintandrewshottery.org> (Sunday service via Zoom)

## We remember before God:-

**Brian Boniface - please pray for Sue and all the family**

**Please remember in your prayers this week:-  
Jeff, Mike, Chris, Caroline, John, Karen, Olivia,  
Kate, Sue, Nora Ellis, Emma Paine,  
Eveline Tennant & Melissa Smith.**

**Please remember in your prayers:  
all the NHS staff, health carers & those people &  
organisations/companies/councils who are ensuring  
we have supplies & services during this time.**

If you would like anyone added to the Prayer List, with their permission of course, do let Sally know.

## THY KINGDOM COME

This week, people from churches across the world are committing themselves to 11 days of prayer. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension (21st May 2020) to Pentecost (31st May 2020) for more people to come to know Jesus. In these unprecedented times of uncertainty let's stand together and intercede for our communities and our world.

As part of that **Thy Kingdom Come** invites us to pray for five people we know to become followers of Jesus and so spread his kingdom.

Log in to Thy Kingdom Come's website and Facebook Page for more prayer ideas and input

Archbishop Justin Welby is doing a special live session on Thy Kingdom Come's facebook on Ascension Day thisThursday .

### Ascension Day Facebook Live Q & A session with Archbishop

**Justin Welby on Prayer**

**11-11.30am (BST) on 21st May**

### Live Q&A with Archbishop Justin Welby on prayer

*A recent Tearfund study revealed that 1 in 20 people, who have never prayed before, are turning to prayer during Lockdown amongst other findings.*

*So what is prayer and how do we get started? This Q & A with Archbishop Justin Welby, offers an opportunity to hear from him re. his own prayer life and to ask him question on prayer. This session is perfect for those on the edges of faith where prayer is new to them, so please feel free share with those in your networks who are exploring faith such as attending an Alpha course. [Tune into our Facebook page to be involved.](#)*

*Beforehand, there will be also be a special webinar with Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop of York and Cardinal Vincent Nichols from 10.30-11.00am. They will be*

## NOTICES

### PRIEST ADVERTISEMENT :

The priest recruitment advertisement has gone live and was on schedule. This provides the link, sent by the Diocese, to the Church Times and Diocesan websites, should you want to see what our advert, final parish profile and other recruitment forms look like. Michael Vincent

The information is all up on our website which can be found at:  
[http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/?page\\_ref=1269](http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/?page_ref=1269)

An e-version of the advert in the Church Times can be found on page 30 of the publication: <https://publications.hymnsam.co.uk/emags/CT8199/index.html>.

**LADBROKE** : We will be having a Zoom 'Pause & Pray' fortnightly whilst the church is closed, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Please email [ladbrokechurch@gmail.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch@gmail.com) if you would like an invitation.

**DAILY HOPE is the FREE DAILY DIAL-IN WORSHIP PHONE LINE** set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury offering music, prayers, reflections and full worship services 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. It's been set up particularly for those unable to join online church services. Do dial up and do please pass this on - particularly to anyone you know who doesn't do online.

The new **COVENTRY DIOCESE WEBSITE** is now up and running <https://www.coventry.anglican.org> We are told that the the Equipping Disciples section has some great resources for prayer and wellbeing.

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## RECIPE FOR THE WEEK : CHOCOLATE MOUSSE TORTE (really quick, really easy and really yummy!)

Prep 15 mins plus 30 mins chilling time & 5 mins cooking time

200g chocolate digestive biscuits  
50g unsalted butter  
150g dark chocolate broken into pieces  
150ml ready-made custard  
300ml double cream  
200g fresh berries

Blitz the biscuits in a food processor for 1 minute. Melt the butter in a pan, turn off heat and stir in biscuits. Press mixture into the base of a 20cm loose-bottomed tin, lined with greaseproof paper. Chill while you make the mousse.

Melt the chocolate, in the microwave on high for 1 minute, stir & heat for a further minute. Gently warm the custard and stir into the melted chocolate. Let it cool for 1-2 mins.

Lightly whisk the cream in a bowl. Stir 2 tbsp cream into the chocolate custard then fold in the rest. Spoon the mousse onto the based level the surface. Refrigerate for 30 mins. Decorate with fresh berries. The torte will keep for 48 hours (if you are lucky) in the fridge!

## ANSWERS TO 17TH MAY QUIZ

1. Perennial 2. Cotton 3. Roedean 4. Central Bank 5. Indian Ocean 6. Angkor Wat 7. Isle of Man 8. Bateau mocha 9. Emerald 10. Declarers 11. Tycoons 12. Straw Dogs 13. Sheila 14. Self 15. Okapi 16. Normans 17. Three 18. Semi-finals 19. Sashimi (sushi is rice) 20. Marseille

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1. Women's quarters in a Muslim house or palace (8)
2. Who founded the Methodist movement (4,6)
3. A large bright gaseous feature extending outward from the Sun's surface (5,10)
4. Area of Berlin famous for its forest (9)
5. British home improvements firm establish in Norwich in 1966 (7)
6. Technical name for a nosebleed (9)
7. Army Captain (Colonel) who walked 100 laps of his garden just before his 100th birthday to raise millions for the NHS (3,5)
8. Oscar winning 1995 film directed by and starring Mel Gibson (10)
9. 1980s sitcom set in the fictional Maplins holiday camp (2-2-2)
10. Fashion magazine founded in 1945 (4)
11. First name of Lady Chatterley in a 1928 novel by D H Lawrence (9)
12. The second Australian tennis player to be women's world number one after Evonne Goolagong Cawley (8,5)
13. Cricketer who was the first professional player to captain England (3,6)
14. Sport named after the seat of the Duke of Beaufort in Gloucestershire (9)
15. Variety of edible snail (8)
16. What food is extracted from the root of the cassava plant? (7)
17. Vitamin B3 or nicotinic acid (6)
18. What familiar item did English entrepreneur William Addis invent in 1780?
19. Which English queen said on her deathbed. "When I am dead and cut open, they will find Philip and Calais inscribed on my heart" (4)
20. In a bird's digestive system, what name is given to the expanded, muscular pouch near the gullet or throat (4)

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*In order to ensure we keep you connected & informed during this time we have adapted Pews News accordingly. If you would like us to include more information, please let Sally know. In the first instance this will be circulated electronically.*

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