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A MESSAGE FROM REV'D ANN

Dear All

It's such good news that churches can soon be opened for private prayer – and perhaps services later in July (subject of course to social distancing)!!

I never remotely imagined when I was set alight by Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" in 1963 that there would still have to be placards saying "Black Lives Matter" 57 years later. I thought the battles against racism would have been long won. It's sad that justifiable anger can boil over into violence and the inevitable collection of opportunist thieves would jump on the back of peaceful demonstrations to destroy and steal but the actions of a violent minority shouldn't distract us from taking seriously the longheld bitterness of inequality of treatment that still persists. We in this country don't have policemen kneeling on the neck of an unarmed person on the ground but sadly even in this country racial bias and prejudice – often unconscious – can still persist. If you didn't watch Martin Green's service on Sunday do click onto it to hear a really great sermon from the Reverend Chris Green that Martin uploaded. **Subject: sunday link - Pentecost #1** <https://youtu.be/QyfO-25QZ7c> If you don't want to watch the whole service just fast forward. One thing that Chris (who is white) brought out is how those of us who are white need to really listen to the experiences and feelings of others. May God bless you and all those close to you. With love Ann.

PRAYER FROM MARTIN'S SERVICE

Almighty Father

You gave us your precious Son to be our saviour, to make peace
Forgive us for the bitter divisions and self-righteousness

we hold onto

Forgive us for the hurts and injustices of the past
we keep alive across generations

Forgive us for the way we see others and the way we treat them

Almighty Father

you give us your powerful Spirit
to be the life of heaven in our dark world

Forgive us for keeping his light hidden
Forgive us for breaking the unity of the body
Forgive us for ignoring his reconciling work

Open our eyes to see your image in all people

Open our ears to listen to the cries of hearts

Open our hands to welcome

That you may build us together, as one body
under Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, Amen

Holy Spirit come, uniting us as one body under the cross of Jesus
Empower us to stand with our brothers and sisters
in love and dignity

Let your kingdom come

Holy Spirit, come with fire that burns away silence and complacency.

Move us beyond saying 'peace, peace.' When there is no peace

Let your kingdom come

Holy Spirit, come with breath to fill our lungs and enliven our voices

Inspire us to cry to you for the justice and mercy of your kingdom

Let your kingdom come

Holy Spirit, come and lead us in truth and humility
Guide us to stand against the sin and evil of our world
in Jesus name

Let your kingdom come

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lectionary gospel reading for today is Matthew 9.35 - 10.8.

When Matthew wrote his gospel, he was not composing a biography of the life of Jesus, but rather offering guidance to a community on how it should understand its mission. He included many details of the disciples' preparation; clearly, it is not discipleship for its own sake - it is much more discipleship with an end in view. In effect, Matthew gives us the opportunity to join in with their training programme.

In the early part of this week's lectionary reading, as Jesus travels through Galilee, he sees that the mission he has from God cannot be fulfilled by one person, however extraordinary that individual may be. His prayer, therefore, is that the mission should be shared. The disciples join in the prayer – and realise that they themselves are the answer to it!

The twelve are the first to share the mission of Jesus. Luke, in his gospel, tells of another group of seventy who receive the same instructions (Luke 10.1). Since then the ministry of Jesus, through his disciples, has continued to grow; you and I are among the latest recruits!

The church would spread to the Gentiles, whom Jesus welcomed among his followers. Northern Galilee and especially the Decapolis were areas where there were large Gentile populations.

So here are the disciples, sharing Jesus' strategic mission. First they are told to preach, proclaim or announce that 'the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand'. They are further instructed to 'heal the sick, raise the dead, make lepers clean and cast out demons. This is a comprehensive list unique to Matthew's gospel. Jesus calls each of his disciples (remember - this includes you and me!) to be a PHD – Preacher, Healer and Deliverer.

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The Covid-19 pandemic is affecting us all, not the least in the fields of Sport. The 2020 Tokyo Olympics were due to begin next month. Athletes all over the world were making their final preparations for the competition, only to be told that the Olympics will be postponed for a whole year. They will have to wait that year, before they finally hear the command: 'On your marks, get set, GO!'

The reference above to a PHD is, of course, light-hearted, but it's not completely off the track! In these wholly unique times there are many opportunities to 'preach' and many instances of 'non-churchgoers' wanting to hear the Christian message - and to be healed of their previous sinful life and to be 'delivered'. Or even 'born again'- although this a phrase that is disliked and/or misunderstood by some.

It doesn't need too much imagination to find 'On your marks, get set, GO!' within this particular 'PHD'.

'GO!' is the command of Jesus, which ends Matthew's gospel (Matt. 28.19). For the disciples, this was the moment of truth. Their training and preparation was over. It was time to run the race for real.

Peter Took

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 21st June : Revd Bob & Ann Clucas will be hosting a short Zoom 'family service' at 10.30am. Joining instructions will follow next week..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eunice McCracken (June 11th).

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
- * **St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele**
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 click on streaming and all their services
- * **St Andrew's Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon**
<https://www.saintandrewsshottery.org> (Sunday service via Zoom)

***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:
the continued efforts of all our NHS staff,
health carers etc during these challenging times.***

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

THANK YOU

Dear Friends

Thank you all so much for coming out to pay your respects to Brian on his final journey as we passed through Harbury village on 28th May. As you will know, under normal circumstances we would have been in church together to celebrate his life, and we would have shared memories and thoughts over a cuppa, (or something stronger!). However Craig led a beautiful service at the Crematorium and the day was made very special by seeing many friends waving, clapping and smiling, knowing you all shared our joy in the knowledge of where Brian has gone, and our grief at not being able to have him with us. He would have been amazed at the number of people who had come out for him.

If anyone would like a copy of our family Eulogy for Brian, please let me know, I can email or have some hard copies available. Also, if anyone would like to view the Service for Brian it is now on Youtube (with Craigs permission). BERB 28/05/20.

With love to you all. Sue Boniface
07740 240206 01926 817216.

NOTICES

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY : You may have noticed a thought for the day on the All Saints' website or social media pages. If you would like to contribute to these, please contact Ann Clucas on clucasann@hotmail.com.

LADBROKE : We will be having a Zoom 'Pause & Pray' fortnightly whilst the church is closed, on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Please email 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.

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.

HEAT, LIGHT, STONE; THE APPEAL GOES AHEAD



These are tough times. For many, they mean anxiety, illness and even the loss of a relative or friend. For some they mean disruption, reduced income or even redundancy. Nobody would choose to launch an appeal in days like these.

That is why Harbury church has delayed its appeal for the repair and renewal of the church and Tom Hauley Room building.

But we can't delay any longer. The buildings, their heating systems and wiring, will not repair themselves. We already know that the church is very unlikely to be

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celebrating Christmas as it always has in the past - Advent and Christmas services, Christingle, the dressing of the crib, the Village Carol service and Midnight Mass. Even if social distancing has been revoked by Christmas, the building will be freezing. In those circumstances, the Tom Hauley Room might substitute for smaller groups, but its rattling heaters are already on their last legs, and parts are no longer available to repair them.

We can see all this as a problem, or as an opportunity. The overall cost of repair and renewal will be two hundred thousand pounds; and when our local appeal has raised one hundred thousand (not as impossible as it sounds) we are confident that we can match this, pound for pound, from charities and funders.

But we know now that, whatever the circumstances, we can wait no longer. The church and Tom Hauley Room will only deteriorate. A successful appeal will result in a restored building, low-carbon heating, low-energy lighting and decent audio-visual resources, and expert repairs to the roof, tower and stonework.

There will be an envelope through every door with a flyer detailing what we plan to do, together with an appeal form. You can respond with cash, a cheque, or a BACS transfer. No sum is too little; no donation is too much. Or you can contribute now, directly:

By online bank transfer to:

Bank account name: HSBC UK
Account name: HARBURY CHURCH
Sort code: 40-42-15
Account number: 90414298
Reference: HLS

By cheque or cash:

Please make cheque payable to **HARBURY CHURCH**

Donations can be addressed or delivered to:

Liz McBride
Churchwarden and Treasurer
1 Park Lane, Harbury, CV33 9HX
01926 612421

If you are a taxpayer and eligible to add Gift Aid to your donation please write as below. This will increase your gift by £25 for every £100 donated.

"Please regard this donation as eligible for Gift Aid. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference."

Add your full name, address and post code, your signature and the date.

We should like thank you, personally and privately. Please let Liz McBride know of your donation to receive our thanks. Your gift will remain anonymous.

All Saints Church, Harbury, is a registered charity, No. 1150990

The church and Tom Hauley Room in Harbury is a centre for prayer, worship and community. It is the venue where our children are christened, our families married, and the lives of our loved ones are celebrated. It hosts clubs, societies and family parties. The church has stood for over 800 years. Now it needs your help.

Thank you.

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ANSWERS TO 7TH JUNE 2020 QUIZ

1. Jamaica
2. Malé
3. Skipton
4. Sir Edmund Hillary (It was his retelling of the first ascent of Mount Everest)
5. To Kill a Mockingbird
6. Sulphuric acid
7. Jethro
8. Presbyter
9. Bossa Nova
10. Whiplash
11. Lipase
12. Lobelia
13. Believe
14. Lets go fly a kite
15. Neil Robertson
16. Emily Nelson
17. Uxbridge
18. Bergamot
19. Crouton
20. Bodice

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1. The headquarters of Google is situated in which US state (10)
2. By what name is the delta of the River Rhone know? It's situated to the south of Arles in France (3,8)
3. Which range of hills straddle the border between England and Scotland (8)
4. In mathematics, what is represented by a symbol that looks similar to a horizontal figure of eight (8)
5. Company which operates 30 UK motorway service areas (8)
6. What name is given to goods that have been deliberately thrown overboard from a ship and then washed ashore (6)
7. A cloth covering the back and arms of chairs etc to prevent soiling (12)
8. In Greek mythology, which titan is condemned to hold up the celestial heavens for eternity (5)
9. The fourth album of Abba, featuring the hits Dancing Queen, Knowing Me, Knowing You and Money, Money, Money (7)
10. The protagonist of H Rider Haggard's 1885 novel King Solomon's Mines and it's sequels (5,10)
11. John ..., clerk to Mr Jaggers in Charles Dickens' novel Great Expectations (7)
12. First name of The Vicar of Dibley in the BBC sitcom (9)
13. Marine bivalves of the genus Mytilus (7)
14. What gluten-free seed first grown in South America has been recognised by the UN as a 'supercrop' (6)
15. Illicitly-distilled Irish whiskey (6)
16. Another name for the green cormorant (4)
17. Cyclist who is the only man with five consecutive Tour de France wins (6,8)
18. Spanish golfer who won the 2017 Masters (5)
19. A small bone, especially one of those in the middle ear (7)
20. An instrument for recording the electrical activity of the heart (18)

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.