Dear All,

I hope you are all very well and enjoying the lovely sunshine this week, the fantastic flowers in the gardens everywhere and the beautiful countryside around us.

Did you manage to get to Bob, Ann and Alison's Zoom service on Sunday, which was warm, friendly and fun? If you missed it, they are going to do another service on the third Sunday in July. If the media is right, we are going to be moving even more out of lockdown with pubs restaurants and hairdressers open – but no mention of church services yet.

Some of us may be very excited at life opening up again, others a bit insecure after so many weeks of being safely cocooned. We may want to support efforts to reboot the economy and help struggling businesses and job prospects but then there's our own risk factors and vulnerability to insecure after so many weeks of being safely cocooned. We may want to keep in mind.  God loves each of us personally, cares about every aspect of our lives and the lives of others and can see the best way ahead so keep his peace – and find his peace!

With love and prayer for you all.  Ann

Blessing
The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit be upon you,
and all those you love, now and always.  Amen

Prayer
May the strength of God pilot us,
May the power of God preserve us,
May the wisdom of God instruct us,
May the hand of God protect us,
May the way of God direct us,
May the shield of God defend us,
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world.
St Patrick c.389 – c.461

A MESSAGE FROM REVD ANN

If there is one thing I have missed during the lockdown, it has been communal worship. Thanks to Elaine, we are all kept aware of a wealth of virtual services and online gatherings to choose from. People without an internet connection have been able to follow worship on smartphones or through broadcasts. Streaming has given us an opportunity to join one or more churches for their services. We have been following Rev Craig on Sundays, and Rev Annie on Wednesday mornings, ourselves. (Annie's services have recently moved from her dining room to the altar in Deddington.) Others have followed services elsewhere in the neighbourhood or from where they last worshipped. We have had the opportunity to join familiar faces at the after church zoom coffee mornings at Ladbroke and Harbury and Bob and Ann Clucas and Alison led a zoom service last Sunday.  But none of these have been a substitute for church services in a dedicated building alongside other Christians of all shades of belief.

Writing in the Daily Telegraph*, Dr Giles Fraser, once a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral and now a parish priest, remarks that while he once believed that 'bricks and mortar were an expensive and burdensome encumbrance to the Christian mission'; he is now concerned that ‘the Covid crisis has ‘given the Church leadership an opportunity to free itself of infrequently attended churches’.

Dr Fraser says of his South London church that 'this physical space has been made holy by the prayers of thousands of people over time, as well as the weddings, baptisms and parish parties that have been held in it. A long list of rectors reminds me that there has been a church physically rooted in this place since 1279'.

This could not have been better reading for me as we prepare to launch our campaign to repair and renew All Saints, Harbury. It will be a comfort to those heavily committed to fund-raising for All Saints, Ladbroke, and an inspiration to those facing the enormous task of restoring St Michael and All Angels, Ufton.

Because, as Dr Fraser says, churches are more than ‘just rain shelters’; ‘I feel closer to God in (a village) church than anywhere else I know.’ Of course our internal, personal relationship with Jesus is central to our faith, and we can also gain great strength from informal meetings of all kinds, but our church buildings speak to us of loyalty and service, and can reach out to those whose worship is cleaning floors, polishing pews, ringing bells and arranging flowers.

We are blessed with our church buildings, not cursed. We are their guardians for this generation, and for the future.  

John Stringer

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

ON-LINE WORSHIP

- 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.uk
- 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.

NEW WEBSITE

We now have a colourful and informative website at https://allsaintsharbury.org/. Please look up this website for current information such as opening the church for prayer as well as the current pewsheet and the Thought for the Day. We also have a donation button on this website which is currently set up to receive "collection". The Church of England have paid for some of the costs of this scheme so every £10 donated via the website only costs us 20p. You can also gift aid which adds to the "collection". It does work - I have donated with my debit card and seen it coming through to the church bank account. Liz McBride

If you would like to contribute to the Thought for the Day on the website or social media pages, please email Ann Clucas at clucasann@hotmail.com.

Incumbent update: Here is the direct link posted within the news on the Home Page: https://allsaintsharbury.org/announcement/2020/06/prayers-please-for-new-incumbent/

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Gerry and Sheila Parker who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, 25th June.

NOTICES

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 Equipping Disciples section has some great resources for prayer and wellbeing.

HARBURY CHURCH

Although no date has been agreed, I am looking at ways we can safely open Harbury Church for private prayers only. Every person entering the church building will have to use hand sanitiser and sign in their name and phone number on a contact sheet.

After praying, and if you have sat in a pew, you will be asked to leave a sheet of paper there. This indicates to anyone coming after you where you have been and also, on closing the church, that pew will be cleaned. The north door will remain locked which means the toilets cannot be used.

Obviously social distancing needs to be kept in church and care to be taken on entry and exit as we will only have the one main door open. If the main door is kept open and the inner door permanently hooked back this avoids everyone touching the handles. (The door through the vestry will be open for emergency use only)

I don't wish to alter the feeling of space and tranquility we have in our church by roping areas off and it is easier to social distance if the whole church is accessible. (Children's corner excepted).

Liz McBride, Churchwarden
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Websites: All Saints’, Harbury - allsaintsharbury.org 
All Saints’, Ladbroke - ladbrokechurch.org.uk

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ANSWERS TO 21ST JUNE 2020 QUIZ


THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

1. Inland sea in Canada named after an English navigator whose crew mutinied and cast him adrift to die (6,3)
2. What is the capital and largest city of the US state of Hawaii (8)
3. Department of France whose capital is Bordeaux (7)
4. Former Essex and England cricketer nicknamed ‘The Gnome’ (5,8)
5. Angel ..., Argentine golfer known as ‘El Plato’ (7)
6. American businesswoman born Josephine Mentor who founded a cosmetics company in 1946 (5,6)
7. American soul singer and songwriter whose hits include Tired of Being Alone and Let’s Stay Together (2,5)
8. Irvine Welsh’s novel Trainspotting (1993) is set in which British city (9)
9. The Millennium trilogy of thrillers which begins with The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, was written by which Swedish author (5,7)
10. Hamlet’s mother, in Shakespeare’s play (8)
11. What is the name of the space transportation company founded by the entrepreneur Elon Musk in 2002 (6)
12. First President of the Russian Federation (5,7)
13. Pool in Jerusalem reported to have healing powers (8)
14. An emblem or device, often with a motto, as on a coat of arms (7)
15. Form of tuberculosis formerly called the king’s evil (8)
16. 1415 battle in which English longbowmen under Henry V defeated the French (9)
17. What was the cruise liner sunk by the Germans in 1915 that led to the United States entering the First World War in 1917 (9)
18. Which spirit would you find in a margarita cocktail (7)
19. Which is the only fruit that bears its seeds on the outside (10)
20. A thick stick of blackthorn or oak used in Ireland, typically as a weapon (10)

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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