



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24 May - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11



Online Service this Sunday



A service of worship for Sunday 24 May will be shared on the **St Nicks YouTube channel**
www.youtube.com/channel/UC_10sXmB7N5CKsD60_eRXjg. Please subscribe!

Find other worship resources at stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/covid19/worship/



What next I wonder? - a reflection from Bishop David Smith

Thinking about what kind of world we will live in when the coronavirus has been controlled in one way or another is beginning to grow. One very encouraging feature is the increasingly strong and intelligent contributions being made by young people and not only with regard to climate change. May they be heard where decisions are made. They need all our support. One newspaper had the view that 'the old order will fight back.'

After the First World war it was claimed that his was 'a war to end all wars.' We know what happened. After the end of the Second World War hopes were pinned on the United Nations. These hopes have not been fully realised.

In each case powerful voices in Europe and the world as a whole proclaimed "Our country first." This virus has taught us that we are one human race and what we do and say affects people throughout the world. We need each other and to care for each other for real peace and well being to be found.

Thus far I might be accused of fine words but where is the action?! So I offer a prayer which I have used daily for many years. Some may find it helpful. It expresses well what I want to say.

Loving God, look with mercy upon the human race you have created.

Instil in our hearts a vision of your kingdom

In which the destructive poverty of our world is destroyed and consigned to history.

May we all live together in peace, truth justice and love,

Sharing the resources of the earth.

And grant, gentle Father, That the Holy Spirit may give us

The will and the courage to act to make a difference,

In order to make real your kingdom among us.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The punch is towards the end of the prayer 'that the Holy Spirit may give us the will and the courage' to act to make a difference.' None of us is insignificant. We can all pray; we can all let our Members of Parliament know of our convictions; we can share our views with others. Almost inevitably before an election all political parties tend to appeal to our self interest. We must urge them to learn the lessons being gained from the experience of covid-19 and not least to love your neighbour as yourself.

The Ascension marks the end of Jesus' ministry on earth. We are given the Holy Spirit. We seek the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to work for a world which truly reflects the love of God for all people and for the whole of creation.

Bishop David



Rev. Keith Albans - The Barley Rise Estate Half Marathon!

As part of his Sabbatical Keith Albans, along with various family members, was hoping to run the Manchester Half Marathon on 24 to raise funds for St Leonard's Hospice in memory of his wife Helen. However, the event has been postponed until 6 October.

So because the Hospice needs funds and Keith may not be free to run in October, and now the new lockdown rules suggest more exercise is OK, Keith intends honouring his commitment by inventing and taking part in a new event close to home. It's still 13.1 miles - and will involve running 5 laps of a course made up of every yard of pavement on all the streets near his Manse. As the only competitor, a Course record is guaranteed!!

If anyone feels like supporting this unusual event and helping raise funds for the Hospice, then you can do so via Just Giving by clicking here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rememberinghelenalbans>. Keith is due back from sabbatical on 1 June, so if anyone wishes to donate and has no online facilities, do contact a steward and we will discuss with Keith other ways of donating.



Do you need practical support or a friendly chat?

If you need help/support but don't know who your local Community Support Group volunteers are, please email covid19eastYork@gmail.com, or call Rev Nick Bird on 01904 489349 and we will link you up.

The churches are closed until further notice, both for public worship and private prayer.

News & Notices

Sunday Services. The York Press shows BBC 1 Sunday Morning Worship to be at 11.45 this Sunday, but I suggest you check other listings on Saturday. (Judith)

Online giving to St Nicholas Church.

We have now the facility for online giving. If you would like to make a donation to St Nicholas church, whether as a one-off or through setting up a direct debit, please visit

www.goldengiving.com/church/st-nicholas-church-dunnington

One-off donations can be made by Visa, Mastercard or Paypal.

DONATE USING



Diocese of York resources. The latest **Diocesan Prayer Diary** is ready to download from www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/prayerdiary. The latest issue of **TheMailing** is ready to download from www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/mailling. The next issue of the downloadable and printable diocesan newsletter, **TheNews** can be found at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/thenews. There was no issue of TheMailing or TheNews during April. TheMailing will next appear in the week beginning 8th June, God willing.

Greenbelt - Wild at Home is available online NOW. "Let's see if we can translate the conspiracy of hope we conjure in the fields each August into the digital space; into something that can still bind and connect us, still move and inspire us, to be the change we want to see in the world. To live as generously, creatively, justly and lovingly as we dare in these strange times."

Lectionary Corner

The Venerable Bede - 25 May

Monk at Jarrow, Scholar and Historian, 735

God our maker, whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede, grace to drink in with joy the word that leads us to know you and to love you: in your goodness grant that we also may come at length to you, the source of all wisdom, and stand before your face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



© The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England

Bede was born in Northumbria around the year 670. When he was seven years old, his family gave him to the monastery of St Peter and St Paul at Wearmouth. He then moved to Jarrow, where he lived as a monk for the rest of his life. Although it seems he never travelled further than York, his monastery – first under Abbot Benedict Biscop and then Abbot Ceolfrith – was a centre of learning, and Bede studied extensively. He used all the resources available to write the most complete history of Christian England up to the year 729, as well as commentaries on books of the Bible. He was renowned for his monastic fidelity and his love of teaching, and was fondly remembered by his pupils, including his biographer. He died peacefully on the eve of Ascension Day in the year 735.

Sourced from 'Exciting Holiness'

Augustine of Canterbury- 26 May

first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

Almighty God, whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle of the English people: grant that as he laboured in the Spirit to preach Christ's gospel in this land, so all who hear the good news may strive to make your truth known in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



© The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England

Augustine was Prior of the Monastery of St Andrew in Rome. In 596, at the instigation of Pope Gregory the Great, he was dispatched as the leader of a group of forty monks to re-evangelise the English Church. Augustine appears not to have been a particularly confident person and, in Gaul, he wanted to turn back, but Pope Gregory's firm resolution held the group to their mission. The monks finally landed in Kent in the summer of 597 where they were well received by King Ethelbert whose wife, Bertha, was a Christian. Once established, Augustine returned temporarily to Gaul to receive Ordination as a Bishop. Pope Gregory would have preferred London to have become the Primatial See, but in the event Canterbury was chosen and thus Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury. He died in either 604 or 605.

Sourced from 'Exciting Holiness'

Josephine Butler – 30 May

Social reformer, 1906

God of compassion and love, by whose grace your servant Josephine Butler followed in the way of your Son in caring for those in need: help us like her to work with strength for the restoration of all to the dignity and freedom of those created in your image; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



© The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England

Josephine Butler, (née Grey) was born in Northumberland in April 1828, and baptised on this day in the same year. She married an Anglican priest in 1852. She became incensed by the way contemporary society treated prostitutes, most of whom were forced into such activity through desperate poverty. From 1869, she campaigned for the repeal of the legislation which put all opprobrium onto the women concerned, and the issue became international after she travelled in Europe addressing meetings in 1874 and 1875. Her campaign succeeded with the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act in 1883. She was a devout Anglican and a woman of prayer, basing her spirituality on that of Catherine of Siena, whose biography she wrote. She died on 30 December 1906.

Sourced from 'Exciting Holiness'

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Contact Victoria on grapevine.rey@gmail.com. It is also available to download from the St Nicholas Church website at www.stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/

Next newsletter on **Sunday 31 May**. Items to grapevine.rey@gmail.com by **9.00 am on Thursday 28May**