



**Parish of Wiverton in the Vale:  
One flock, One Shepherd, Six Pastures  
Notices 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**EASTER 2**

**Message from Katharine Bacon, Reader**

**Jesus is risen! Hallelujah!**

I'm writing while Rachel is having a short break. She's given us such wonderful services and reflections leading up to Easter and Easter Day, victoriously grasping new technology and leading us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Wiverton in the Vale Parish is right up there at the forefront of technology!

And that's something we've got to give God thanks for. At a time when we have been forced into the slow lane - a bit like what life must have been like before the car was invented! - we're able to use the telephone and the internet to keep in touch with our families and our loved ones. We're able to have things delivered – okay, maybe food is more difficult - but they're working on that. Even oldies like me are using [WhatsApp](#) to keep in touch with friends! And I doubt I would ever have been introduced to [ZOOM](#) before this, let alone set up meetings with it. The internet is amazing!

And look at nature! So beautiful. Is it my imagination, or are the daisies brighter than they've ever been? Shining like little stars in the grass. The skies are bluer and clearer, and the birdsong is so magnificently joyous. And the sun keeps on shining! The seas of mud that were the fields have dried up and the farmers are out there all hours. The world is gorgeous, and we've been given it by God to look after and to enjoy.

So that's what I'm doing. I'm tackling the weeds. I had heard something about letting a garden go wild being a 'good' thing – I've given it a go over a few years – we have acres of dandelions now and I'm trying to reclaim some patches from the wild to let the plants submerged in it find the space to breathe!

I wonder if we're a little like that now. We've been racing ahead with our lives at a hectic pace. There are lots of things that have crept into our lives that we haven't had time to look at to see what they are - whether they're good or bad. We just keep going. But now, things have come to a halt. Apart from those amazing, heroic people who are holding the fort for us - all those working in the NHS, in social care of every kind and those keeping essential supplies coming – we can't thank God enough for them.

But this time, while we're working from home, or staying at home, to protect each other from the Coronavirus, can be a frightening time as we worry about our friends and family. We're in a state of anxious waiting as we listen to the news and pray for those we know who have the virus or are vulnerable.

But it can also be a time of opportunity. A time to seek God's face - to find comfort in talking to him in prayer - the psalms are a great way into that conversation. I've been watching the Bishop and his wife reading through a psalm a day and saying a prayer over the past two weeks and it's been a real pleasure. You can hear the birdsong there when they're in the garden. Also, this week [Spring Harvest have been generously broadcasting their sessions free on YouTube](#) and some of it is going to remain on YouTube for a few more weeks. They have things for every age and are hugely encouraging to watch at a time when we aren't allowed to meet at church or in house-groups. The Church of England are, also, sending daily emails called '[EasterPilgrim Daily Reflections](#)' which you can get sent to your phone.

I've only told you of a few things that are happening that we can access on a computer or a clever phone. Of course, these are only tools. The Bible is the amazing gift of the Word of God which tells us the truth that Jesus defeated death and made a way for us to be with God. He did this by dying on the cross. But as Paul says in Acts 2, 'death could not hold him.' The thing that we fear the most in the world could not hold him, and he came back to life on the third day as he had promised he would. God raised him back to life! And Jesus promises that all those who believe in him will live with him eternally.

***“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”***

John 11:25-26

This is a tough life and we are going through extremely tough times at the moment but when we seek God’s face, he gives us the strength to get through another day. One way to get closer to God is to read his word and pray. God is the God of love. He is the way and the truth and the life. He knows what we’re going through, he’s been desolate and desperate himself but still he sacrificed himself to bring us home. He is with us in everything we do.

We live and move and have our being in Jesus Christ. He holds us in creation and his word dwells richly in us. Now is the time to turn to him, to hold onto him with all our strength and to trust in him, ***“For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”*** Psalm 100:5

**Jesus is risen! Hallelujah!**

**He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**From Helen Humphries**

This week has been Spring Harvest Home - a free YouTube online 4 days of excellent teaching and worship.

For more information and details of what is available:

[https://youtu.be/W\\_1TNX-b1UE](https://youtu.be/W_1TNX-b1UE)

The sessions will still be available after the event closes on 17 April and there’s lots to choose from. One particular session of note each day is the Daily Devotional being led by Peter Grieg who led the Prayer Course.

You can find the first of these 18 minute sessions with very encouraging teaching for the time we are living in here:-

Unleashing Love in a time of Fear <https://youtu.be/df1zzf5AS8o>

Be blessed



**Our church buildings are now closed until further notice.** Further information is available on the following link:

[www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes)

**Due to a family bereavement Rev Rachel is taking time out and will not be preparing a Pause for Prayer and Reflection this Sunday. Please see below for alternatives.**

### **Diocesan resources**

- **Bishop Paul daily video** - Bishop Paul and his wife Sarah are continuing with their series of daily videos featuring a reading from the Psalms, a reflection and prayer. The videos go live at 9.30am each day. You can view it on the [diocesan YouTube account](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). You can also email Bishop Paul with prayer requests at [bishop@southwellanglican.org](mailto:bishop@southwellanglican.org)
- Bishop Paul's Easter sermon is still available to watch, along with the Easter Day Eucharist and midday meditation. Available from the Southwell Minister website: <https://www.southwellminster.org/>

### **Radio and television**

- **Sunday Worship on Radio 4** is a Sunday Service at **8.10 am**. This Sunday is titled "Meeting in the Lockdown". The home page can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds>
- A **Daily Service** is at **9.45am** on **Radio 4** and is described as Christian worship and music. The home page can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>
- **Songs of Praise**, BBC1 on Sunday at 1.15pm. Aled Jones explores the theme of inclusion at the Strawberry Field Salvation Army centre in Liverpool and discovers its link to The Beatles. Available at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006ttc5>

### **Other resources**

- Phone app '**Pray as you go**' has 10-12 minutes each day of music, readings and reflection.
- There are Church of England on-line resources at [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online)

## **Prayer course - "Give us this day our daily bread"**

In [Session 7](#) the practical ways we can tune into hearing God's voice is unpacked.

You can still follow this at home. The resource "How to Pray" by Pete Greig - can be [bought in hard copy](#) or [the course may be downloaded](#) from [www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org).

**PRAYER MATTERS:** *Please remember in your prayers this week:*

We continue to celebrate with joy the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ even though this year we are separated.

We pray for;

Ourselves as we continue to adjust to what is to this new season.

All who are self-isolating.

That we might cheerfully adhere to the government request to stay indoors and support one another with phone calls and over garden walls, fences, hedgerows and village lanes.

For those with existing and chronic health conditions.

For those already feeling the weight of isolation and loneliness.

For those facing the financial impact of these times.

We continue to pray for our Prime Minister, our Government and leaders, our hard working and faithful NHS, and all key Workers.

We give thanks for;

The beautiful Spring sunshine: God's creation once more revealing his glory and faithfulness.

The needle men and women who are sewing scrubs and wash bags for our medics.

The business who have radically changed their production in support of our NHS and other key workers

The community support groups in our villages.

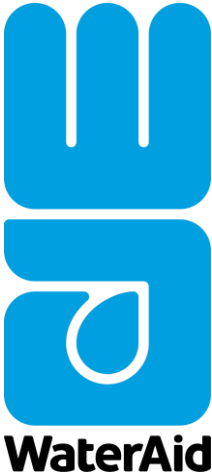
Our homes.

All who are supporting the battle against his deadly virus.

We remember;

Those we know and love who are sick at this time in body, soul and mind. And, we also remember the family and loved ones of those who have died recently.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.



While we face a particular challenge at the moment, we should not forget the ongoing basic challenges facing less developed countries all the time. That's why we have encouraged support for Water Aid during Lent for many years, and are doing so again this year. Please let Max have any donations by Monday 27th April, either by transfer to the Parish account, with an email to let him know you have done this OR to his address. If you would like this to be gift aided, please let him know, with your full address so that a declaration can be filled in on your behalf.

Thank you!

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Church of England receives no government funding other than some tax concessions, and our churches are dependent upon money given or raised locally to fund their ministry and upkeep, including heating, insurance and maintenance.

**HOW CAN WE GIVE?** Most of our worshippers and wider supporters give regularly by standing order. This is usually supplemented by offerings ('collection') in services, which is a lovely way of demonstrating commitment in response to God's loving generosity to us. Now that we are not able to host services, then if you are not already contributing by standing order, this might be the right time for you to consider this. *If you would like to find out more about this, or to change an existing order, please contact Max in confidence via [treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@wivertoninthevale.co.uk)*

***Keeping in touch; staying informed***

*These notices are posted week by week on the Parish website:*

[www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk)

*Paper copies are available at church services.*

*To receive a copy of these notices by email every Saturday, please subscribe to the website notification service at*

[www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/subscribe)

# BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

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Anna can direct enquiries to the most appropriate person.

## **Safeguarding Officer / Coordinator**

Gareth Parker the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Parish, and any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue should be directed to him. 07738 091338 or [gareth.parker@wivertoninthevale.co.uk](mailto:gareth.parker@wivertoninthevale.co.uk)

**Further information and contact details can be found on the parish website at [www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who](http://www.wivertoninthevale.co.uk/whos-who)**

# STAYING AT HOME

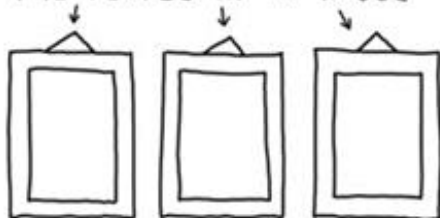
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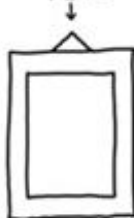


THE PEOPLE IN MY HOUSE



(THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SHARE A FRAME...)

PETS



COLOURING

PEOPLE I'M MISSING SLIGHTLY



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IDEAS FOR FUN ACTIVITIES WE COULD DO THIS WEEK



THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

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