



Seeking to live out the love of God  
– in all we do



## June 13th News and Worship

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Vicar's Thoughts

It was a very positive sign of the changing times to see numbers of couples in Church hearing their Banns being read. Many of the couples were busy trying to catch Paula, our Wedding Clerk, after the Service to ask about orders of service, rehearsals, flowers and a hundred and one other things.

One of the questions we always ask couples is, which version of the Lord's Prayer they would like - those who are involved in church life will almost always choose the modern one and for those who are not, the traditional one. For many weddings, and also for funerals, it now matters little which version is chosen, as they are both now unknown to most people.

When we talk about the *modern* Lord's Prayer, we are talking of one that dates back to the 1960's but whether *modern* or *traditional*, there have been many variations down through the years: **Holy** be your name (Hallowed); Give us today the **bread of life** ( Daily Bread); Forgive us our **sins** or in Scotland **debts** (Trespases); Lead us not into **the time of trial** (temptation); **Who art** (Which art).

At the time of the ASB, Bishop Colin Buchanan suggested to General Synod that the Church should do what Sweden had done in moving from driving on the left to the right - to have a twenty four hour gap and start driving on the new side. I wonder if the Church had followed his lead and had twenty four hours of not praying the Lord's Prayer then only used the modern form, whether rather more people at weddings, funerals (and more importantly in their daily lives and devotions), would be able to pray the Lord's Prayer from memory.

### This Week's Worship

This Sunday is Wild Church.

## This Week's Diary

The Church Office is open from 9.00am to 12noon, Monday to Friday.

### Tuesday

9.00am **Morning Prayer** Zoom Code 503 346 024, Password 793684

### Wednesday

10.30am **Holy Communion**, St Peter's

### Thursday

9.00am **Morning Prayer**, Zoom Code 859 930 994

10.30am **Holy Dusters**, St Peter's

### Friday

10.00am -12noon **Private Prayer**, St Peter's

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 27th June **St Peter's 800th Anniversary Celebration Sunday**

Sunday 4th July **Archbishop of Canterbury's Thanksgiving Sunday**

## Worship Resources

### Second Sunday After Trinity

### Worship Services for Sunday 13th June

	Service Leader	Preacher	Lesson Readers	Intercessor
<b>Holy Communion</b> 9.00am Core	Avril	Avril	Alan Hayward	Avril
<b>Wild Church</b> 10.30am St Peter's	Patrick	Patrick	Mark Fahy	
<b>Reflective Service</b> 4.30pm St Peter's	Patrick	Avril	Pat Thomas Jennifer Round	Tim Harvey
<b>Morning Worship</b> 11.00am St John's	Steve M	Steve M		

## Sunday Bible Readings

For use with *Worship at Home* booklet and reflection.

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

**Mark 4: 26-34**

**Psalm 20**

## Sunday Hymns

### 10.30am Wild Church Service

This is the day  
Build your Kingdom here  
Good and Gracious King  
Jesus love is very wonderful  
Will you come and follow me  
We are marching  
Let all creation sing

### 4.30pm Reflective Service

Hail to the Lord's anointed.  
The King of love my shepherd is.  
Rejoice the Lord is King.  
The Church's one foundation.

## Collect

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Prayers

### Prayer focus this week

The focus this week is on growing in faith, pray for the preparations to restart our church small groups, Young Church, Baptism Preparation and Confirmation classes after the summer. That every church member would be part of a group where they can grow in faith and explore what it is to be a Christian in today's world.

### Those who have asked for prayer

Joyce Lord  
Ian Northcott  
Sheila Griffiths  
Paul Nadin Salter  
Margaret Brown  
Tony Mackenzie  
Freda Clowes  
Sylvia Redfern  
Elizabeth Briggs



### Prayers from yesterday, for today

*Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, the true source of light and fountain of wisdom.  
Pour forth your brilliance upon my intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance.*

*Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself.*

*Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion.*

*This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.*

Thomas Aquinas

## Church Family News

### Our Climate Challenge

In his sermons last (Climate) Sunday, Patrick laid out the challenge for us all in stark terms – we all, Christians and others alike, have a duty to respond in any way we can to the climate crisis that is upon us NOW. With the threat to every coastal city and community in the world from the predicted rise in oceanic levels, and little sign of man's rapacious zest for profit from exploitation of natural life-sustaining resources that feed that rise being moderated, the target of our actions is huge.

But how can we be sure to direct our aim to the bullseye? As Christians, it is a no-brainer! We have two lines of approach – the first is commit ourselves not to act like the Priest and the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan and “walk by on the other side”. We need to live out the love of God for His Creation by engaging in the debate for its proper and sensitive management – joining campaigns, signing petitions, writing to

editors and MPs, choosing a few of the 1000s of individual obscenities being perpetrated against already vulnerable communities, both human and ecological, from the rain forests to the oceans to much closer to home. This can be done easily by signing up to one or more of the fantastic on-line lobbying organisations like SumOfUs or GreenPeace who have their fingers firmly on the pulse of climate injustice of every kind around the world. Just enter the names into your browser and read about what they do and how we can help them do it!

The second is to lead others by our own example in changing our behaviour and making adjustments to our life-styles to bring us back into closer harmony with the rhythms of life in the natural world. There are so many ways we can do this, some of which we have already got used to through the pandemic and we just need to continue with in the new reality towards which we are now heading – fewer flights, fewer car miles, more vegetable gardening, greater personal fitness.

Other examples include buying less “stuff”, particularly gadgets and electrical goods and demanding that what we do buy should be easily repaired if it breaks down; being more alert to where the food we buy comes from (think global so buy local – and seasonal) and what it contains; planning our food purchases carefully to reduce the amount we waste; have two meat-free days a week; cut down on processed and ready-to-eat food; buy loose fruit and veg to cut down on plastic packaging... the possibilities are endless – it just needs a bit of thought and COMMITMENT!

If enough of us do these things and follow these two lines of approach, we can and will make a difference, and importantly, inspire others to do likewise. At St Peter's, we plan to resume our quest for raising our existing Bronze ECO-church status to silver and beyond – we are already well on the way: we just have to focus and ACT, which is what we all need to do.

As Christians, God called us to look after His creation – if we listen as we pray, we WILL receive His inspiration to do so!

*Steve Hill*

## **Christian Aid Week**

We now have a total for Christian Aid Week money raised, and it is a massive £2850.92, made up of £1323 from the virtual walk from Land's End to John O'Groats, and £1527.92 from the envelopes (both delivered to houses and collected in church). For comparison, we raised £1150 last year in the depths of lockdown (from the virtual climb of Kilimanjaro; no envelopes were delivered) and £1342 in 2019, so this represents a huge increase. A big thank you to everyone who contributed, whether by giving, walking, asking for support, delivering envelopes, or in any other way. On Climate Sunday last week we thought about climate justice and people like Rose in Kenya for whom climate change has made life so hard - this money will make a real difference to the work of Christian Aid and its partners in supporting our neighbours around the world.

*Kate Collins*