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Keeping you in touch with Outwood, Stanley, Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe Churches

15 November-22 November 2020

Dear all,

By now we have probably all settled into some sort of routine for the second lockdown, or at least have come to terms with the fact that we will have three more weeks indoors. For some of us, it will mean very little change: there are a number of people are clinically extremely vulnerable who have been very careful since the pandemic began who were barely able to safely leave their homes even over the summer when the case numbers were low. For others, like Mother Jo and I, lockdown means a bigger change: before we were lockdown, both of us had been trying to be visible in our community, as well as spending money in local businesses. Now all that must stop for a bit.

There is good news, of course. A vaccine may be on its way, as a result of the successful tests of a vaccine produced by Pfizer and BioN-Tech, which secure 90% immunity from Covid-19. With luck, God's mercy and a little perseverance, things may start to return to normal by spring.

For now, though, there's lockdown to get through. What will you do with your time at home? One thing I have started doing is trying to have more time reading, both about my faith and in general. What will you do to gain something worthwhile from the time while we wait for normal to return? How do you want to be a different person when

you're allowed to see friends again? While we're all excited about an end to all this, those questions are still important. After all: there's a future after Coronavirus. Let's make it the best one possible!

Every blessing,
Fr Jonathan

Prayers and Readings for the Week 2nd Sunday before Advent (15 November)

Sunday Readings

Zephaniah 1.7,12-end

Psalm 90.1-11

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Matthew 25.14-30

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear
in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Christ the King (22 November)

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Psalms 95.1-7

Ephesians 1.15-end

Matthew 25.31-end.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the
throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and
King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship
at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

*Or you may wish to use the old 'Stir up' collect
for this Sunday, which used to be used as a
reminder to start preparing the Christmas
pudding!*

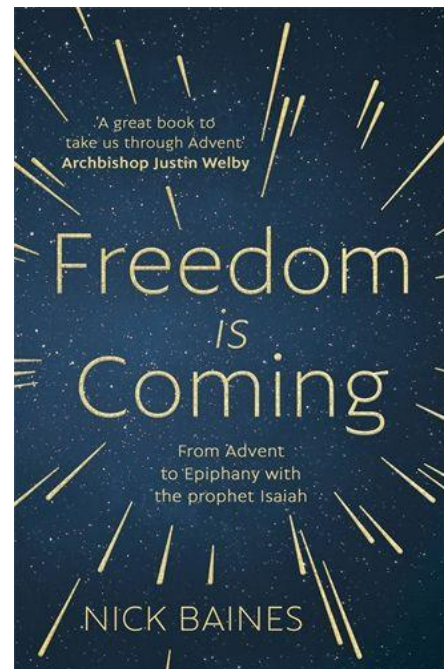
Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit
of good works, may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Praying together

Please use these readings and prayers
together with your own devotional books. We
will also distribute a short order of service for
Sundays via email and paper copies will go to
those not online. If you would like a copy of
our booklet 'Prayers Resources for When You
Can't get to Church', call 01924 373758, and
we'll post or email one to you.

Advent Course

This year, the Benefice will be using Bishop
Nick's book on Advent, *Freedom is Coming*, as
a way of reflecting on Advent and what it
means.



There are three ways to join in. The Monday
evening Home Group in St Peter's Stanley will
be using it in their sessions on Zoom. Fr
Jonathan and Mthr Jo will also be running a
session on Wednesday afternoons on Zoom
at 4pm. Both of these sessions will start the
week beginning 30th November. The Diocese
is also running the course, which is available
on Wednesday evenings at 7pm between 25th
November and 16th December. You can find
out more information about the book and
register a place for free on the Diocese's
Digital Learning Platform [here](#).

You can buy Bishop Nick's book on Amazon
or directly from SPCK Publishing:
<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/freedom-is-coming>

There will also be an opportunity to join in a
shorter course together with Wrenthorpe
Methodist Church, with three sessions,
beginning on 1st December at 7:30pm. These

will look at Zechariah, Joseph and Mary. These will also begin on Zoom.

If you want to join in with these courses, please get in touch, and we will let you know everything you need to do to join.

Other Upcoming Church Events

Outwood

PCC Meeting: 2 December at 7:30pm (on Zoom)

Wrenthorpe

Bereavement Course: every Thursday at 2pm in church

Regular events online:

All our weekday online events are hosted on Zoom, either through the benefice's website's meeting rooms, or through a meeting login. For more information about how to join and how to use Zoom, please contact us.

Sundays

- 11am Coffee Morning on Zoom for St Anne's Wrenthorpe

Mondays

- 10am 'Start the Week – Drop in for Chat and Prayer' on Zoom
- 7:30pm St Peter's Stanley Housegroup on Zoom

Tuesdays

- 10am Coffee Morning for St Paul's on Zoom
- 4pm Bible Study for St Mary Magdalene's Outwood and St Anne's Wrenthorpe

Worship Online, on the Radio and on Television

Sunday Worship is broadcast on Radio 4 at 8:10am. Songs of Praise is broadcast on BBC1 at 1:15pm. The Church of England streams a service on YouTube every Sunday at 9am.

You can also join in with our church services online! We're showing them live on the churches' Facebook pages. If you don't have Facebook, you can still watch the services: type your church's name and 'Facebook' into Google, and click on the first link. The videos should be available to view once the service has concluded

The pattern for online services is as follows:

Sundays:

- 10am Parish Mass (St Mary Magdalene Outwood)
- 10am Parish Eucharist (St Anne's Wrenthorpe)
- 10am Holy Communion (from St Peter's and St Paul's on alternate weeks)
- 5:30pm Reflection

Mondays

- 9am Iona Morning prayer
- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (live from St Mary Magdalene's)

Tuesdays:

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Wednesdays:

- 9am Iona Morning Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)
- 9pm Sung Compline (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Thursdays:

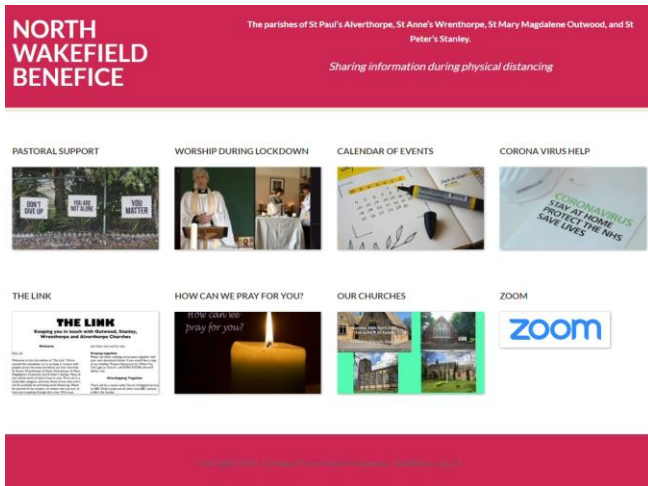
- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 6pm Prayer for the Nation (St Mary Magdalene's)
- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Fridays

- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Saturdays:

- 12:30pm Midday Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)



You can also go to the North Wakefield Benefice page for more information about all our services and events: <https://northwakefield.benefice.uk/> The website has been redesigned with a new theme and new content to make it easier to access resources. There are links to a series of Mindfulness videos that Angela Coggins has produced and a Cruse document that helps individuals coping with bereavement in isolation (in the pastoral section).

Prayer for the Nation



The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York have encouraged Christians up and down the country to make November a month of prayer for the nation. They have asked Christians to make Thursdays a day of fasting and prayer, and to ring their church bells at 6pm and pray in church buildings.

Two of our congregation at St Mary Magdalene Outwood, Peter and Beverley

Beaumont, have very kindly offered to say prayers in church which will be streamed live to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/outwoodparishchurch) every Thursday at 6pm starting tonight until the end of lockdown. Please join us at home for these prayers - you may want to light candles, ring bells or put out a cross to pray with.

Good News from Around the World



Very good news this week, which many of you already know: a trial Coronavirus vaccine has been found to be 90% effective in global trials. The drug which has been developed by Pfizer and the German biotechnical firm BioN-Tech, has been funded by private funding, the German government and the European Central Bank. There is still more work to be done, such as working out how long immunity lasts for, but it's all very promising!



We tell our children to think of others before themselves, and it's always nice when we discover them doing it! 6-year-old Blake Durham's mum Amy was ordering breakfast at McDonald's in Stockton-on-Tees, when Blake said he wanted to do something kind, and pay for the man in the car behind. The kindness spread, and car after car paid for the meal of the person next in line. Well done Blake!



As churches are closed for public worship, it is important that they can still be open for private prayer, so we have increased the number of times during the week when it is possible to visit church during lockdown.

The times are as follows:

Monday 4pm-5pm St Mary Magdalene's Outwood
Tuesday 10-11:30am St Peter's Stanley
Wednesday 2-4pm St Anne's Wrenthorpe
Saturday 10-12pm St Mary Magdalene's Outwood
Saturday 10-12pm St Paul's Alverthorpe
Sunday 1-3pm St Anne's Wrenthorpe

Home Start Hampers



HomeStart help families in need and Outwood Parish Church has helped provide hampers to make the Chrstnas season easier



Who's a smart boy? The search for the world's smartest dog goes into overdrive as six border collies will be tested in live broadcasts on Facebook and Youtube at 6pm GMT each week from 11 November to 16 December. The project, which is run by researchers in Hungary, is trying to learn how well dogs can learn the names for different objects. If the contest is successful, we will know whether dogs can identify words like humans can do, rather than just sounds. You can watch the Genius Dog Challenge here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvr5quzSS8xmOPOHzMokjA>

Visiting Churches

for many years. This year, we're asking that donations for hampers be left in St Mary Magdalene's Church in plastic bags so that they can be ready for 6 December, when we're due to restart our public services in church. They'll then be sent to HomeStart on 7 December.

Suggested items for hampers include:

Christmas pudding
Custard
Tin of meat balls
Christmas cake
Tinned fruit
Corned beef (Tin)
Hot dog sausages
Savory snacks
Coffee
Chocolate biscuits
Baked beans
Mince pies
Dried pasta
Jar of pasta sauce
Tin of ham
Chocolates
Children's sweets
Tin of tuna
Tea
Sugar

Wrenthorpe & Kirkhamgate Food Bank



**Wrenthorpe &
Kirkhamgate
Assist**

HERE WHEN YOU NEED US

As well as supporting our local Covid-19 Assist Group by hosting their food bank in the St Anne's Church Hall, we're now going to be having a regular collection box for the food bank in both St Anne's and St Mary Magdalene's churches. 72% of families with children who depend on foodbanks are in work, and the need for support is growing, especially in the current Covid-19 restrictions. Please bring non-perishable food and toiletries to church when you are able to, and the boxes will be taken to the food bank as they fill up!

Mothers' Union News: Key Workers Appeal



Want to do more than just clap for key workers? The Mothers' Union have expanded their 'Away from it All' holiday scheme that offers needy families the chance to get away to key workers' families who would otherwise not get a break this year. You can learn more about the scheme, donate, or nominate a family who need a holiday here:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/thank-you-keyworker-appeal>

Mothers Union are unable to meet for their November meeting due to lockdown, but will return to meeting once public worship is permitted in churches again.

Recycled Greeting Cards

Maureen Wood from St Anne's Wrenthorpe writes: I am pleased to let you know that the following contributions have been made as a result of the sale of recycled cards:

£50 to Mental Health in Young People in memory of a student at York University who took his own life.

£150 to Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice.

£75 to Emma's Memorial Fund.

I am always in need of used birthday cards to be able to continue this worthwhile job. They can be left on my doorstep or I will collect. If you wish to purchase any cards, I can bring them to you or you can pick them up from my home. Please ring 01924 306489, and collect from 61 The Mount, Wrenthorpe.

A store cupboard recipe from Mother Jo Kershaw: Fennel and pasta bake

This is another delicious and filling meat-free recipe. Fennel is a vegetable people are sometimes nervous of, but it works really well here. You might like to keep the fronds to garnish the bake, or keep them to add into a salad. The pasta bake is a meal in itself, but if you want an accompaniment, a green salad, with or without fennel fronds, would be good.

Serves four.

4 tbsp olive oil
100g stale bread, roughly grated
Zest of one lemon
250g pasta (any "shape" will work, but spaghetti probably won't)
1 fennel bulb, sliced (reserve the fronds as a garnish)
100g grated cheese (Lancashire is nice)
100ml creme fraiche
1 tbsp dijon mustard
Salt

1. Heat 2 tbsp of the olive oil in a frying pan, and fry the bread crumbs until golden. Add in the lemon zest and set aside. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to gas mark 4 (180 C), and butter a casserole or deep pie dish.
2. Using the other 2 tbsp of oil, fry the fennel in the same pan, until it's soft and beginning to brown.

3. Meanwhile, put 250g pasta on to cook in plenty of well-salted water.
4. Reduce the heat under the fennel and add the creme fraiche to the frying pan. Once it's warmed through, add in the grated cheese and allow it to melt. Add the mustard and allow to mingle.
5. By now, the pasta should be cooked. Drain it, reserving a mugful of pasta water in case the sauce has ended up too stiff (I've never encountered this problem, but better safe than sorry).
6. Add the drained pasta to the frying pan and mix. If needed, use the pasta water to let the water down.
7. Tip the whole lot into the casserole dish and top with the lemon breadcrumbs.
8. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

Social Event and Quiz for St Anne's

Hello everyone,

Sandy and Nicholas & I have been discussing the idea of a St. Anne's (Zoom) monthly quiz to help us through the winter months. We're looking at a Wednesday evening, 7-7.30pm, for about an hour. For those unable to Zoom we could perhaps send the quiz electronically or post through doors so people feel included. Your feedback would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Sandy & Nicholas.

RIP

Please remember and pray for those who have died recently whose funerals will be led by members of our clergy team, and others from the local community.

Alverthorpe – Hilda Poskitt
Outwood – Ian Booth, Leonard Jones, Pat Manners
Stanley – Mary Clements

Wrenthorpe – Geoffrey Tallett, Betty Deighton, Margaret Dunn

Bereavement Support

Our team of churches are running a 6 week Bereavement Course:

- There is an online Zoom course starting on Mondays from 1:30pm-3pm led by Revd Glenn Coggins. A second session will begin Thursday 12th November at 7:00pm until 8:30pm. For the Zoom link, go to <https://northwakefield.benefice.uk/>
- Or if you prefer - the same course meets in person on Thursdays 15th October at 2pm-3:30pm at St Anne's Church, Wrenthorpe, led by Rev Jo Kershaw. It continues to meet in person in lockdown, as Covid-19 regulations allow for support groups to meet.

Getting help with COVID-19

The current advice from the NHS if you feel ill is to stay at home. If you cannot cope with your symptoms and you're seriously ill call NHS 111. There is a local hotline for Covid-19 support. If you can't get out for things you need and you don't have any friends, family or support available within the community, help is available. Call: 0345 8 506 506 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Choose option 3 to make a request for support and help will be arranged.

Staying in touch with each other

It's hard to cope with being alone or not seeing many people for a long period of time, and everyone struggles. If you want a chat, you can call any of the vicars in this team. Leave your numbers so we can keep in touch too!

Outwood: Fr Jonathan (01924 373758/frjonathanbish@gmail.com)
Wrenthorpe: Mthr Jo (01924 373758/revdjokershaw@gmail.com)
Stanley & Alverthorpe: Rev'd Glenn (01924 218484/cogginsglenn@gmail.com)

Keeping you entertained!

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