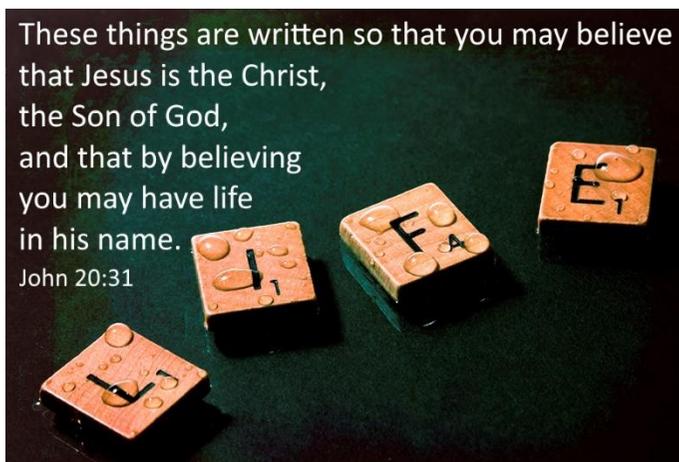


Welcome!



Readings

To review today's readings: Acts 5:27-32
John 20:19-31

To prepare for next week: Acts 9:1-6
John 21:1-19

Today's hymns

If you would like to follow today's hymns in the hymn books, they are:

- 672 - Thine be the glory
- 494 - O God our help in ages past
- 68 - Be still, my soul (not v2)
- 573 - Praise to the Lrd (not v2)

In our prayers, let us include:

Claire's Dad, Steve, awaiting treatment, and all the family.

Troy, Jennifer's brother, who is losing his battle with cancer. Please remember Jennifer and Derek as well.

Everyone caught up in the events in Ukraine.

Our care homes (our parish boasts many), especially those which are currently under lock-down.

Sarah Sole, with a number of health issues.

Colin, who has dementia but is in hospital following a stroke.

Peter Culverhouse (Elizabeth's nephew) who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Lisa Rogers, who is in need of support and guidance.

Our annual church meetings

Our Meeting of Parishioners and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held next Sunday, 1st May, at 11:30 and 11:45 respectively, in the hall.

I will try to make them available on Zoom (but no promises), but please be aware that the C of E has ruled that only people who are present in person will be eligible to vote.

Apologies for the fact that although we have displayed paper notices advertising these meetings according our legal requirements, I have forgotten to include this information in the weekly sheet.

Do you know of someone who could help?

Do you know of anyone who lives locally, has some nursing training and might want to earn some money by visiting a 92 year old woman who lives near St Andrew's? She has recently had a stroke and needs some assistance to remain living independently. The visits would be in order to perform certain tasks like preparing her meals two or three times a day.

If you know of anyone, please me know - 07868 120253 - Ian.

Changes in how we conduct our services

My aims are to simplify the service and to be mindful still of the covid virus.

I have consulted widely, including a discussion in the PCC.

The decisions remain my responsibility.

My hardest decision was whether to offer wine. My decision is to go with the practice in many churches, which is not to offer wine. The president has wine, in effect on behalf of the congregation. I apologise for the disappointment this may cause.

In outline, this is how we will operate:

Social distancing: keep an empty pew between pews if possible.

Masks: according to individual discretion.

Passing the peace: no physical contact.

Passing an offerings plate: no.

Offertory procession: no.

Chalice: no.

Singing: yes, for those who wish.

Distribution: I will come first to people in the congregation who wish me to bring their wafer to them. Then I will distribute to people who wish to come up to the Communion table.

Single file: please keep to the right in the chancel.

Please be aware that you may be visible on Zoom as you come back from the Communion table, but this part will be cut out of our recordings which we make available on our website.

Communion rail: please spread along the rail as usual, but feel free to stand rather than kneel.

Video recordings of our Sunday services

Video recordings of the Service of the Word component of our Sunday worship are on our website, or 'A Church Near You', or our Facebook page, hopefully by the Sunday evening.

Liturgy online from the C of E

The following links take us to Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, complete with the appropriate readings etc for the day.

Morning prayer: http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_mp=1

Evening prayer: http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_ep=1

Night prayer (Compline)

http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_np=1

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