



Though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. Colossians 2.5

[Zoom](#) Worship

8am-8:30am Morning Prayer

10am-10:30am Service of the Word

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, password **834900**).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will, I may succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Romans 1.9-11.

This comes with my prayers and blessing, Derwyn

There are a number of Zoom meetings scheduled for fellowship and conversation, after the 10am worship session.

If you'd like to join one, please enter one of the codes below at 10:30/10:45am:

June 822 740 0814 (716922) • Derek 927 480 8728 (889123) • Rob 841 818 2500 (645756)

Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Gospel for Sixth Sunday of Easter, John 14. 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

An anthem for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

For this Rogation Sunday, when the Church offers prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food, you might like to listen to 'For the beauty of the earth' (Rutter). [This version](#) from King's is accompanied with lyrics and wonderful images of the glory of God's creation.

Psalm for Sixth Sunday of Easter, Psalm 66. 7-end

Refrain: All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip. **[R]**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;

but you brought us out into a place of liberty. **[R]**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,
which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **[R]**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. **[R]**

If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me,

But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **[R]**

Children's resources –

With this week's newsletter on the website we attach a copy of '[Look](#)'. Each week the Gospel story is explained in age appropriate language. A prayer and a variety of activities that will engage the children are included, to help each child get to know the person of Jesus.

Or perhaps try a Godly Story? They're fantastic visual versions of the scriptures. This week, the story of Jesus' promise, with wondering questions for families to think and talk about together. Find it on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjb84SLBChY>

Have no anxiety about anything, but with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4.6

It has been heartening to learn how many people are praying in this current testing season, and how many people are so deeply appreciative of and grateful for prayer.

As another layer of the praying life of the church we have set up a simple Prayer Chain.

The idea is simple: a chain of people to whom a prayer request can be made through its coordinator. The coordinator receives the request and prays accordingly before passing it on to a member of the chain who does likewise, until the prayer returns to the coordinator after a number of days being prayed for by a variety of people.

If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart, please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: 461845 / diane.pettitt@hotmail.com

Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request will not lead to any further contact or action

Do keep praying in all the ways that connect you to Jesus. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.



Online Alpha Course via Zoom – We're meeting on Mondays at 7pm for about an hour on Zoom. There are nine more ten sessions. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you'd like to join in.

Zoom Worship on Wednesdays – Derek has kindly agreed to host Holy Communion at home (Meeting ID 927 480 8728, password 889123) each Wednesday whilst we are unable to worship in Church.

Daily Hope free phone line – The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus. *Daily Hope* offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



HOW TO DONATE: **BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOD BANK**

Put items into boxes near check-outs at Waitrose, Tesco at Lancaster Way or Sainsburys or when doing shopping.

Please don't be put off donating if the box seems full – people are being so generous; sometimes it's difficult for our van to keep up, but every item is desperately needed.

Food Bank at the Methodist Church (Monday and Tuesday only, 10am-2pm)

We will leave a trolley in the doorway at the side path entrance.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

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| Long Life Fruit Juice | Tinned Meat & Fish |
| Long life Milk | Biscuits |
| Tea Bags & Coffee | Jam & Marmalade, Marmite & Honey |
| Tinned Vegetables | Beans, spaghetti and soup |
| Pasta and Pasta Sauces | Long dated cereals |
| Washing up liquid | Washing liquid or tablets (for washing machines) |
| Toiletries (shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorants, shaving foam/razors, sanitary products etc) | |

Donating money: <https://www.justgiving.com/bishopstortfordfoodbank> or send a cheque or make a BACS payment direct to our bank. For further details please contact our Coordinator.

To help with food packing at the Food Bank: email bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com

To help with delivery of boxes in and around town: Own transport and on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. Please send a copy of your driving licence, colour photo of your ID card, evidence of a DBS (paper copy or digital reference number) OR a certificate from the free online Basic Safeguarding Course run by the Church of England to Canon Mandy Brown at Holy Trinity Church at ht.nightshester@outlook.com



*With this ordinary, unconsecrated bread
I make remembrance of my last visit to Church
and I remind myself that
the bread that I received there, however long ago,
will keep me in life eternal.*

*And with this ordinary, unconsecrated wine
I remember all those who were there with me
and live in hope to see them all again.*

'The lockdown is putting relationships under great strain. The irritating habits of our husband/wife are becoming magnified towards breaking point'. If this is you, help is at hand. *The Marriage Course* is available online to guide you through these times together. Why not give it a try at htb.org/marriage? For further details contact Derek on derekhinge@gmail.com

Zoom Worship involvement – It looks like worship via Zoom may need to continue for some time. It has been good to include a variety of readers, singers, musicians and prayer leaders at the various 'gatherings' recently. If you'd like to offer some involvement, please contact the Parish Office to let us know, and we will bear you in mind as we plan future meetings, for as long as we need to before corporate worship in church can resume. Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

Thy Kingdom Come – Join the global wave of prayer from 21st- 31st May calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost, for more people to come to know the love and peace

of Jesus Christ. The website has resources for all ages such as a downloadable daily prayer app, a children's Adventure Prayer Map (online prayer game for primary age children), and a short invitation video that you may like to share to encourage others to download the map, the app and join in. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> If you don't have a computer and would be interested in the prayer resource, please contact the Parish Office.

Electoral Roll – The APCM was postponed due to the Coronavirus situation. A new date has been set as 25th October. Most of the reports are available to view on the [website](#).

Prayers for our community – An invitation from Roger Sudbury: Would you like to join a weekly prayer session at 9:30am each Saturday? This usually takes place each Saturday in Church but for now will be via Zoom (Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, p/w 435609). All welcome!

St Michael's School will need a new school governor from September – Experience in finance, education or HR would be particularly helpful but all applications are very welcome. If you are interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, do contact the Parish Office.

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