



FATHERS DAY



HOW CAN A GOD OF LOVE ALLOW SUFFERING?

WHY DOESN'T GOD INTERVENE?

21st June 2020

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless *all fathers* as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our brother and friend.

Amen.

READINGS

John 3:16 and 1 Peter 2: 19-23

More information is available on our website and our YouTube channel:

www.harnhamparish.org.uk

www.youtube.com/channel/UC9V2rf--r5MQuO0nbtVRI2Q

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Would you please PRAY for:

- ❖ our fathers and fathers everywhere.
- ❖ the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), The Most Revd Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba - Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja.
- ❖ the Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan especially The Rt Revd Daniel Deng Abot Bishop of Duk.
- ❖ all the parishes in the Bradford Deanery.
- ❖ the United Nations and Amnesty International.
- ❖ the World Health Organisation, hospital staff, paramedics, care workers and key workers and all who are suffering from the Corona Virus.
- ❖ Salisbury Cathedral.
- ❖ those who live in Martins Close and Ravenscroft.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them especially
Rita Jacob, Ann Baker, Marion Webb, Angela Mould, Jane Elliot, Revd Brian Coleman, Revd Simon Wilkinson, George, Ann Parry, Peter Riches, Brian and Kath

Advance dates

PCC – 24th June

APCM – 21st October 2020 in the Parish Hall.

MORNING PRAYER

The Standing Committee have agreed documents and strategies for churches to re-open safely for private prayer which will be presented to the PCC on Wednesday 24th June. All under 70's on the electoral roll have been written to requesting their help for the re-opening for prayer. I will contact you all after 24th with further arrangements. If you are under 70 and have not received a letter please can you let Linda Baker know. Thank you. Revd Becky



GOOD NEWS

Please, please, please keep the comments coming in for this page. Until we can all see each other in church each week, this is one way we have of keeping in touch. We would love to know what you have been doing to keep busy, what have you observed over the past weeks, and anything that made you smile. I look forward to hearing from you either by calling 07925 108856 or emailing harnhamparish@btinternet.com
Linda Baker.

Grace Hickman says it's lovely to have so many telephone calls, but she is finding she is now getting behind on her daily chores and gardening.



Heather and Ian Hobday have been looking forward to the time when they could see some of the family face to face. With the easing of lockdown they met up with their son Mark and his family, who live near Canterbury, at the Cobham Services on the M25.

A parishioner would like to share their thanks for the many different ways and mediums in which communication about faith and serving the community has been kept alive during the lockdown. Special thanks were expressed to all involved in this.

They also suggested that any moneys saved during lockdown from not going out could be donated to charity or church (for example payment to be a member of a choir could be given to a music charity)

Revd Becky has cut Neil's hair with clippers for an excellent youthful looking style! (There was only one style offered – “The Covid Cut” which can also be seen by many famous celebrities!!)

WILDLIFE FUN

Have any of you been following the Wildlife Trust – 30 Days Wild?. I have, and I am enjoying the challenges and the bingo of items to find. A rabbit is one of the things to spot, and they are proving rather elusive. As for the challenges, these include a whole range of activities and ideas to do from going plastic free for a day, watching a wildlife web cam and loads more, however, one is to get up early and watch a sun rise – this might be one step too far. I am not too good at getting up in the mornings. If following natural history is something you like, the “Big Butterfly Count” runs from Friday 17th July – Sunday 9th August – why not have a go. Just go to: <https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>



If you know of ANYONE in Harnham who needs help with practical tasks such as shopping, collecting prescriptions, posting mail, dog walking, or would just like a friendly phone call, the Harnham Community Network has volunteers waiting to help. **CONTACT THE NETWORK ON: 07900 815605 Email: harnhamcommunity@gmail.com**

HYMN REFLECTION ON PRAYER IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

This week's hymn is a real *cri de coeur* for some of us. "Lord, teach us how to pray aright". We know part of the answer is in the last line of the second verse. How James Montgomery progressed from being a failed Scottish schoolboy in rural Ayrshire to Editor of a local paper in Sheffield, and a campaigner against slavery, boy chimney sweeps and the lottery, is fascinating. There is a good biography on the Internet, which also includes a picture of his memorial, outside Sheffield Cathedral, with today's hymn carved on it in its entirety. He wrote several other well-known hymns as well. This one is all about preparing ourselves to pray, not about composing lovely sentences full of erudite words and quotations, or clichéd forms of prayer.

One amazing line is the last line of verse 5. Covid 19; fires, plane crashes, earthquakes; wars in The Holy Land and elsewhere; youths knifing each other in SE London, racial unrest. How often have we seen people on the telly asking, "Where is God in all this?" Montgomery does not give an answer, any more than God answered Jesus's own prayer, "Why hast thou forsaken me?" (as David reminded us last week), but he takes us back to basics.

Like so many Scottish and 18th century hymns this one is in Common Metre (8,6,8,6), so any old tune will do. I always associate it with *St. Hugh*. Did you know David Scrace did not like more than one CM hymn in a service, because they really can become tedious? But in this case the words are so good the tune doesn't really matter.

Lord, teach us how to pray aright
with reverence and with fear;
though dust and ashes in thy sight,
we may, we must, draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer:
O grant us power to pray;
and when to meet thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we bring to thee
a broken, contrite heart:
give what thine eye delights to see,
truth in the inward part;

Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone,
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
on Christ, on Christ alone;

Patience to watch and wait and weep,
though mercy long delay;
courage our fainting souls to keep,
and trust thee, though thou slay.