

Sixth Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020

Notices:

Thy Kingdom Come 21 – 31 May:

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Thursday 21 – Sunday 31 May 2020

Daily morning prayer at 8.30 am:

These are live streamed on our YouTube Channel and the link will be sent to you via email at the beginning of the week. You can also find the link on our website as they are created, together with the order of service.

Thursday 21st May - Ascension Day

Service at 7.30 pm: Short reflective service to mark the Ascension of Jesus.

Church Fundraising:

If you are shopping Online, please consider raising funds for our church at same time. If you would like to know more go to our church fundraising website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/resurrectionandstbarnabas/>



Recently Deceased:

Joyce Baker RIP
Dorothy Clewlow RIP

Years In Mind:

Birthdays:

Reflection:

Following from last week's word of assurance, today's readings continue in an attitude of comfort, emphasising God's nearness and God's strengthening of those who struggle. In Athens Paul speaks to the people of the city about a God who can be known and "in whom we live, move and have our being." He invites them to recognise that God is very near to all people whether they are aware of God or not. The Psalmist reflects on God's presence even during times of 'testing' and gives thanks for God's rescue and forgiveness, and celebrates that God does indeed hear the prayers of God's people. In Peter's letter the apostle continues to offer comfort to a persecuted church assuring them that they are following in Christ's nail-scarred footsteps, and that in Christ they are saved. And, in John's Gospel, Jesus offers the promise of the Spirit, assuring his disciples that by the Spirit they will always know that God is with them and in them, and they will enjoy the love relationship that Jesus has given them. The wonderful, challenging and comforting message of this week is that God is intimately available to us, and that God's presence and resources are accessible to us as we face the challenges and struggles of following Christ and living fully. The question this raises to each one of us to ponder is whether we are willing to embrace God's presence, and rest in God's strength especially in the world situation we live in right now, when we are faced with many unimaginable challenges in our daily lives.

*Risen Christ,
by the lakeside
you renewed your call to your disciples:
help us to obey your command
and draw others to the fire
of your love.
Amen.*

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