



*Seeking to live out the love of God  
– in all we do*



## July 25th News and Worship

### Vicar's Thoughts

*Where were you forty years ago today (July 20th 1981)?*

*Were you sat in front of the TV or did you have ears within hearing of a radio tuned to Radio Four long wave or did the event pass unnoticed?*

For those too young to have been born then, or who aren't followers of national sporting triumphs, this was the Headingley Test Match where England, looking certain to lose to the Australians having followed on, were struggling at 135 for 7. Ian Botham and Graham Dilley threw caution to the wind and in an avalanche of attacking shots generated a lead over Australia of 140 runs. A lead which was thought to be too small but which enabled, the next morning, an aging Bob Willis with eight of the ten wickets to spearhead an improbable England victory.

*So -where were you?* I remember clearly, even though it was summer, having a Church Youth football match that afternoon and missing Botham and Dilley's heroics. For England it was victory achieved in the face of almost certain defeat, for Australia it was defeat clutched from the jaws of certain victory.

**Whether an event is a victory or defeat always depends on which side we are on.**

However, in the case of a pandemic there are no 'sides' and as we move forward into a new phase the language of *defeat* and *victory* seems more and more inappropriate. However, there are many people whose labours have been heroic - and rather like Botham and Dilley's exploits were for me, they may go unnoticed. In the absence of Highlight re-runs on TV for them let us in our prayers, in our actions and in our priorities, identify the heroes we know, let us share their stories and let us thank them whenever, however and as often as we can.

We could say that in the Cricket, if all the England players had done their bit, the heroics wouldn't have been needed. The Australians could also say that if they hadn't lost focus when so far in front, the result would have been very different. Perhaps as we enter this new phase these are two lessons which it is good to remember: everyone doing their bit and everyone keeping focused is as vital now as it ever was. Taking the eye off the ball never ends well.

# Church Family News

## Parents and Children Consultation, feedback

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the conversation about church and children, it was very informative and we look forward to an exciting new programme for our families starting in September.

Look out for a special Families Newsletter that we will be sending out at the start of the school year. If you would like to join the team or be involved as an occasional helper, contact Kathryn Lappin 07859 049586.

## We are all in the same boat, aren't we?

No, we are in the same storm, but in different boats. We need to ride out the storm together.

We have all had a tough time the last year or so, but some have had a tougher time than others and some have found the whole storm rougher than others. Some of us are eager to spring out into the world and resume life as before, others amongst us are taking their time and still staying safe at home – and there are lots of different views in between.

However you feel about getting out and about again it's OK.

It's OK to feel cautious, and it's OK to feel free and easy. We are all different and there is no judgement here.

What is so important though is to remember that we are all different and to treat everyone with the respect we all deserve. As St Paul said, "let all that you do be done in love."\*

In church for **green services** we are asking for people who wish to be without masks to sit in a separate zone so that those who wish to wear masks feel safe.

For **orange services** we have set aside an area for those wishing to be socially distanced and wear masks.

All the church family members on welcome duty – Ministry Team, Wardens and Welcomers, will be continuing to wear masks during services.

At **Green** and **Orange Services**

We would like it if everyone wore a mask when they moved about in the building to protect others.

We would like it if everyone continued to give everyone else plenty of space.

We would like it if people didn't expect to give or get a handshake or a hug.

Perhaps we should expect the storm to run on a little longer yet before we get to the rainbow. We need to ride it out together. It is possible some of the ways we do things in church will change again. We will do everything we can to help to keep you safe and well informed.

Do ask if there is anything you are confused about.

*Anne Stirling*

Pastoral Worker

(\*1 Corinthians 16:14)

*A fuller description of our Traffic light code for Services can be found below in our updated **Worship Guidelines**.*

## Community News and Information

### Golden Memories

Thank you for putting in a piece about our Golden Memories group under your Community News heading, in your Parish Newsletter. Unfortunately since your insert we have had to postpone all our August meetings and we hope to restart on Tuesday 14th September. However, if anyone is interested in our group if they contact me I will gladly tell them all about what we do.

Pam Jagger 01625 828425

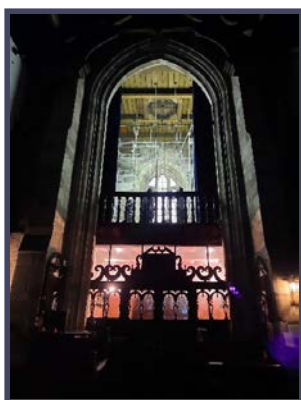
### Prestbury School Year 6 Leavers' Service.

Last Tuesday we were happy to welcome Year 6 from Prestbury School, and their families to mark the end of their time at our Church Primary School. Although restrictions were in place which limited numbers, Year 5 rose to the occasion in support and the Service had a celebratory feel.

Please join us in praying for all Year 6's in their transition to Secondary school, and indeed for all schools, school staff, teachers, children and parents as the summer holiday is now upon us.



### Bellringers



This week was significant for our Bellringers too! With the lifting of some of the restrictions came the possibility of ringing as an 8 for the first time since the beginning of lockdown.

The noise was joyful across the village and many people have commented on how fabulous it has been to hear the bells ringing their distinctive song on a Wednesday evening. So a big 'shout out' to the Bellringers!

There is a whisper of a Bellringing Open Day as soon as restrictions allow - watch this space if you are interested!

### Churchyard and Dogs

There has recently been a growing problem of dog fouling in the churchyard and unbelievably on graves and memorial tablets. It is deeply upsetting that an elderly widow should find dog mess on her husband's memorial stone. Imagine how you would feel if it was your husband, wife or mum's memorial stone.

Like with many things it will be argued that it is the few irresponsible dog owners who spoil it for the many careful owners. However the churchyard is not a dog toilet or

even an exercise yard - it's a consecrated place where those who are loved and mourned are laid to rest. It is good that dog walkers have a cool space to walk through with their animals but those who let dogs off the lead, or bring them into the churchyard primarily for their ablutions, are failing to respect what a churchyard is for, which is why many churchyards and Civic Cemeteries exclude dogs other than assistance dogs.

**To all the careful dog owners**, please continue to act with care. There are only two ways dog mess ends up on the paths, by the door, or on a memorial: either the dog is on a lead and the owner stands there, watches and doesn't clean it up or the dog is not on a lead. Either way, the dog owner is irresponsible and such people's behaviour needs to be challenged.

It would be very sad if, because of the behaviour of a few, we have to ban all dogs as the Parish Council have done with Parrot's Field or like many churchyards and cemeteries, restrict access to assistance dogs only.

## **This Week's Worship**

Sunday 10.00am      **Holy Communion** at CoRe  
Sunday 10.30am      **Morning worship with Baptism** at St Peter's  
Sunday 4.30am      **Reflective Worship** at St Peter's  
Wednesday 10.30am **Holy Communion** at St Peter's

## **This Week's Diary**

The Church Office is closed this week on Monday and Tuesday and is open from 9.00am to 12noon Wednesday to Friday.

### **Tuesday**

9.00am **Morning Prayer** Zoom Code 503 346 024, Password 793684

### **Wednesday**

10.30am **Holy Communion**, St Peter's

### **Thursday**

9.00am **Morning Prayer**, Zoom Code 859 930 994  
10.30am **Holy Dusters**, St Peter's

### **Friday**

10.00am -12noon **Private Prayer**, St Peter's

## **Looking Ahead**

This week's **4.30pm Reflective Worship** is the last before the August break.  
Sunday services at **CoRe** move to 10.00am starting this Sunday

## Worship Guidelines

What will it be like if I come to church now the *regulations* have been replaced by *guidelines*?

The Services are colour coded and the difference between the Services is now greater than it was. At every service those welcoming on the door will be masked, track and trace will be in operation and we will increase ventilation by opening additional doors where and when we can.

At **Green Services**: Social distancing will be maintained and the expectation is that with the occasional exception everyone will wear masks throughout the service, there will be no singing, either by the congregation, choir or music group.

At **Orange Services**: Social distancing and mask wearing will be required by those sitting in the South side of the Church (the pulpit side). There will be singing led by choir or music group and the congregation are welcome to join in. Those wishing to sing can do so without masks but need to be seated on the the North side of the main aisle. At CoRe masks will be worn throughout the Service including when singing.

At **Red Services** there is no guarantee of space for social distancing or mask wearing. There will be singing lead by the music group. Those wishing to do so may wear masks.

## Worship Resources

**St James the Apostle or Third Sunday After Trinity**  
**Worship Services for Sunday 25th July**

	Service Leader	Preacher	Lesson Readers	Intercessor
<b>Holy Communion</b> 10.00am Core	Avril	Avril	Sylvia	Graham
<b>Holy Baptism</b> 10.30am St Peter's	Patrick	Patrick	Jim L Sue C	Carolyn
<b>Reflective Service</b> 4.30pm St Peter's	Steve	Patrick	Pat T Tina	Steve
Holy Communion 10.30am Wednesday				

## Sunday Bible Readings

For use with *Worship at Home* booklet and reflection.

**2 Corinthians 4:7-15**

**Matthew 20:20-28**

**Psalms 126**

## Sunday Hymns

### 10.30am Morning Worship

Jesus is Lord Creations voice proclaims it

Seek ye first

From Heaven you came

O Jesus I have promised

### 4.30pm Reflective Service

O Jesus I have promised

Ye Servants of God

The Lord's my Shepherd

For all the Saints

## Collect

### St James the Apostle

Almighty God whose Holy Apostle Saint James,

leaving his father and all that he had,

was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ

and followed him even to death

help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,

to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay:

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 Amen

*(or)*

### Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Lord God,

your Son left the riches of heaven

and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride,

when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Prayers

**Prayer focus this week:** As the school terms end we pray for teachers and school staff as they get a much needed holiday. We have many teachers in our Church family and we pray that that this holiday time would be blessed for them and their families. We pray that God would renew them, that physically emotionally and spiritually they would know the refreshing and re-energising power of His Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

*Those who have asked for prayer:*

Ian Northcott  
Sheila Griffiths  
Paul Nadin Salter  
Margaret Brown  
Tony Mackenzie  
Freda Clowes  
Sylvia Redfern



## Prayers from yesterday, for today

*May God the Father,  
and the eternal High Priest Jesus Christ,  
build us up in faith and truth and love,  
and grant us our portion among the saints  
with all those who believe on our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We pray for all saints,  
for kings and rulers,  
for the enemies of the Cross of Christ,  
and for ourselves,  
we pray that our fruit may abound  
and that we may be made perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

*Polycarp*