

**7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**  
**2 before Lent**  
**All Age with Communion**  
**Joint Benefice Service**  
**Sheet**

**Welcome to our All-Age Service  
with Holy Communion**

**Rev'ds. Sarah and Janet**

**with Judith Lovett, Sarah Rosser and Donna Hammond**  
**Join our Zoom "Gathering" at 09:30 a.m.**  
**hosted by Rev'd. Sarah during which the**  
**service will be played.**

*Contact Rev'd. Sarah for details on how to join the gathering*  
*A recording will also be available on YouTube*

**Our Diocese Together - January**

The January issue of "Our Diocese Together" is now available to download from the Diocese of Derby website or to view online here.

**"Inbetween" Deanery Newsletter**

Our Deanery Newsletter is available to download from here:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/deaneries/north-east-derbyshire-deanery/north-east-derbyshire-parishes.html>

**7<sup>th</sup> February Service All Age Communion  
in Ordinary Time**

**Welcome and Introduction**

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you:  
**and also with you.**

Lord, open our lips:

**so we can shout your praises!**

Lord, open our eyes:

**so we can see your wondrous works!**

Lord, open our ears:

**so we can hear your call!**

Lord, open our hearts:  
**so we can live a life of love.**

**Hymn – We have a gospel to proclaim** – *words are shown on screen*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Saying Sorry to God**

God asks us to act justly, to be merciful and kind to one another, and to serve him with a humble spirit. As members of God's family, we ask God and each other for forgiveness for the times we fail.

Jesus came in humility to share our lives:  
forgive our pride.

**Lord, forgive us.**

Jesus came with good news for all people:  
forgive our silence.

**Christ, forgive us.**

Jesus came in love to a world of suffering:  
forgive our self-centredness.

**Lord, forgive us.**

May God forgive you,  
Christ renew you  
and the Spirit enable you  
to grow in love. **Amen.**

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Bible Reading: Colossians 1.15-20** – *read by Rowan*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### **Gospel: John 1.1-11**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, *read by Judith Lovett.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Talk – Sarah Rosser**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Ephesians 3.*

### **Prayers of Intercession – Donna Hammond assisted by Rowan**

Lord in Your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## Greeting of Peace

God is love, and those who live in love  
live in God, and God lives in them.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you:  
**and also with you.**

**Hymn Bind us together** – *words are shown on screen*

## Preparation

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

*1 Chronicles 29.11-14.*

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

The Lord is here  
**God's spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  
This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.  
This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.  
This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**

### ***The bread is broken***

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Invitation**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*As the priest receives communion on behalf of the whole congregation  
you are invited to pray privately:*

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me  
and send your Holy Spirit  
that I may be filled with your presence.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that  
we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Hymn – At the name of Jesus verses 1,2 and 5 – words are shown on screen**

### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord, surround us with your love:  
**let lips that have sung your praise  
always speak the truth  
and let ears that have heard your word  
always listen to your will.  
Give us the grace  
to work for the coming of your kingdom here on earth  
to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
rest upon you and all whom you love,  
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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## **Rev'd. Jocelyn's / George's Reflection**

What comes from a chance remark from a child? Why don't you walk a hundred times across the garden before your hundredth birthday – and we'll try and raise a few pounds for the NHS? We are now very aware of the results. From a small article in the local paper to the internet and the world.

The uplifting that one old man walking steadily day after day, with the zimmer frame gave to the country and the world is immense. He finally raised, when at midnight on his hundredth birthday the fund-raising site was closed was over 30 million pounds. His final walk was acknowledged by his regiment with a guard of honour, and they later made him an honorary colonel. He was knighted by the Queen, and had a hurricane and a spitfire fly past on his birthday. And he even became the oldest person ever to score a number one single in the UK, when he and Michael Ball sang a cover of "You'll Never Walk Alone". The message in that song is a powerful reminder of the presence of God in our lives.

He died in a hospital he had done so much to help on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021.

"One small soul like me won't make much difference," he declared in his first TV interview. He could not have been more wrong.

Since his walk, there have been children less able than me, walking marathons, and long distances, a lady who climbed a Scottish mountain when young, did it again, up and down the stairs. With stubbornness, courage and optimism, he was the right man at the right time.

"Please remember," he said repeatedly, "tomorrow will be a good day."

Captain Sir Tom Moore – it will be, thanks for the reminder.

Jocelyn

## **Bishop Libby's Updates**

### **From Bishop Libby**

My friends,

You will be pleased to note that there is no new guidance or regulation in this Update. Of course, in the past week we passed the terrible milestone of 100,000 additional Covid related deaths in the UK. And we continue to carry the burdens of lockdown – on our



individual wellbeing, on our social cohesion, on our economic resilience, on the future of our children's education and training. It may feel difficult to hold on to hope.

However, we come to the end of Epiphany season today: the child Jesus who was made manifest to the magi at his birth, is at the festival of Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, recognised by Simeon and Anna as 'a light to the nations' and 'the glory of God's people'. In this same Jesus is the foundation of our hope. Throughout this season we have heard narratives of grace and hope - the wedding at Cana, the baptism of Jesus, the conversion of Paul - and we are invited, even in the midst of Covid, to continue those stories of grace and hope in the ordinariness of our own lives.

Be assured, as we persevere in generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love, of my continuing prayers.

+Libby

### **A Prayer for those who are ill**

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
understood people's fear and pain  
before they spoke of them,  
we pray for those in hospital;  
surround the frightened with your tenderness;  
give strength to those in pain;  
hold the weak in your arms of love,  
and give hope and patience  
to those who are recovering;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Service Recordings**

**A Recording of today's service will be available on YouTube.**

**Most recent service recordings here:**

24<sup>th</sup> Jan. <https://youtu.be/lxJApyLcVZq> 31st Jan. <https://youtu.be/H82qFy6Y5H8>

For a full history of recordings, see Barlow website:

(<http://barlow-church.org.uk/coronavirus.html>).

**Archdeacon Carol's services and reflections** from earlier in the pandemic can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchChesterfield> - You don't need a Facebook account to view them.

**Other local services - The Crooked Spire's service(s) available here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDrGU56c59qfQeHsWOoy1g>

**Diocese of Derby - Links to Online Services in the Diocese:**

[https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events/derbyshire-church-events.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y88YQLe4xABvKt5\\_R8T8Y-Wr0I5zh41-JWIhmGw5ZeOsdDE3JyDnN1KA](https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events/derbyshire-church-events.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y88YQLe4xABvKt5_R8T8Y-Wr0I5zh41-JWIhmGw5ZeOsdDE3JyDnN1KA)

## From the Archbishops of Canterbury and York A letter to the Nation

Dear friends

As we reach the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, we invite everyone in our nation to pause as we reflect on the enormity of this pandemic. 100,000 isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God. We write to you then in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness. We therefore encourage everyone who is feeling scared, or lost or isolated to cast their fears on God. We also know that poorer communities, minority ethnic communities and those living with disabilities have been afflicted disproportionately and cry out for the healing of these inequalities. During this pandemic, we encourage everyone to do all they can to live within the guidelines and constraints given by government following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser. We show our commitment, care and love for one another by ensuring we do everything we can to stop the virus spreading. None of this is easy. Very many of us are experiencing isolation, loneliness, anxiety and despondency like never before. Many people have lost their livelihoods. Our economy struggles. Also, the necessary restrictions we live with have also prevented us from being alongside loved ones as they died, or even at their graveside. All grief profoundly affects us, but this pandemic grief is so hard. Therefore, we need to support each other. We do this by following the guidelines. But we also do it by reaching out to each other with care and kindness. One thing we can all do is pray. We hope it is some consolation to know that the church prays for the life of our nation every day. Whether you're someone of faith, or not, we invite you to call on God in prayer.

**Starting on 1 February we invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day.**

More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. A number of resources will be made available *on our website*. Finally, we write of hope. We are grateful for the hope we have because of the service of our NHS and social care staff. What a blessing and lifeline for our nation. We are grateful for the service given in local communities by clergy, other frontline workers and so many good neighbours. We are grateful for the hope of the vaccine. It is a testimony to the God-given wisdom and gifts of scientists and researchers. We urge everyone to take the vaccine as soon as it is offered to you. Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in his resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom, every tear will be wiped away.

**Please be assured of our prayers.**

**Please join us.**

***Staying home is loving your neighbour.  
Wearing a mask is loving your neighbour.  
Keeping your distance is loving your neighbour.  
Washing your hands is loving your neighbour.  
Let's keep loving our neighbours.***

**Archbishop Justin Welby**

