

# HUTTON PARISH LINK



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# From the Editor..

## **Welcome**

to the June/July edition of the Hutton Parish Link. We hope you enjoy it.

In these difficult times it is not possible for us to carry articles on everything that your Churches have to offer in the normal course of events. A number of our usual activities have been suspended for the time being due to the coronavirus. But we have tried to highlight those areas of the Churches' lives that are still active and intersperse such articles with some thought-provoking or comforting pieces from our Ministry team.

We had some very kind comments after the publication of our first edition in April, and we would welcome emails or letters from any of our readers, either commenting on articles (critical or complimentary!) or suggesting topics to include in future issues, or – even better – writing an article for inclusion. Don't worry about spelling or grammar – we can correct that if necessary – but it would be good to know that at least some people are reading the magazine!

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Malcolm Webb  
Editor

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# From the Rector..

## Dear Church Family

June 2020 marks the 3rd anniversary of my installation as Priest-in-Charge of Hutton Parish and I have been reflecting on the journey we have been on together. It has been a wonderful time of settling down into parish life, growing in friendship with so many of you and seeing people connect with God in fresh ways. Alice and I have delighted in seeing our children thrive and we would like to offer a great big (socially distanced) thank you to you all. We truly feel at home in Hutton.



Alongside this, we have shared in a number of sharp learning curves, not least the current pandemic and the need to move most of our activities and relationships online or into another format! I have always regarded myself as quite “technologically competent” and therefore having to shift into streaming services and daily prayers on Facebook hasn’t been too arduous. What the lockdown has done is highlight the communication gaps we have in the parish. Of course, every organisation has such gaps, but we have seen the value of our newly formalised process of weekly phone calls across the network of the parish, newsletters, emails and

of course this re-imagined and very timely magazine. A recent PCC meeting recognised these hugely positive changes, and we hope to continue to embed our learning and these new practices into our life together as we emerge into the post- lockdown world.

When I was interviewed for the role here in Hutton, it was on the basis that the Parish was looking to reimagine ministry and set a vision for the coming years. So, when I accepted the job it was always with these things in mind. Once I had settled in here, I asked the PCC to begin a large piece of work in 2018 looking at our current setup, priorities and structures so we could then discern where and what God was calling us to.

What we produced was a vision based around three aspects of Christian life: we called them Up, In and Out.

Put simply, we wanted to make sure that our common life had clearly defined facets under these three headings. They offer us an informal Rule of Life.

### **Up - Our Worshipping Life.**

Questions we considered were:

- How do we as a parish and as individuals connect with God?
- Have we made space to worship, pray and engage with the sacraments of the church outside of Sunday mornings?
- Are we helping new believers to understand how they can do these things?
- Is there an opportunity to develop and try different styles of worship both in the church and at home?
- Are we generous?

### **In - Our Fellowship.**

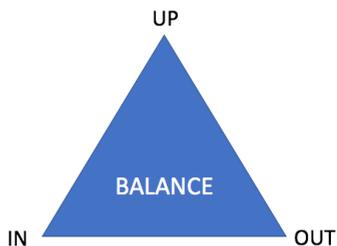
Questions we considered were:

- Are we a good example of the Body of Christ here in Hutton?
- In what ways do we connect with each other throughout each day/week/month/year?
- Are we an open and accessible community? Are we kind and welcoming?
- Do we have fun together?
- How can non-congregational members join in with what we do?
- Do we relate well to other Christians and churches in the area?

### **Out - Our Missional Life.**

Questions we considered were:

- How are we serving the community of Hutton?
- Who hasn't heard about Jesus in our parish? What methods of evangelisation do we employ?
- Who gets forgotten about in Hutton?
- How many people have come to us for Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals and stayed within the congregations?
- Are we fearful about mission and evangelism?



It has been useful to revisit these questions again during this period of lockdown to prayerfully reflect and see how we are doing and if any area needs addressing. I encourage you to ask these questions of yourselves as individuals and then as a parishioner. As baptised believers, we are all called to follow the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Here's how the Great Commandment is summarised in the Order Two Holy Communion service:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ said:*

*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.*

*This is the first commandment.*

*And the second is like, namely this:*

*Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

*There is none other commandment greater than these.*

*On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

The Great Commission is written in Matthew 28: 18-20 and reads:

*And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

I think the areas of **Up**, **In** and **Out** are reflected in these two texts. I think it's also true that if we neglect the first, we will hinder the second. Our first love as followers of Jesus is Him! He is the "image of the invisible God" and thus, makes the life of God as the Holy Trinity known to us. Our love of God should also be matched with our love for humanity – all of it. Especially the bits we don't like so much. Jesus showed us what radical inclusivity, acceptance and forgiveness

looked like. We must show others the same. When we at least attempt to do this, then we can focus on the missional task left to the church by Jesus himself: **make disciples of all people** (nations). Only when we learn to fully love God and neighbour as much as we love ourselves can we begin to “make disciples.” This means to teach others about the faith we have (leading to Baptism) and multiplication of the church. It sounds so simple but is incredibly hard to do – and cannot be done alone.

Many churches manage to do **UP** and **IN** pretty well – they’re the bits that are obvious for religious groups. Worship and fellowship can also be read as ‘Loving God’ & ‘Loving Ourselves’. Where many churches struggle, often for very understandable reasons, is with the **OUT**. Or to read it another way, ‘Loving Others’. This is hard because we tend towards those who look or live like us and assume that everyone thinks or believes the same – but this can make us closed and blinkered despite feeling that we are looking outward. Being an outward looking church is both essential and takes time to truly become part of the fabric.

So, our discipleship must have a healthy balance of these three things, Up, In and Out. It has been a joy to see the Daily Bread Café setup and respond to our community in the last two years. We had no idea that a small gathering once a week in the Coffee Lounge would become the central point for the Hutton Community Hub and the response to the Covid-19 outbreak. God knew though and has prepared us for this time and blessed us with the team of selfless volunteers who have served everyone at the door of St Peter’s with dignity, respect and love. To have served around 600 households across Essex at the time of writing is an incredible feat, testament to the way in which God’s love and life in us spills out to serve others. Read on for more news of the DB Team.

Another expression of **Up**, **In** and **Out** is Rooted Community (you can also read their update later in the magazine). This wonderful and growing bunch of women have helped engage and support many of their peers with simple acts of love, prayer and service. They’ve responded to the lockdown with creativity and have been a strength to one another through a variety of challenges. Watching how they have supported not just each other but many in the parish during the lockdown has been a genuine joy.



I mention these two areas as they are new to my time here, but I realise there are many more things I could mention that have faithfully gone on for years. As we continue to adapt to the ever-changing world, we must continue to look to our parish vision and to our 'rule of life' as a way forward. Of course, we hold tight to the sacramental traditions of the church, especially weekly Holy Communion but in order to follow where the Holy Spirit is leading us, new ways of worship, fellowship and mission must be allowed to emerge.

Hopefully, the next edition of this magazine will see an easing of restrictions on public worship and we might be able to meet together albeit in a reduced capacity. Our life as the church of God has not stopped because of this pandemic and we mustn't see meeting together again as any kind of excuse to be inward looking at the expense of worship and mission. I am looking forward to being able to share the Eucharist with you all again but I am also expectant that the next three years will see even greater change than the last three – all for the glory of Christ and His mission in Hutton and beyond.

My thanks to you all for your patience, support and generosity during this difficult time. With every blessing to you and all whom you love.

Andy ✝

# BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

## Exploring the Bible from Beginning to End

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## DISTRIBUTION OF "HUTTON PARISH LINK"

You are probably reading this edition of our church magazine online. In normal times you would have the option of picking up a 'hard copy' from one or other of the churches or a local shop, but of course at the present it is just not possible for us to be able to print the magazine: the churches are closed, as are many of the shops, and then there is "social distancing".....

We are aware that this may mean that some of our prospective readership are unable to get access to the magazine by their own means. If you know somebody who falls into that category and who you believe would like a copy, would you be able to print one off for them please and deliver it to their house?





# ROOTED COMMUNITY IN LOCKDOWN

*Rooted Community gathers for friendship, faith and support, offering a shared life, inclusive welcome and deeper purpose, strengthening women, families and the community.*

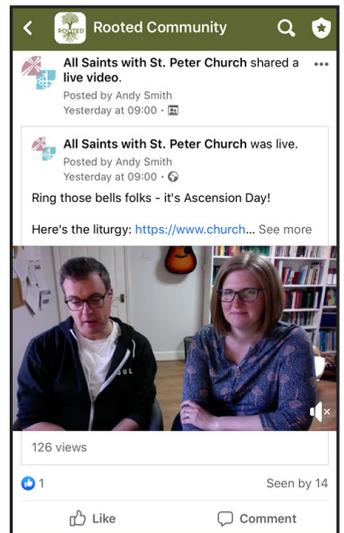
**Ephesians 3:17** "...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— **19** to know the love of Christ..."

As I penned our last feature article, lockdown had already commenced and in those early days, I felt the adrenaline rush of excitement. Not everyone felt that way I know, but I love a project!

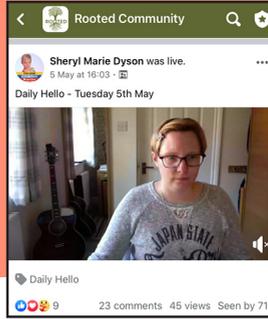
It seemed that God had already been preparing us for some new things ahead as we relaunched the previous month and so together, the Core Team decided to grab these opportunities.

Our focus on being Rooted in friendship and Rooted in Christ has meant that we've prioritised keeping in touch and prayer during this time and we are using a variety of tools to do this.

- **Morning Prayer** from the Rectory Monday - Friday is also live-streamed simultaneously to the Rooted Community Facebook group so those who don't follow the Parish page can join there if they wish.



# DAILY HELLO



The **'Daily Hello'** has continued live each day at 4pm in our Facebook group and has welcomed a wide and varied number of the Community to share their highs and lows, activities in lockdown, reflections, prayers and ideas. At the time of writing, we have had 56 individual contributions and feedback shows people really appreciate the regular rhythm of both these daily events. Now recognised as a distinctive 'congregation' within Hutton Parish, we connect with the Up, In and Out vision of the Parish as a whole but as an emerging congregation, we look quite different to the norm! -

meeting mostly in homes, offering online support on different platforms, seeking to serve others in many different ways, with flexibility and creativity.

We have seen and know that, as women support one another, cheer each other on, seek to grow in faith and love, this in turn strengthens families and wider communities.

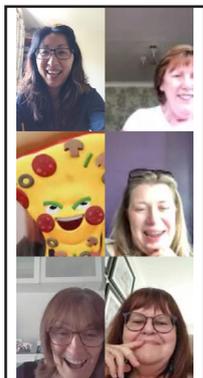


# Zooming



On a smaller scale, we've hosted a few **zoom** gatherings for more intentional conversation and prayer. During Holy Week, we met online for Night Prayer over 3 consecutive nights, using the Northumbria Community liturgy. Since the beginning of term (which

apparently was 20th April!) we've met on Zoom for Rooted@Home on a Thursday evening. This includes a chance for a catch up, some games and fun (a Pajama party, a Desert Island theme and a Quiz night), highs and lows and small groups in breakout rooms for prayer and encouragement.



# All Saints School



Earlier in April, the new allocation of school Reception places for 4 year olds was announced. As parents shared this information via social media and joined PTA and 'class of 2020' groups, news of Rooted Community led to an influx of new members. We're looking forward to welcoming those new faces when we can meet, in person, again.



## HUTTON ALL SAINTS' PTA

Let's raise funds for our school!

So, our Facebook group now stands at 116 members and our weekly newsletter is going out to 57 people per week. We've been delighted throughout lockdown to welcome new women of all ages to the community, drawing on one another's wisdom, energy, life experiences and faith.

Sadly, our much anticipated new evening gathering which was due to launch at the beginning of May has been postponed for now but it feels as though lockdown is giving us the space to see what might emerge from this period of 'holy waiting'.

**In a recent newsletter, I reflected on the image of a caterpillar, making and retreating into its own cocoon, becoming 'caterpillar soup' before being remade and emerging as a butterfly.**

*"Our own experiences of this time of lockdown and uncertainty, personally and as a community, have seen us stripped of so many things which make our lives feel familiar. We have been trapped in our own 'cocoon' of caterpillar soup and that has been messy, challenging, distressing, full of both lightness and dark. But in our 'soup' what we actually find is all the genetic material for what will develop and all the building blocks for what might come next for us.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 says: "So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away - look, what is new has come!"



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To that end, we've recently begun a feedback process, conducting a survey to make sense of this new creation and gather views from the community on what has worked, what has been unhelpful, and what we should keep. The Core Team will use the results to make some initial decisions on what we should prioritise or continue as lockdown eases.

We expect that this will really help us to shape our next steps for the summer, September and beyond and we will share some of the results with magazine readers in due course.

We're praying that, whatever else comes of this time, we will see greater depth of friendship and purpose, a more intentional welcome and a widening of support for women, for families and for households in this parish.

Find us on Facebook – search for Rooted Community or email: [rooted@huttonparish.com](mailto:rooted@huttonparish.com) for more information!

Alice Smith



Alice Smith, Linda Haslam, Tracey Jenkins, Lisa Whymark

**Little Fishes** is part of Children's Church for babies and pre-schoolers. We meet every Tuesday during term time between 11am and 12noon for parents and carers.

This is a safe and informal space for families to enjoy singing, storytelling, craft activity and playing in a relaxed environment, plus the chance to have a cup of tea and a chat.

We have an enthusiastic group of ladies who act as volunteers and helpers every week.

**Unfortunately, like most of the Church activities, we are currently closed until further notice, due to recent events, but we shall of course let everyone know as soon as we are able to re-open.**

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# Little Fishes

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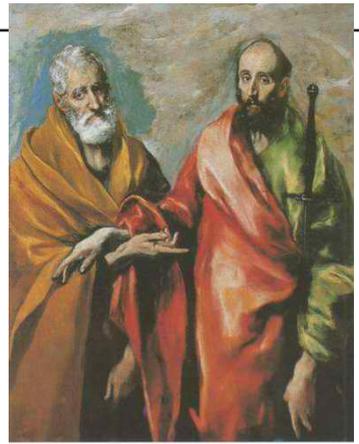
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# ST PETER and ST PAUL

June 29th is the Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul.

These two important saints share a feast day. Our church on Claughton Way is dedicated to St Peter and has references to him in stained glass and in banners both as a fisherman and as Peter the man to whom Jesus entrusted the keys of the kingdom.



They are both represented at All Saints Church in the series of etched glass in the Lady Chapel, again St Peter with his fish and his keys and St Paul with his sword and book.

(The Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral in London are the patrons of Hutton Parish)

Like his brother Andrew, Peter was born in Bethsaida on Lake Genesareth. We know from Matthew 8 v14 that he was living as a married man at Capernaum at the beginning of our Lord's ministry. (according to Clement, Peter had children and his wife also suffered martyrdom)

Peter first met Jesus when he was on the banks of the Jordan listening to the preaching of John the Baptist, but he was later led to Jesus by his brother. He seems to have been with Jesus at the marriage at Cana and then in and around Judaea and Samaria (John 2-4 ) His final call came after he had resumed his occupation as a fisherman when Jesus said "Come ye after me, and I will make you to be fishers of men." (told in all three synoptic gospels.). Thereafter Peter was constantly with Jesus and became prominent among the Twelve.

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Peter was a very human and sympathetic character - giving us all hope in our human and often frail condition. Like many of us he was enthusiastic, full of love for the Lord, but also rash in word and deed - speaking first and thinking later! He quickly became the spokesman for the Twelve - e.g. Matthew 15:15;19: 27; Luke 12:41.

Peter was picked out as special by our Lord and was always present at the most significant events in the life and ministry of Jesus. He was there, for instance at the raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead (Mark 5:37), at the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17:1), and in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33)

It was Peter who is the one to recognise and have the courage to declare that Jesus is the Messiah - the one for whom Israel had been waiting. In response to Christ's question "But whom do you say that I am?" it is Simon as he still is then who says, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." For this, at least in St. Matthew's gospel, he is given the primacy amongst the Apostles, and is given the name Peter. In Aramaic the word is Kipha which means Rock (a pun lost in translation) but which was used later to justify the primacy of Peter and hence the Apostolic succession of the See of Rome.

St. Peter always rushed in where angels feared to tread. I like to think that our Lord must have given a wry smile and shake of the head at Peter's enthusiasm! Think about some of his reactions - he leaps over the side of the boat in an attempt to reach Jesus-and



then promptly starts to sink! He rebukes Jesus at the Last Supper when He wishes to wash the disciples feet; Peter is the one who takes out his sword and cuts off the ear of the High Priest servant at the arrest of Jesus; and sadly he is the one who, as Jesus had said he would, denies his Lord when the going gets rough and weeps bitterly for it. He is also the one who arrives breathless at the tomb to find it empty on the first Easter morning! But of course it is also Peter who, at the Resurrection appearance at the lakeside is especially commissioned by the risen Christ to feed and defend His flock.

After the Ascension the disciples return to Jerusalem as instructed by Jesus and it is there that they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as promised. The detailed life of the early apostles is told for us the Acts of the Apostles, and interesting reading it is.

After this Peter worked among the Jerusalem “congregation.” In 44.AD he was arrested by Herod Agrippa but rescued from execution by an angel in the night. He then went to Antioch, and it was during that ministry that he had disputes with Paul on their differing attitudes to pagan Christians. In 50/51 AD he participated in the Apostolic Council at Jerusalem and this is the last mention we have in Acts about Peter. He later visited Asia Minor and probably Corinth.

He subsequently went to Rome and founded the first Christian community there, although the exact date or any other details of his life and mission there are unverifiable. Tradition (attested to by Eusebius, Tertullian and Origen) says that he worked in Rome for some 25 years. He was accused of putting a spell on the favourite of the Emperor Nero.

There is a story that his followers begged him to escape and the Apostle fled the city only to be met on the Appian Way by Christ. Peter asked Him, “Domine, quo vadis?” To which Jesus replied “To Rome, to be crucified anew.” Peter taking this as a sign returned to Rome where he was arrested and then scourged and crucified – upside down at his own request, as he felt unworthy to share the same death as our Lord. The alleged site was the Neronian gardens on the Vatican hill. His body lay for some time with

St. Paul's in the catacombs on the Appian Way. They now lie under the great basilica of St. Peter's, Rome.

St. Peter is the patron saint of the Carolingians, the cities of Geneva, Berlin and Rome and of course countless churches dedicated to his name. He also looks after fishermen, mechanics and bridge-builders, watch-makers, bakers and butchers.

In art St Peter is represented as an Apostle wearing a bright yellow tunic which is symbolic of revealed faith. His attributes are usually his two keys as a sign of his "binding and loosing" in heaven, or sometimes a fish to show he is the fisherman of souls.

However there are numerous paintings in art galleries which show many of the scenes from the life of Peter They are. too numerous to recall here although my favourites are the Raphael cartoons (for the tapestries in the Sistine Chapel) in the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the frescoes of Masaccio in the Brancacci Chapel in S. Maria del Carmine in Florence.

But the most moving for me is The Crucifixion of St Peter by Caravaggio in Santa Maria del Popolo in Rome.

And the space there is shared with Caravaggio's dramatic Conversion of St Paul both dating from 1601.

And St. Peter shares his Saints' day with St. Paul as they are both honoured as leaders of the Church. They have been jointly remembered since the early days on the supposed anniversary of their martyrdom in about 64.A.D.

**Chris Thomas**  
**Licensed Lay Minister**





# JESUS'S APOSTLES

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JESUS had twelve Apostles. Their names were:

**Andrew**

**Bartholomew**

**James**

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**John**

**Judas**

**Matthew**

**Matthias**

**Peter**

**Philip**

**Simon**

**Thaddeus**

**Thomas**

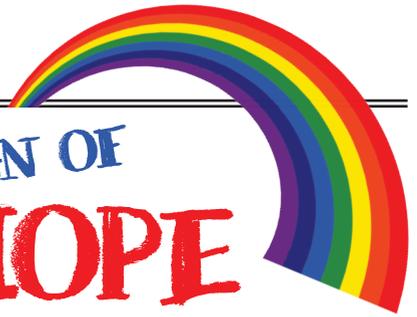
But there are **thirteen** names hidden in the grid. That is because Thaddeus replaced Judas who died soon after betraying Jesus.

James appears twice – one was known as “James the Elder” and the other “James the Younger”.

Can you find them all? Their names can be up or down, sideways or diagonally.



# THE RAINBOW AS A SIGN OF HOPE



A rainbow has been appearing in many windows as a sign of hope for us in this rather troubling time when we can't go to school and visit friends as we would normally do.

The rainbow as a sign of hope was given to a very special man whose story appears in the very first book of our Bible.

A long, long time ago the people on the earth were beginning to forget about God and how good he was and they were starting to hurt the animals and things in nature.

So God said he was going to send a big flood and to make a new start.

But there was one man who was very special to God and this man was told by God to build a very special boat and put in it two animals of every sort and his own family so as to be safe when the flood came

Can you remember the name of the man who built it? It was..... **NOAH**.

Then when the flood had begun to go away God sent a very special sign for Noah Do you know what the sign was which God sent Noah?.....

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Yes the **RAINBOW**. What is a rainbow? When do you see a rainbow?.....

We see it when the sun shines through the rain and divides the light which we see usually see as WHITE into all its colours.

(When I was a little girl I learned this to remember the colours. Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain. **RED ORANGE YELLOW GREEN BLUE INDIGO VIOLET**.)

But it means that even when it is raining and things seem bad the sun is still shining and in the story of NOAH the rainbow was a sign from God of his promise that there would never again be a flood bad enough to destroy everything.

So the RAINBOW is a symbol for us of HOPE of God's PROMISE to care for us and all his creation, and a hope for us that things will soon get better.

Perhaps you would like to say these Prayers.

*Dear God, thank you for the world and all your good gifts to us.*

*Thank you for the rain and the sunshine and the rainbow and colours in life.*

*Thank you that you send us signs of HOPE even when things seem very bad.*

*Help us to be rainbows -signs of HOPE for other people.*



# THE COLOURS YOU WILL SEE IN CHURCH



In most Churches the colours of the altar frontels and the vestments (the clothes the priest wears) will change according to the season.

## GOLD

The symbol of glory, celebration and resurrection

*(For Christmas and Easter)*

Or

## WHITE

The symbol of resurrection, joy, purity, innocence

*(Sundays of christmas and easter; trinity sunday. The feasts of mary, all saints day and any saint)*



## RED

The Symbol Of The Holy Spirit.

*(Palm Sunday; Pentecost; Feasts Of Apostles And Martyrs)*

# PURPLE

The symbol of sorrow, mourning repentance and penance

*(Advent and lent (some have plain linen called lenten array); all souls day; funerals)*



# GREEN

The symbol of hope, everlasting life

*(What we call 'ordinary time', when there is no festival or saints day)*

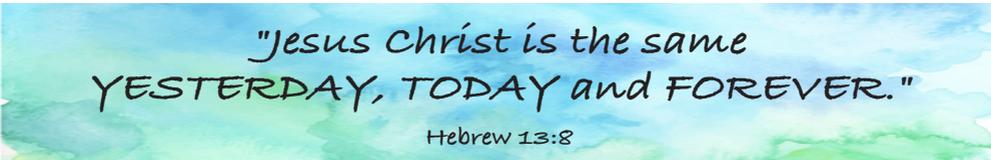


# WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD

Does this question really matter to us? Yes it does, because humans like to live in a structural world, a society which has a norm for people to follow, a routine for people to carry on with their day to day life. Now we are living in a world with uncertainty, so of course people would like to know what the future will hold for us.

This pandemic crisis has definitely made people re-evaluate what's really important in their lives. People start to reflect on what life really means. Many people are stressed by this uncertainty and many are fearful of catching the virus, and as a result a few will become anxious and may even fall into depression. Yes, many people are wondering what the future holds, but for us as Christians, we can hold onto the promises of scripture which remind us that God has our hope and future in his hands. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to, ***"5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight"*** and ***St Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4: 17-18, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."***

Now is the time we can hold on to His promise which will never change Even though the pandemic news changes every day, God's faithfulness and His promise of hope will never change...



*"Jesus Christ is the same  
YESTERDAY, TODAY and FOREVER."*

Hebrew 13:8

Many people may think the coronavirus may be something to do with "God punishing the world". But we might want to take some personal responsibility here; God created the beautiful world but look what humans have done to it, carbon footprint, global warming... all these were humans' own makings! We should remember that we worship the God of redemption and new life - he can transform any bad situation into a blessing. In Genesis 42 we see Joseph's brothers selling him into slavery and tearing their family apart. By chapter 46, we have journeyed with Joseph as he rises to the role of Pharaoh's right-hand man before God reunites the family in the face of insurmountable odds.



What shoots of new life and redemption might we see as we move through this pandemic? We see people starting to appreciate those little things we often took for granted. Apart from gratitude to the NHS and frontline workers, we have started to appreciate workers like the dustmen, transport workers, shop workers, HGV drivers, postmen and a lot more whom we would normally take for granted. People are more aware of their neighbours' well-being especially if they are elderly. Archbishop Justin told us that there are currently thousands more people watching online worship and searching about faith than ever before.

With this in mind, I found that there are so many opportunities for us to spread the Good News during this pandemic. I was phoning around to people who came to our food bank in our church and most of whom I had never met before. Many of them have said how wonderful our church is for doing such good deeds during the crisis. This allows us to direct that glory to God right away! It's an opportunity to proclaim the love of Christ as we know – **"...we love, because God first loved us."** (1 John 4:19).

I love the urgency of the disciples in the story of the road to Emmaus to share their experience of the risen Christ with their friends. (Luke 24:13-35)

***"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'"***

That same hour (some other versions say immediately) they went all the way back to Jerusalem to tell this Good News to the eleven disciples that Jesus had indeed risen!

When you think that they've been just walking seven miles to go home and now right away they're walking back, that urge or desire to tell must have been motivated by their inner excitement (they walk, no transport)! The urge to tell, the joy to tell, the excitement of seeing and knowing Jesus has risen was the impetus behind the journey back.

Today as Christians, do we still have this excitement, desire and urge to tell others about our living Lord? If not, why not? Are we not similar to the two disciples? At first, we don't understand and don't know, but once we have realised, once our eyes can see, shouldn't we be just like them, filled with excitement and joy and having the urge to tell others about our living Lord? As Peter says (1 Peter 3:15) "but in your hearts sanctify Christ is Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you".

When we are willing to be a witness to Christ, he will provide us with the right words to say: it only requires a willing heart from us.

I pray you will be able to share the love of Christ with those around you!



*Surely our future will be like the pictures....  
lots of hugs & cuddles together... 😊 Tino xx.*



# Tea Break

In a small town on the French Riviera is a mediaeval Church popular with tourists. Pinned to the huge wooden door is a sign (in French, obviously) which translates into English roughly as follows.....

*When you enter this Church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".  
However, it is likely that he will not call you on your mobile.*

*Thank you for turning off your 'phone.*

*If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text message while driving.*

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Can you find thirty (30) books of the Bible in this paragraph? Actually, there are 31 if you can find the variant of one Old Testament prophet's name, a variant that's used in the text of the King James Version (not as the title of a book, but in the text itself).

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

**(If you can't find them all and want to know the answers, please contact me and I'll email you the solution! Malcolm Webb, Editor)**

# DAILY BREAD CAFE



The Daily Bread food collection and Distribution hub is open every day at St Peter's providing both essential and top-up supplies to our neighbourhood.

67 volunteers are collecting daily food donations from 23 supermarket stores across Shenfield, Brentwood and surrounding areas. We have 29 volunteers and drivers manning the hall each day making up food bags and delivering food parcels six days a week. The volunteers come not only from our church congregation but from the general community of Hutton and Shenfield. The

good news is that we have lots of volunteers to draw on so even when businesses and schools start to get back to normal and some volunteers will be working, we'll be able to continue with the food hub while it is needed – although we are always looking for more volunteers to replace those who need to go back to work.

We now have five freezers and six fridges which are stocked up with the donations. Anything we don't hand out in a day can be stored safely until needed. And the volunteers are checked and trained to ensure food handling and safety guidelines are adhered to.



Apart from giving out food, we can chat – at the 2-metre distance – to the people coming to collect to share problems and make sure they don't feel too alone.

Lisa Whymark and Tracey Jenkins manage the organisation, keeping in touch with the other community organisations doing similar work and checking everything is running smoothly, Dan Brimelow runs the rota for collecting all the food and Annie Bayley runs the rota for distributing the food from the hall. Alerts are given out via the Facebook group (@dailybreadpopupcafe) when we have anything special, or just to remind people that the hub is active. It is open six days a week from 10.15am to 12, with key workers able to come in from 9.45am. We have helped over 450 families and individuals since lockdown.

As Lisa said a couple of Saturdays ago, "Today we gave out 194 bags of shopping to 86 families and used up every item of fresh food and emptied three of the freezers. So many hugely grateful families who will be feeding their children this weekend. This is an ongoing job that takes so much effort from such a large number of people and I feel truly blessed to be part of such an amazing team."



All the food is freely received and freely given, and goes to all in need with our blessings.

*Beth Johnson*

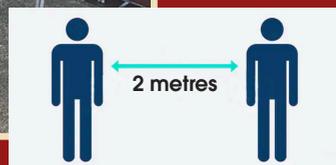
# FOOD COLLECTION GUIDELINES



When collecting food, please let us know your name and information in case you have to isolate in future.

Please do not come to collect food if you have had any symptoms, been in contact with someone with symptoms or have been advised by the government to stay isolated.

Please stand **2 metres away** from the counter (behind the cones) to allow the server to assist you and maintain the social distancing rules with others in the queue.



# 4 WAYS TO GIVE

We are working hard to support our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing over 360 bags of free food to residents each week. If you would like to help support us by making a donation Please visit us in person or go to our website:

<https://www.huttonparish.com/donate>



## REGULAR GIVING

The most helpful way to give to us is by standing order. Please Click



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The PCC of All Saints w.  
St Peter

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# MONDAY SOCIAL

A new venture this year has been a monthly social club held on the second Monday of the month at St Peters organized by Carole Fulcher and her team.

They provide an afternoon of tea, cakes and a variety of 'entertainments' including quizzes, games and music, but above all a space for the lonely to meet and chat.



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## Monthly Social Club

2nd Monday of each month • 2-4pm

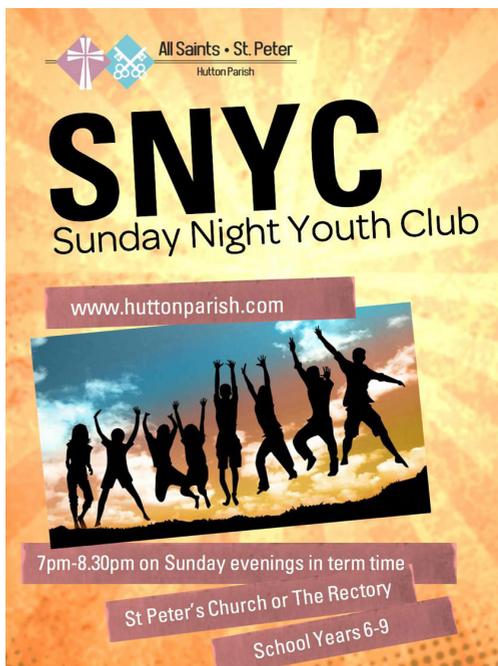


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# YOUTH CLUB



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# SNYC

## Sunday Night Youth Club

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7pm-8.30pm on Sunday evenings in term time  
St Peter's Church or The Rectory  
School Years 6-9

# FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

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This will be a regular page in the magazine listing those who have been baptised since the previous edition, couples who have been married in one or other of our churches in the same period, and those who have sadly died and whose funerals or burial of ashes have taken place over the past couple of months.

Because of the current situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic there have been no baptisms, weddings or funerals conducted at our churches recently. However, some funerals and burials of our parishioners have taken place at gravesides with limited mourners present.

## **Funeral Arrangements**

Should you need to book a funeral for someone, please contact a member of the Ministry Team in the first instance, and they will arrange for you to be talked through what needs to be dealt with. In normal circumstances this would include funeral arrangements, pastoral care, a visit from a member of the Bereavement Visiting Team, if appropriate, and information about interment of ashes, plaques on the Memorial Wall, Book of Remembrance, and anything else that you would like to know.

## **Baptisms**

When life returns to normal again, we shall be able to resume conducting baptisms (or Christenings, as they are often called) at both All Saints and St Peter's Church, during an appropriate Sunday service. Any child or adult who lives in the Parish may be baptised in our churches.

In the first instance please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Administrator will liaise with the Clergy to establish a date suitable to all parties and you will be sent an application form and information leaflets about the baptism itself and the other facilities available for you and/or your child to become involved with, all of which are mentioned elsewhere in this magazine.

**Contact details for all the people mentioned above can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page at the back of the magazine.**



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