



# Oadby Parish Magazine



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**Please note - it is unlikely that there will be another magazine until the current crisis is over.**

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## Unprecedented Times

Dear Friends,

I am writing this magazine article in unprecedented times when things are rapidly changing. On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March the Archbishops issued a joint letter calling on all churches to suspend public worship and explore creative ways of being church. One of the best ways we can live our faith is to model courage and hope rather than panic and fear. We have a God who is dependable and faithful, a firm foundation on which we stand, unshakeable.

Any trip to a supermarket recently and you cannot fail to notice the panic buying which has taken place. At first people were putting their trust in pasta and toilet paper! Now, more and more items are in short supply. Shops are limiting the number of things you can buy (will rationing come back?!) and we are being reassured that there is enough food for everyone if we all buy what we need.

Times like this can bring out both the best and the worst in people. The panic buying is frankly selfish. It shows a 'me first' mentality and fails to consider the needs of others, our fellow human beings all made in the image of God. What about the poor who have very

tight budgets to live on week by week, they cannot afford to stock pile and are now being forced to buy the few expensive things that are left of the shelf. If there is no soap left for others to use then germs are still going to spread. In thinking of ourselves we have forgotten to value others.

Historically we are already overusing the resources of this planet and our gain means a loss to someone else. The message of the supermarkets is one we have long needed to heed but the supply has been so plentiful that we have not really considered it until now. And what about the Food Banks? With everyone hoarding stuff for themselves much less is being donated to those in need. I urge you to continue to donate food to our Food Bank and to share what we have with those in need. My hope is that all the food that has been bought will be used in the end and not wasted. But the danger with placing our trust in a stockpile is that we think we always need just a little more...

My prayer is that we might hear more good news stories emerging from this time. Now is the time for the church to rise up and remember that we exist for all people. We have a unique opportunity to impact our community for good by caring for one another. We can make contact with local friends and

## FROM THE RECTOR

neighbours by popping a card through the door or phoning. We can check in with people to make sure they are okay. We can offer to get shopping or collect medication. Just because services have stopped the church has not shut up shop!

We are also exploring ways in which we can continue to grow in our faith. One of the things we can all still do is to pray and our nation needs all our prayers at this time. Pray for our leaders in the decisions that they are facing. Pray for our NHS and its entire frontline staff at this time of extreme pressure. Pray for those who are ill. Pray for the vulnerable, the lonely and those who are self-isolating. I am hoping to make a simple liturgy available for anyone to use, especially those who are in isolation. *(Please see pages 12 & 13.)*

Whilst we cannot meet together we can still feed and nurture our faith. All of St Paul's' sermons for the last 90 days are available to listen to online using this link: [www.buzzsprout.com/55355/](http://www.buzzsprout.com/55355/)

The Church of England has a free app you can download called 'Daily Prayer' which provides liturgy, prayers and Bible readings for Morning, Evening & Night prayer. Another good app is the 'You Version' of the Bible which will send you a verse a day and also has hundreds of free Bible reading plans on

it. Or 'The Bible in One Year' app will send you readings and a commentary daily; I have used this for the last 5 years and recommend it. Then there are a number of prayer apps, 'Lectio 365' which comes from 24/7 prayer or 'Pray as you Go' which is from a Jesuit community. There are also lots of worship songs and hymns as well as sermons freely available on You Tube. Songs of Praise is on each Sunday on BBC1 at 1.15pm and they also have some great clips, music and resources on their website. I am also exploring the possibility of live streaming a 'service' on Sunday using You Tube. Here is the link to the St Paul's You Tube channel which you can subscribe to: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCHK8EZFozeGcWE3mQpTVYJw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHK8EZFozeGcWE3mQpTVYJw)

If you are unwell or need help do let us know either via the Parish Office on 0116 272 0080 or my email [oadbyrector@gmail.com](mailto:oadbyrector@gmail.com) or home phone 0116 271 0519. If there is anything we can do to help please be in touch. I would sooner hear from several people about a need than not at all, and hope and pray that as the body of Christ we can help and serve one another as we are able.

It's at this time of year that I should be writing a magazine article about Easter, the main festival and celebration of our

## WHERE THE CHURCH IS

faith. The story of Easter reminds us of death and resurrection, of new life and new hope from the darkness of sin and death. What better story for us to hold onto in these difficult times. Let's pray that good will come from this situation, that God would be glorified and that many would come to put their faith and trust in Him. For the truth is that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and that God can use all things for good.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

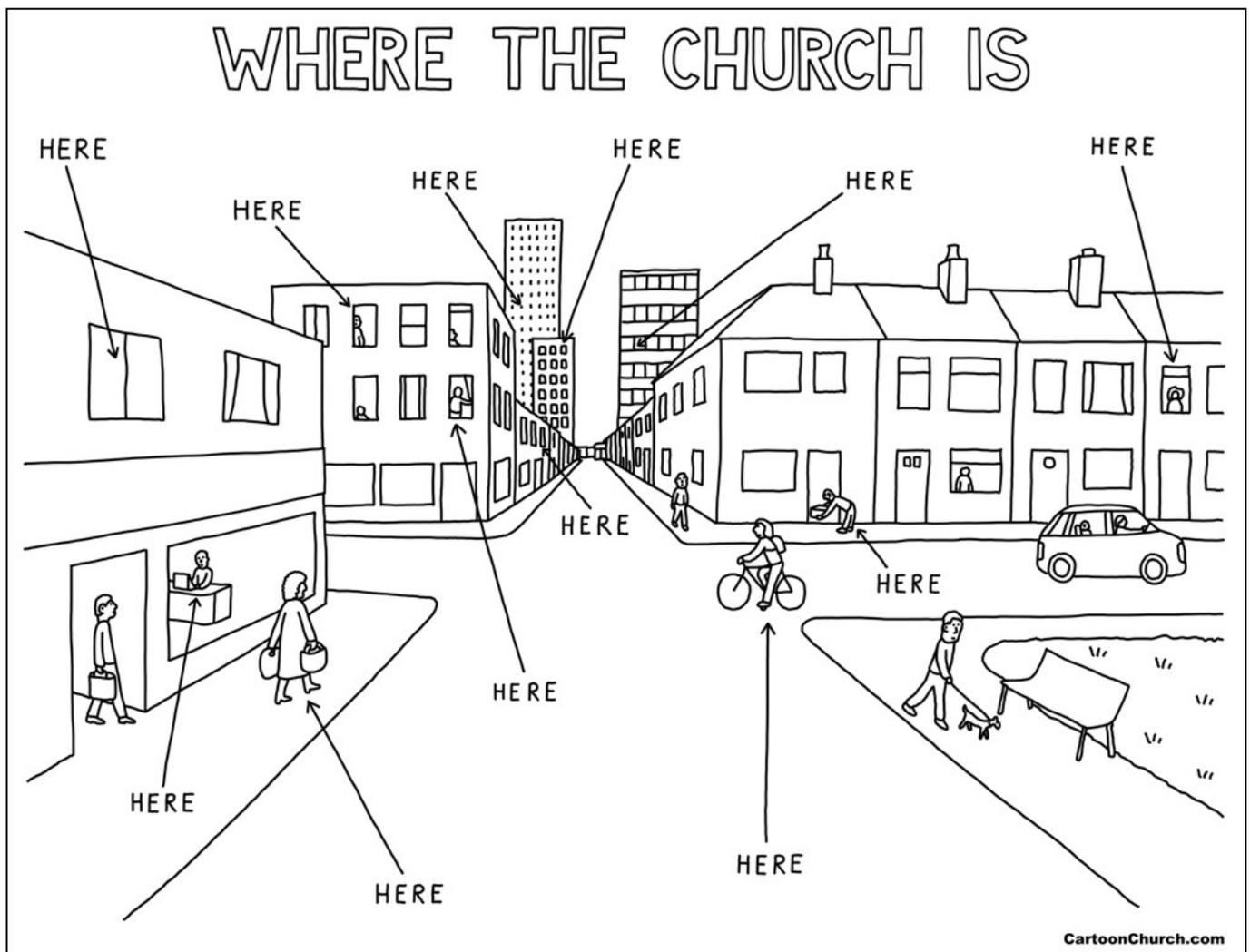
Romans 15: 13

With my prayers,

Rev'd Steve Bailey,

Team Rector

18th March 2020



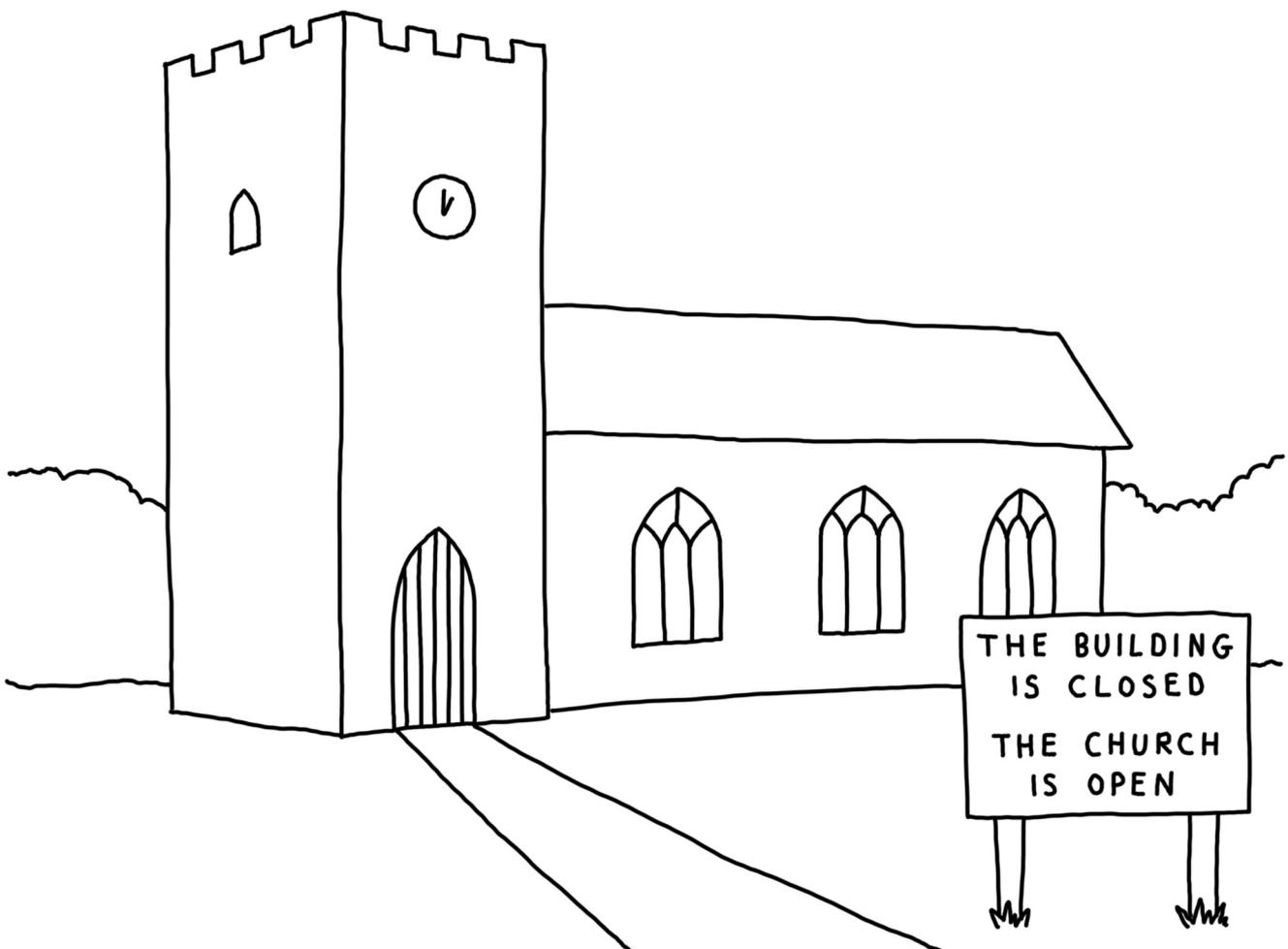
## NOTICES

### Church Buildings Closed

Following the direction of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the government our church buildings are closed. However, if you are in vicinity of St Peter's and can include it in your daily exercise, the churchyard gates are unlocked and there are benches for rest.

### The Church, however, is not closed!

We are very much active in our community helping those in need. If you have no family or friends nearby and are in urgent need of help, contact the Parish Office on 0116 272 0080 or email [oadbyparish@gmail.com](mailto:oadbyparish@gmail.com). The calls are being forwarded to a mobile and people are working from home, but we have healthy volunteers, following the distancing and protection guidelines, who can help you.



Heavenly Father,

I ask that you would be with me in this unusual journey, that I might know your peace and rely on your strength in my time of need.

I pray for your protection on my family and friends that they might feel your love surrounding them in their isolation.

I pray that you would be with our nation and the nations around the world, that in this time of isolation they might find help and security in their vulnerability, and restoration for our economies.

I pray for the workers who are the front line battling against this virus, please keep them well as they give their all to those who are in need of their help, protect them Lord.

I pray that the virus would be contained and that when it is, we will continue to remember those who find themselves isolated and alone.

Help us Lord to be community in the best way we can, help us to share with one another, care for one another, to watch out for one another now and always.

Fill our hearts with a renewed love for our neighbours and give us your strength as we journey through this time together.

Amen

*Revd Kim Ford*

## PLEASE PRAY

### **Please Pray For:**

**The faithful departed and their families.**

**The frail & those with long term illness.**

**The sick and those in special need.**



### **For this time of lockdown:**

- those who are isolated, particularly those with mental health conditions for whom social isolation is harmful
- Carers and nursing home staff
- NHS, ambulance and pharmacy staff
- Food suppliers, retail staff, drivers and community volunteer helpers
- Police and fire services
- Those who will suffer financially due to job losses and small business closures
- Those trying to work at home whilst looking after their children
- Local and national governance



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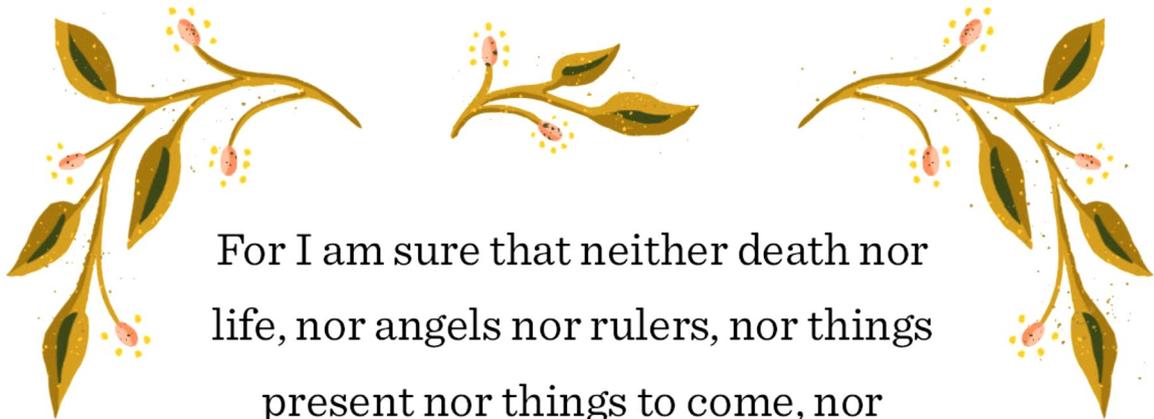
*'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'*

*10 February      Beryl Mary Whitehead*

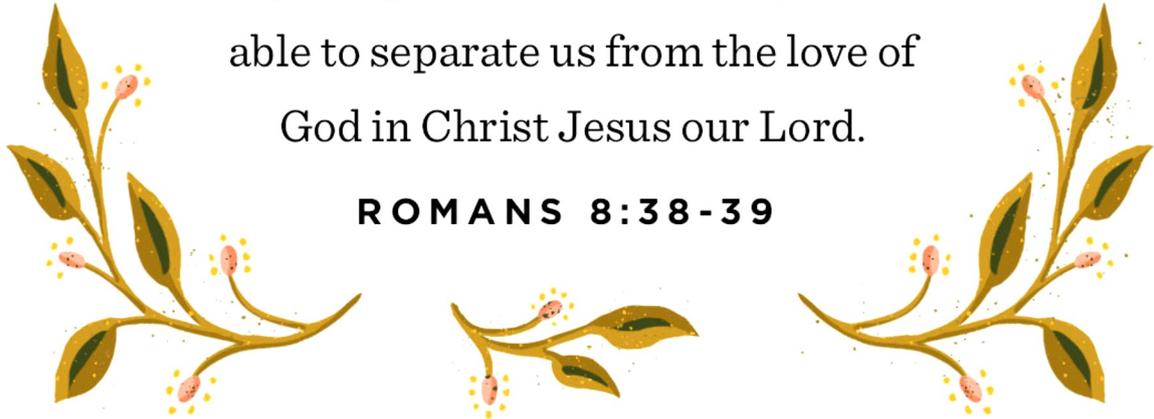
*21 February      Ivy Patricia Henshaw*

*28 February      Brian George Fentum*

*We continue to pray for all these people and their families.*



For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



**ROMANS 8:38-39**

## NOTICES

### **Oadby Youth Project**

Lou McGoldrick and Oadby Youth Project are working hard to keep the young people occupied and growing in faith via various social media platforms.

### **Brian Robertson**

We have heard that, sadly, Brian died on 11 March after a long illness. He will be remembered with much affection. Please pray for Viv, Rachel and David at this difficult time.

### **Pioneer Minister Appointment**

The Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Mohammad Eghtedarian as Intercultural Pioneer Minister in the Oadby Great Glen Team Ministry.

He and his family moved into the parish this week and he is due to start work on the 1 April. His licensing service has been postponed.

### **Partnership with St John's**

Since the departure of Liz Wilson as team vicar at St. Peter's in October, the St. Peter's PCC has, with the support of the Archdeacon, been preparing for a new team vicar appointment process with the development of a parish profile to advertise the vacant role. At the same time some of the support for Sunday services at St. Peter's has been provided by Sami Lindsey, the vicar of St. John's Clarendon Park, and his curate Jon Tearne. At its meeting in March the St. Peter's PCC decided to pause the process towards advertising

the team vicar role, in order to explore the alternative of a partnership with St. John's Clarendon Park involving the continued involvement at St. Peter's of Jon Tearne on a full-time basis with oversight and support from Sami Lindsey and the wider Oadby-Great Glen Team Ministry.

The aims of this resourcing church partnership would be to revitalise St. Peter's, in particular to grow St. Peter's mission among children and young families, young people and young adults (including students) and to enable St. Peter's to be a planting church establishing new worshipping communities in Oadby. At the same time the aim would be to continue developing the civic role of St. Peter's with its links to the local community.

A document has been agreed setting out these partnership aims, the resources that would be deployed to achieve them and the consultation within the wider Team Ministry and patrons that would be followed to enable Jon formally to join the Team Ministry full-time with oversight and support from Sami, hopefully in the early summer. This arrangement would then continue for two and a half years until the end of Jon's time as curate when there would be further discernment about future provision of ordained ministry. The Team Ministry would meanwhile continue to be led by Steve Bailey as Team Rector.

## Plum and Marzipan Tart Tatin

This is a different way of making a French tart. Delicious served with lashings of cream, ice cream or crème fraiche. It would make a delicious dessert after your Easter Sunday lunch!

### *You will need:*

- 9 inch round, FIXED BASED, cake tin at least 2 inch deep.
- 75g/3oz light muscovado sugar
- 7-9 large firm plums, halved, stones removed
- 100g/4oz marzipan
- 1 x 320g pack of ready rolled all butter puff pastry

1. Preheat oven to 220C/ 200C fan/ Gas mark 7
2. Sprinkle the sugar over the base of the cake tin in an even layer.
3. Arrange plums on top of sugar, cut-side down
4. Roll out the marzipan to a round slightly smaller than the tin and place on top of the plums
5. Place the cake tin on top of the pastry and cut around the outside to make a circle of pastry
6. Lay the pastry over the plums and marzipan and tuck the edges of the pastry down around the fruit. Make a small cross in the top of the pastry to let the steam escape during baking
7. Bake for 25-30 minutes until the pastry is crisp and golden and the plums are tender. Loosen the edges of the tarte then turn it on to a plate and serve.

Happy Easter to you all!

*Victoria Sponge*

## LITURGY FOR ISOLATION

### Gathering

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

*Keep a short silence, still your heart.*

As God's people we have gathered in God's presence,  
separated by distance from one another  
but united in God's love.

*Let us pray.*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

### Prayers of Penitence

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Keep a short silence, leave your sins at the cross*

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again, have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead,

but now have life through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son,

and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

Amen.

### Bible Readings

*Use whichever Bible reflection resource you are following. \**

### The Creed

We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We intercede for others in the quiet of our hearts.

Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.

*Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you.*

*Pray for others in their loneliness.*

*Pray for our country.*

*Pray for the world.*

**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.**

Faithful God,  
may we who have shared in this time of worship  
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our salvation and hope,  
Who reigns as Lord now and forever.

Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;  
And as you have fed us with your presence,  
so make us one in heart and mind,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord will be with you;  
he will not leave you or forsake you.  
Do not be dismayed.”  
(Deuteronomy 31:8b)

*Liturgical material adapted from Common Worship (C) 2000 Archbishops Council*

*\* If you don't have a daily reflection resource and are unable to download an app, I will happily send you the daily lectionary readings, just contact the Parish Office.*

## PETER'S PLACE

In Peter's Place this year we decided to explore and learn about the stories in the Bible which involve animals.

So what better place to start in February than the story of Noah and the Ark. The children learned about how the people were no longer behaving well and that Noah was told by God to build an ark. God told him that there would be a flood and that Noah would be responsible for saving the animals.

Using considerable skill and dexterity (with assistance from parents) our Play Mobil Ark was assembled ready for play in later sessions. The children then went on to make-up lolly stick animals. Then using the hand held puppets and their animals the children acted out the story of Noah, in a dramatic way.

We finished our craft activities by making up individual arks to take home. It was "hands on" for everyone, cutting out the animals ready to colour and stick.

Then once again it was tea time with a delicious spread to be enjoyed by all. Lynda, Marylyn and Pam worked really hard preparing the meal. AND everyone worked really hard at "eating it all up"!!! Teatime also gave the adults time to chat and socialise.

We ended the afternoon with singing and action songs. We are getting really good at singing The Lord's Prayer with actions.

In March we moved on to look at bible stories which included a donkey, probably

most often associated with Palm Sunday and the story of the Nativity. We also looked at the story of The Good Samaritan. The children were well versed in the part and significance of the role of the donkey in all the stories. Then everyone participated in a quiz and realised just what we did not know about donkeys. We then watched an animated story (told by a donkey) about the Easter Story.

Craft time involved making donkey faces out of chocolate biscuits and giant chocolate buttons. Biscuit decorating is always a popular activity. We also made up a donkey picture to remind the children of Palm Sunday.

Teatime was again delicious and enjoyed by all.

We ended the afternoon with a funny story and PowerPoint presentation of "The Wonky Donkey." (You can watch it yourself on You Tube.)

Peter's Place took place the day before the announcement about measures to be adopted to protect us all from the corona virus. We were indeed very blessed to have this opportunity to meet together. When we are able to meet again we would love people to come and join us at Peter's Place. You don't have to be good at craftwork or action songs.....but it helps!!!

Peter's Place now has a Facebook page (Courtesy of Rachel) and we are using Whatsapp if you wish to join in.

*The Peter's Place Team*

## Jane Haining; A Life of Love and Courage – Mary Miller

Although this biography was not specifically written as a piece of Christian literature, the value of it to the Christian reader is inescapable. It engages with the question of how we should, as people who espouse the values of Jesus's teaching, live in an age where extremism is again on the rise in the western world. The courage shown by Miss Haining and her colleagues is humbling.

Jane Haining was born in 1897 in rural Dumfriesshire to a farming family and died at Auschwitz in 1944. She was raised in the United Free Church of Scotland, formed in 1900 through an amalgamation of United Presbyterians and the Free Church. Their Calvinist theology and focus on social action surely influenced her later actions as did doubtlessly the death of her mother when Jane was just 5 years old. Jane boarded at a pupil hostel during her secondary schooling on a scholarship to Dumfries Academy and her experiences here were another likely influence on her later work.

In 1927 whilst working in Glasgow Jane attended a lecture on the Church of Scotland's mission to the Jews in Central and Eastern Europe. Here she found her vocation. She was appointed to their mission school in Budapest, Hungary as Matron, arriving there in June 1932. The school provided education and a home to both Christian and Jewish girls. There was an evangelical intent but this was softened by her Church of Scotland training which implored its staff to offer Christian friendship to those they encountered, avoiding an imperious directly proselytizing

approach. Daily Christian worship and study was a key part of the schools life but it also invested heavily in the social, emotional and physical needs of the girls in its care.

Germany invaded Hungary in 1944 after which anti Jewish legislation and deportations were quickly introduced. The mission society urged Jane to return to the UK but she insisted on remaining, stating the girls needed her more now than ever. She continued to support and protect the girls in her care and their families, striving to shelter them from the reality of the Nazi threat. Jane paid for this with her life. She was arrested in late April or early May 1944 on espionage charges, interrogated by the Gestapo and deported to Auschwitz where she died on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1944.

This account illustrates the living out of Christian values of love and service. Meeting those of different faiths in friendship and at the point of their need was the centrepiece of Jane's work. Girls who were in Jane's care in Budapest report in this account the lifelong impact her love and service has had on their lives. Her life is a profound reflection of the life of Jesus: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15 v 13 RSV). The immense love shown in this book surely outweighs the horrific evil of the Nazi regime and shines a light on how we need, as Christians today, to stand up to a re-emergence of right wing extremism within our society, politics and media, at home and around the world. We can show true faith by standing shoulder to shoulder with those of other faiths, ethnic backgrounds or creeds facing attack, both overt and covert.

*Elaine Morton*

# *St Peter's Is Cracking Up*

For almost 800 years, this lovely church has dominated the Oadby skyline.

The internal walls have to be repaired so that the building can continue to serve the Oadby community for many years to come. The work is estimated to cost £210,000.

**Fundraising Total:  
£39,100**

This is *actual* amount received so far, and does not include pledges, promises or grant applications in progress.

The Fundraising Committee are currently in the process of making grant applications to several sources and the PCC has approved the use of monies held in other Church Funds to help meet any shortfall as an interim measure.

The Wardens, the Treasurer and the Fundraising Committee would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone who has so far, generously donated to this appeal.



*Let not  
your hearts be  
troubled.  
Believe in God;  
believe also in me.*

JOHN 14:1





*Rejoice in hope,  
be patient in  
tribulation, be  
constant in prayer.*

ROMANS 12:12

### **It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming!**

What strange times these are! Almost overnight we have had to completely change the way we do things.

People are anxious and frightened.

This situation has reminded me of how the first Christians must have felt after the death of Jesus on the cross. They must have been terribly frightened, anxious and confused. They hid themselves away in fear of persecution. They must have been heartbroken that the person they thought was the Messiah has been killed.

When I was young I read a book by Tony Campolo called "It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming!" This is how I feel

now. According to the calendar we are still in Lent. It's likely to be well past Holy Week, Easter and maybe even Pentecost before churches, shops and society in general will get back to normal. Yet it feels like that time on Good Friday when we strip the altar and the church of all decoration. This is an extended Good Friday / Holy Saturday time.

But we don't have to be frightened like those early Christians. We know that Jesus rose again. We may be shut away in our homes but through Jesus, God is with each and every one of us. The Holy Spirit comforts us in our loneliness. We can look forward to the time when we finally get out, and we can have the biggest Easter celebration ever! We can use this time to rest, pray, and grow in faith, and when we come together again we will be stronger and closer than before - Thank God!

I hope and pray you all stay safe and well. Keep praying!

*Rachel Parsons*

*Administrator &  
Pastoral Assistant in training*

# Oadby Food Bank



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27<sup>th</sup> March, 3rd April 2020

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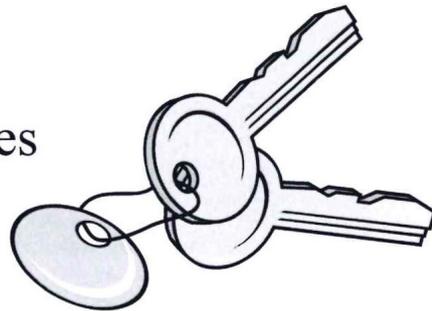
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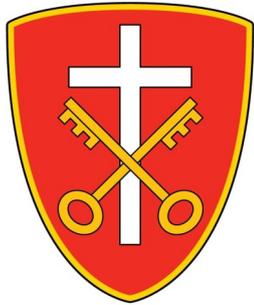


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