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## News from the Parish – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020

VE-75 celebrations were, understandably, muted to reflect the sombre reality of our current life.

For the vast majority of us, our understanding of the Second World War has been through the recollections of parents and grandparents. My own grandfather was at the liberation of Paris, whilst my great uncle was – today, seventy-five years ago - liberating Jersey. To put into context, my father-in-law was still a prisoner of war of the Japanese.

The witness of others is a powerful tool, helping us to understand what it was like at the time. Acts 22: 15

*"For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard."*

### The Good Samaritan

Wilby and Lottie George have produced the attached animation of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Many thanks and congratulations to them for this superb retelling of the story.



Please click on : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKohRhZS6U8>



## **Faith in Sussex**

The Diocese of Chichester produces a monthly publication, "Faith in Sussex" which should (usually) find its way into the churches. The Diocese has now gone digital and the latest edition is at :

[https://cofechichester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2020/05/FIS\\_Issue26.pdf](https://cofechichester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2020/05/FIS_Issue26.pdf)

## **Prayers**

*We pray for the Church throughout the world and for this parish; that it will continue to find its way, its truth and its life in the risen Jesus.*

*We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, our Prime Minister and government, that they may be given strength and courage.*

*We pray for all who work for the healing of their brother and sisters, that the Lord will empower them with his Spirit.*

*For all in pain and anguish that they may be touched by the healing power of Christ working through all who care and support.*

*For the departed, that they may live for ever in the peace of God's kingdom.*

## **Services**

We are continuing with our selection of readings, either audio or video, and this week Duncan has persuaded the Dean of Chichester, The Very Revd Stephen Waine, to read the gospel, so Pauline Lines and Peter Young are in exalted company. Whilst we have volunteers lined up for next week and beyond, always happy to have more!

Whilst there are no formal services in any of our churches, you can watch and listen to broadcasts from other places. In particular you may wish to join the Diocese at : <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/liveservices/>. Other sources (and resources) can be found at the Church of England site <https://www.churchofengland.org/>, or from the BBC and other broadcasters.



Three readings for this week :

- John 14 : 1–12, read by The Dean of Chichester, The Very Reverend Stephen Waine
- Psalm 31 : 1-5 and 15-16, read by Pauline Lines
- 1 Peter 2 : 4-9, read by Peter Young

These can be found at :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdTx1QOvzfM>

**Moment of Reflection**

With thanks to Fr David Milnes :

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Gospel - John 14: 1-12

*In his last discourse to his close followers, Jesus counsels them not to be troubled for he will return for them. He himself is the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

Our hearts are often troubled. We may be anxious about what has happened to us in the past and the challenges of the present. We may be worried about what the future is going to bring and whether we will be able to cope. We live in a tension between fear and ignorance, and, as Christians, the promises and hopes held out to us by Jesus Christ.

There is no magic to what Christ offers. The sources of our concern are not wiped away by him. What happens is that tension becomes creative rather than disabling. Enlivened by the Spirit living within us, sharing our anxieties and by prayer, we can return to what makes us anxious, which today is probably obvious, with new insight and resolve.

In these days of lock-down and social distancing many have been energised to turn confidently to acts of service for others, concentrating on the needs of those who are struggling. Dreadful and heartbreaking the daily news is for individuals, the nation and the world, there are tremendous acts of selflessness and kindness performed every day. They may not be trumpeted before the public, but they make the world go round in a growing circle of goodness and truth.



*Father, we bring you ourselves, whom you created in love. Make us channels of your truth and goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.***

### **Providing support**

Fr David Milnes has offered to provide spiritual support, by email and telephone, and we know that a number of you have appreciated this. His details are him at : [FRMILNES@aol.com](mailto:FRMILNES@aol.com) or 01825 830076 .

*But do you, or someone you know, want pastoral support of any kind? Or, alternatively, would you like to offer support; be it just a voice at the end of the telephone? Please let your churchwardens know.*

### **Matters financial**

We have been loathe to raise the issue of money, as so many people and organisations are struggling financially, but the lockdown has obviously impacted on our income; in terms of free will giving and fundraising events, and our reserves will not see us through until the end of the year.

Many of you are giving already by either direct debit or standing order, as part of the Parish Giving Scheme. If you are, that is excellent (and thank you) but for those people who normally give with the collection at services, please consider giving by bank transfer. Here are the bank details for our account :

HSBC  
Account: Parish of Buxted & Hadlow Down PCC  
A/C No: 11454064  
Sort Code: 40-45-32

If you give the reference "donation" or something similar, that will help our book-keeping.

Not to overload you, but next week we will include details about Planned Giving.



PARISH OF BUXTED & HADLOW DOWN  
ST. MARGARET THE QUEEN • ST. MARY THE VIRGIN • ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

**And finally**

If you have any news, views or thoughts that you think could be added to this newsletter, please do get in touch, and if you know of anyone who isn't on my mailing list, please let me know.

Given the Lego animation by the George children, always happy to take on contributions from the young in our congregation – variety is the spice of life

Is there anything more that we can, or should be doing for you? Please let us know [cw@bhdchurches.co.uk](mailto:cw@bhdchurches.co.uk)

