



St Mary's Bridgwater & Holy Trinity, Chilton Trinity

14th February 2021
Sunday before Lent

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12 /
Psalm 50 / 2 Cor 4: 3-6

Dear All. Welcome to this weeks bulletin. Do keep in touch and let us know any prayer requests or anything else you might need support with. Praying every blessing on you. Suse

Gospel: MARK 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one* on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,* one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;* listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Lent Study Group. During Lent we will be running a five-part Zoom course (starting 23rd Feb 7pm) 'Shining as Lights' from the Diocese of Sheffield. This is a great opportunity to talk about our faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. Everyone is welcome to join in so please speak to Suse or me if you would like to know more. *Richard Philpott*

Please pray for:

Bishop Peter Hancock. Delphine Hucker.
Mike Ollive.

*RIP - Ivor Wiltshire
Kathleen Parsons*

*Vera Daveys
John Crystal*

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory. Amen.

Post communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Monday

10am - Zoom Craft group

Meeting ID: 871 4205 5835

Passcode: Craft

Ash Wednesday

9am - Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 350 341 4741

Passcode: Prayer

*6pm Evening: Ash Wed service
with Holy Trinity Hamp (Zoom link
to follow)*

Sunday

9.30am - Communion service online
(website)

10.30am Zoom Coffee

Meeting ID: 350 341 4741

Passcode: Prayer

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Lockdown Life!.....this week we hear from Mary Porter

When Suse asked me if I would do a write up of our Lockdown Life I originally thought No because I would be writing the same as everyone else; staying safe, shopping once a week, and only going into a very deserted town centre to go to the Bank or chemist. Juliet is in our bubble and home alone, so she comes to lunch every Saturday and Sunday and then I get the chance to play Rummikub where we have now played so much the numbers are now disappearing. Then I thought being Chairman of the Bridgwater Hospital League of Friends there is so much to tell about the League and the Hospital during this pandemic that it would be worth writing about.

Since the start of lockdown back in March the Hospital has had extremely strict guidelines from the Trust NO volunteers are allowed in any of the departments so this has meant the number of helpers on the Ward is Zero and these people usually helped with various jobs. It also meant that WE, the League, have been unable to take our Trolley of sweets, books, toiletries etc around the Ward. One volunteer from the Nursing section did take it around for us, but had to stop on the Second lockdown because of COVID-19 patients in the Hospital. So, for the second time this year we have had to destroy items which were out of date. Tragically our 3 book stalls had to close, and all books placed elsewhere. Hopefully, we will be able to stock up again soon so if you do have 'clean books' can you keep them for us, and we will let you know when we can have them. Thank You.

During the pandemic, the League has taken large quantities of fresh fruit to the Hospital for the Nursing staff which the kitchen kindly cuts and presents to the Departments on platters and did you know that every year the League supplies Christmas Cheer to the Staff and Christmas Presents to the Patients. Always gratefully accepted.

We have been unable to do any Fundraising this year, but Matron has still had a list of equipment that was required and as this is the main function of the League, and luckily funds were available, we were able to supply all their requirements.

Recently looking at paperwork I see that since the League started in 1955 our small Group of volunteers has now presented items amounting to over £700,000.00. So, when this pandemic is over, and you have some spare time and feel you would love to join us please just visit our web site and leave a message and we will get back to you.



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We are holding Zoom meetings once a month and after 4 meetings we are getting more professional. We are in the process of producing a leaflet explaining Who we are, What we do, How we do it, How you can help etc., and I am hoping that Suse will allow us to put this leaflet in the Church when completed. One light at the end of the tunnel is the generosity of the general public because the Collecting Tins we have scattered around the town are being used exceptionally well. Thank You for your help.

Just to end I would like to tell you a little story which happened at the beginning of Lockdown. I was finding that having got to 80 on 19th March age was beginning to tell and I was having trouble climbing the stairs. All out of the blue Roy says, 'if I were poorly in bed would you be able to bring me coffee or my meals?' and quite honestly without hesitation I said, 'NO I don't think I could'. Within 2 hours he had made an appointment for someone to come and talk to us and by early May the Thyssen Krupp's stairlift was installed. Thankfully, I have not had to pamper to his 'demands' yet! We are now awaiting our second vaccine the first one completed on 31.12.20 at North Petherton Rugby club. Keep Safe Mary

200 Club Winners

1st Frances Pearce, 2nd Mary Porter,
3rd Carol Coombs, 4th Tony Wilkins