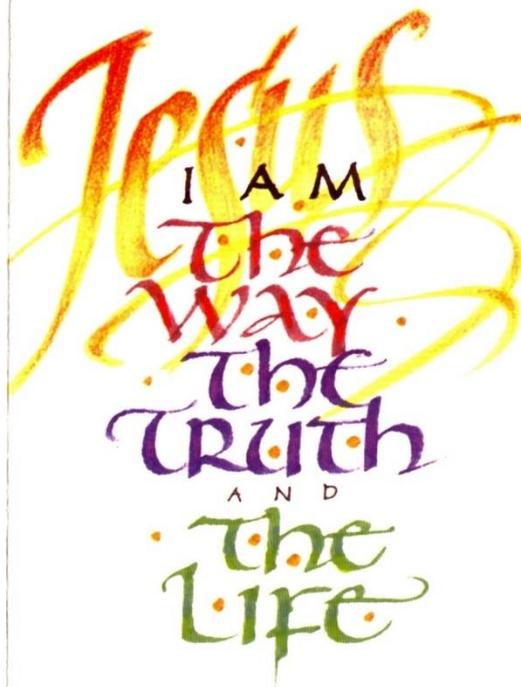




## WEEKLY LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAINCY

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**WELCOME** to the latest weekly letter as we continue our journey through Eastertide together, celebrating the Easter message of death being swallowed up in life, a message that our hurting world desperately needs to hear. Today, our Gospel Reading contains Jesus' promise to us to go before us and prepare a place for us in his Father's house. In response to Thomas' questioning, we read another of the great 'I am' sayings of John's Gospel, as Jesus promises us: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'.



Don't forget to keep in touch if there is any way in which I can help you – [chaplain@scilly.church](mailto:chaplain@scilly.church) / 423911.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

As on every Sunday, the Church is providing online worship resources at national, diocesan and local level. You can access the National Service from 9.00 a.m. each Sunday on [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

You can worship with Bishop Philip and Ruth via the diocesan website ([www.trurodiocese.org.uk](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk)) from 8.00 a.m. on Sunday morning, or join them for an informal live service on Facebook Live at 9.30 a.m., followed by virtual brunch, whatever that means!



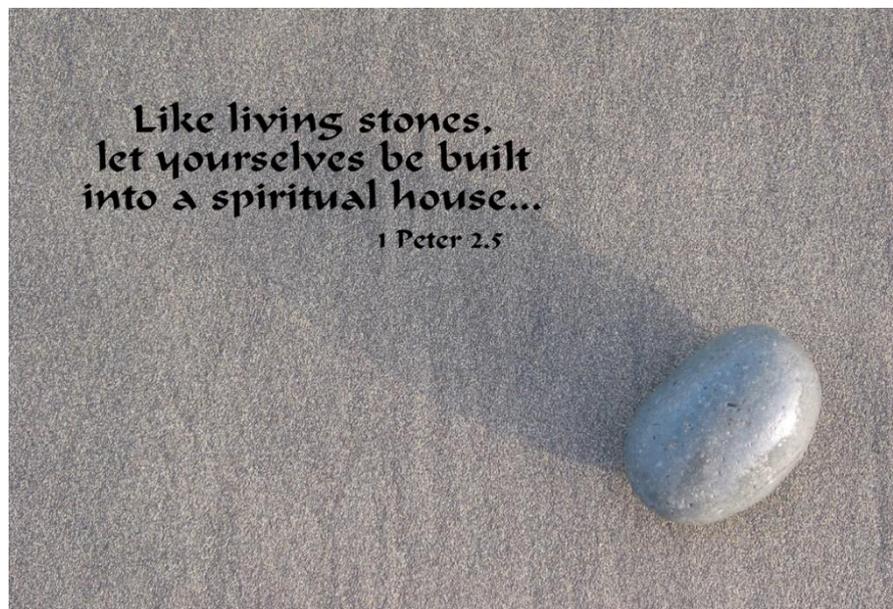
Last, but certainly not least (!), don't forget that our Parish Morning Service will be taking place via Zoom on Sunday at 11.00 a.m. As last Sunday, the code is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477892334?pwd=aWVpWXVidksralpVZm1yUjN6VDg0dz09>. Just click on this on a phone or tablet, or

ctrl+click on a desktop or laptop, and you should be there. You will be able to join from 10.30 a.m. and chat to others before we start properly at 11.00 a.m. It was very encouraging to see even more of you last Sunday, and I hope that we may be able to welcome a few additional members this time round. **Please note that there are times during the service when I am unable to admit you, so it would be helpful if you could join us by 10.55 a.m. if possible.** If you need to join later, you may need to wait for a few minutes until there is a suitable moment for me to admit you. Do feel free to invite your friends or family to join us, wherever they are.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

You can find the Sunday readings and prayers on one of the other attachments or enclosures that I have sent to you. As well as reading the Gospel of Jesus the Way, the



Truth and the Life from **John 14**, you may like to ponder the reading from **1 Peter 2.2.10**. What does it mean to you to be a living stone in God's spiritual house? In what sense is Christ the cornerstone of your own life?

## THINKING IT THROUGH

As usual I'm attaching/enclosing two thought provoking articles reflecting on the current crisis. One is by the theologian and preacher Sam Wells, the Vicar of St. Martins in the Fields, who encourages us to embrace the 'new normal'; the other is by Bekah Legg, the Director of 'Restored', reflecting on domestic abuse during a troubled time. 'Restored' is an international Christian alliance working to transform relationships and end violence against women



I'm also attaching/including my sermon from last Sunday on 'I am the Gate' and 'I am the Good Shepherd'. Again, one or two of you were foolish enough to ask for a copy, and others weren't able to participate in the service via Zoom. If neither of those group includes you, there's always the delete button!

## A NEW RESOURCE – DAILY HOPE

A reminder of the free national phone line launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury offering hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. I know that several of you have already been using this new resource, and I commend it to everyone, especially if you are alone, and it would be helpful to listen to someone else leading a time of prayer. Do tell others about it too!



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

## **SOME PRAYERS FOR A TIME OF TROUBLE**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support  
the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be assured of my love and prayers.*

*Perran*

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