



WEEKLY LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAINCY

Sunday May 3rd 2020 – 4th 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 focus turns to Jesus' promise to us to be the Good Shepherd, the one who cares for us at all times and in all circumstances. His words are also there to encourage us to be shepherds to one another in these difficult times, as we discover new ways to be the Church even during a period of lockdown. It will be good for us to reflect on the experience of these days, so that when other aspects of our 'normal' life returns as a church community, we may be able to continue some of the good things that have emerged from this crisis, including a variety of ways to keep in touch and to offer worship.



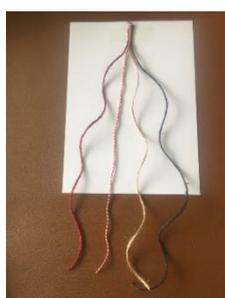
Don't forget to keep in touch if there is any way in which I can help you – chaplain@scilly.church / 423911.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP



As on every Sunday, the Church is providing online worship resources at national, diocesan and local level. This week the well-known Christian teacher and theologian Paula Gooder is leading a special National service for Vocations Sunday which will be available on the Church of England website from 9.00 a.m. www.churchofengland.org

Bishop Philip and Ruth have recorded another service of worship that will go live on the diocesan website (www.trurodiocese.org.uk) from 8.00 a.m. on Sunday morning, and will be in the same format as others that you may have seen.



There will also be another all-age, interactive Facebook Live session with the Bishop on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. It will be visible on the Diocese's Facebook page live and afterwards as a recording. Just go to <https://www.facebook.com/TruroDiocese/>. To join in you will need the following: a Bible, any food you can eat in slices (for example an apple, some cake, or cheese, etc), and a piece of cardboard like this one, with four pieces of string, ribbon or wool stuck to it (each strand about 40cm long). Why? I don't know yet, personally, but all will be revealed on Sunday - although you might like to [watch this video](#) in advance.

 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. If you feel unsure about this process, please do give me a ring and I'll talk you through it. 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 so many 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.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS



You can find the Sunday readings and prayers on one of the other attachments that I have sent to you. As well as reading the Gospel of Jesus the Good Shepherd from **John 10**, you may like to ponder the familiar words of **Psalms 23** and allow them to speak to you afresh in this time of difficulty and concern.

THINKING IT THROUGH

How will the current crisis affect the Church of the future? That's a question that many of our Church leaders and theologians are already beginning to think through. I'm attaching two thought provoking articles entitled 'We Can't Go Back', written by the Bishop of Liverpool and the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. It will be interesting to see how their thinking permeates our own church planning in future months and years.



I'm also attaching/including my sermon from last Sunday on 'The Emmaus Road'. 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 groups includes you, there's always the delete button!

A NEW RESOURCE – DAILY HOPE

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Daily Hope, which is now available, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

Archbishop Justin said:

“With many in our country on lockdown, it’s important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are. The Daily Hope service will allow people to hear hymns, prayers and words that offer comfort and hope, especially in this Easter season. I want to urge people to spread the news about this service. If there is someone you know who is particularly struggling, give them a call and let them know about the Daily Hope. I’m going to phone a friend; will you join me?”

Please be assured of my love and prayers.

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