

The Parish Church of St. Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



A Digest of Spiritual Resources for
worshiping at home during the Coronavirus
Pandemic

Introduction

As we are unable to come together to worship during these restricted times we've put together this sheet of online resources for you to use so that you can continue to worship from home. Please feel free to make use of these at any time during the day or week and if you think there are any further resources that we could include please let us know.



If you have a prayer request please email Canon June at vicarofpontefract@gmail.com so that your request can be fulfilled.

In House Resources

We have uploaded a number of resources to our website. These include **service sheets for Morning and Night Prayer** which you can use to join in with the services at 9am and in the evening. There is a **booklet of daily readings** which will guide you to the readings to use during your worship that day.

There is also a **Coronavirus Prayer Booklet** which contains a number of prayers written specially for the pandemic including prayers which can be used with children.

To help guide more general prayers we've uploaded our **'To Help you to Pray' leaflet** and a number of other 'In House' prayer leaflets to our website which give prayers that you may wish to use to guide you in your prayers.

We've also uploaded a themed **'Worship at Home' booklet** which has 14 different themes for daily worship. You can choose which of the themes you want to use that day and base your daily worship round them.

We are also uploading our weekly **Sunday service sheets** so that you can say the Sunday service at home or join in with the service that we are live streaming on our Facebook page. Seasonal service sheets are also available to download from our website so that you can join in with our Wednesday service from home. Our Live Stream Services take place at 10am on Sundays and 9:30am on Wednesdays.

Finally, there is a **Spiritual Communion sheet** which allows you to share in Communion without being at a Eucharistic service.

Other Websites providing resources for Worship

The Church of England website has prayers which people can download and use. It also allows access to the daily readings which you can read at home. The **Time to Pray app** gives users the opportunity to join in with Prayer during the Day with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. **Daytime prayer** and **Night prayer** are now available for you to download in an audio format. The **daily Collect** is also available to download every day as both text and in audio format. The Church of England has **apps for smart speakers** which can give you appropriate prayers on request. There is a **dedicated Coronavirus section** of The Church of England website where you can download prayers and an order of service for Worship at Home.

Following on from the introduction of restrictions for attending funerals there is a section of The Church of England's website where you can download a simple reflection in the form of a series of prayers and Psalms which you can say at home whilst the funeral is taking place.

There is a **weekly Sunday service** which is posted on the Church of England's social media platforms and website for people to watch at any time. A different person hosts the service every week and the service is based around a different theme each week, for example, International Nurses' Day.

For people who haven't got access to the internet The Church of England has created the **Daily Hope Phone Line**. Users just ring a free phone number and receive a daily pre-recorded hymn, reading and reflection. Just call **0800 804 8044** at any time to use this service.

Wakefield Cathedral uploads videos of its services which you can watch at any time. **The Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield** is also live streaming their services on their Facebook page. You don't have to watch them as they take place; you can watch them at any time.

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) website is providing a free Sunday self-service with music, readings and prayers which will change weekly and a daily hymn of the day sing along.

Bishop Nick is posting prayers on his blog which anyone is welcome to use.

An Ordinary Office website provides prayers and services in a simple text, symbol, audio or video format which is easy to use if you're feeling unwell or tired. It also has Nocturne services for those who can't sleep.

The Northumbria Community website provides short but poetic forms of daily prayer in the Celtic style. You can also purchase an E-Book to help to you to use their prayers.

Pray As You Go is an app which you can download to your smartphone or tablet and provides a short 11-12 minute daily act of prayer and worship. It uses music and pictures to help you to pray and reflect with a passage of Scripture. Seasonal Meditations are also provided.

Word Live is a website which provides a daily Bible reading with a Study and Prayer Points from the Scripture Union. It is linked to a Facebook group where you can share your thoughts and prayers with other Christians.

Worship in the Media

Don't forget that BBC Radio 4 Long Wave is still broadcasting the Daily Service every morning at 9:45am. You can catch up on previous episodes on the BBC Radio 4 website. Sunday Worship is broadcast on BBC Radio 4 every Sunday at 08:10. BBC One is continuing to broadcast Songs of Praise. Check your TV guide for when this is on as times sometimes vary.

Twitter

There are a number of resources available on Twitter. Just Google the resource that you would like to use and navigate to the resource's website.



Time to Pray

Create space in your day for prayer, praise and Bible reading with this simple daily service. As of March 2020, Time to Pray is now completely free to use.



Daily Prayer

Join the Church of England in prayer with daily services for Morning, Evening and Night Prayer.



Common Worship Lectionary

The official Church of England Bible readings for every day of the Church year.



Live Lent: Care for God's Creation

The Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020, helping you protect and care for creation.



Reflections for Daily Prayer

Make Bible study part of your daily routine with these reflections from leading Anglican writers, ministers and theologians.



Reflections on the Psalms

Explore all 150 Psalms with thoughtful commentaries from leading writers, including John Sentamu, John Pritchard and Paula Gooder.



Sunday Worship

Get instant access to each Sunday's Bible readings, Collects and post Communion prayers.

Website Address for the Resources mentioned in this Publication

St Giles Church Worship at Home Resources:
www.stgilespontefract.org.uk/worship-at-home/

The Church of England Coronavirus Resources:
www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches

The Church of England Clergy Funeral and Bereavement Resources:
www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/clergy-funeral-and-bereavement-resources

The Church of England Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland

The Church of England Twitter Feed:
www.twitter.com/churchofengland

Wakefield Cathedral YouTube Channel:
www.youtube.com/channel/UC7tolAqUPH3b5udYUwgac_w

The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/CoRMirfield

The Royal School of Church Music Hymn for the Day and Sunday Self-Service:
www.rscm.org.uk/our-resources/hftd/

Bishop Nick's Blog:
nickbaines.wordpress.com

An Ordinary Office:
anordinaryoffice.org.uk/

The Northumbria Community:
www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/how-to-use-daily-office

Pray As You Go:
pray-as-you-go.org/

Word Live:
content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive/living-faith

Prayers to use during your Home Worship

Before you begin your worship you may wish to use the Prayer of Preparation:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

At some point during your worship you may wish to use this prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

**Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

At the end of your worship you may wish to use The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.



If you would like to talk to someone about the things you have brought to God in prayer, please do contact the vicar:

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