



PPT: the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul & St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey, and St Mary's, Hennock



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How do you respond to the images of VE Day, 75 years ago? After almost 6 years of 'blood, sweat and tears' the joy of the British people is clear on every face. The evil Nazi regime, against which Britain once stood alone, had been defeated by a united, Herculean effort.



significant part or speak out clearly, but perhaps our hour is coming.

But that was 75 years ago, beyond the living memory of the vast majority of us. We continue to honour the sacrifice of the fallen and mark Remembrance Sunday as solemnly as ever, but we cannot yet share that joy. We cannot even hold a nostalgic street party.

Even if the lockdown is relaxed this weekend, it is far too early to declare Victory over Covid-19. We need urgently to rebuild our economy, but we tread cautiously, lest a new outbreak undoes our efforts. We must start to rebuild our society and economy.

The heroes of our crisis have been the NHS and care workers, whom we rightly applaud each Thursday. The church has not been seen to play a

Even if the worst of the pandemic has passed, we have hardly begun to see the

damage to the world economy. Many will be very nervous of returning to any social life. Others will find that their jobs or their businesses have gone. Without being careless, Christians need to set the lead and show courage, and live by hope in a greater good, the Kingdom.

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6.31-33)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples not to worry but trust our heavenly Father for our daily bread. We can seek to be exemplary neighbours and model generous living, for there will be many in need in this country and even more so abroad, where there is a real risk of famine.

We also need to regrow our common life as a church, and be ready to welcome others looking for fresh hope.

Thank you to the many who have responded to our financial appeal in April, which has exceeded my expectations and gives the PCC some options to employ some local staff to support our local mission, when groups and services can start again.

Please pray for the Wardens and PCCs as we consider how to apply government guidelines. Please be assured we will be aiming to provide both for those who can meet together, and for those who feel they must stay at home.

yours in Christ,

Graham

DAILY HOPE by telephone

The Church of England has launched a free telephone line with hymns, thoughts and prayers, introduced by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Each message last about 20 minutes, and is FREE!



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Online Services this week Sunday

Churches Together in Bovey Tracey, Heathfield, Lustleigh, Liverton and Hennock invite you to join the [10.30am Livestream Service](#)

The service this week will be led by Rev Graham Hamilton. The service will begin by reflecting upon VE day. Deputy Town Mayor Shelia Brooke will read the Tribute to the Millions – and Paul Mountford will play a trumpet solo.

Children & Families worker Rachel Knightly is leading the children's talk and Rev Mark Godbeer will be preaching on Lue 9.18-27. Other guests include Charlotte Swan, Martin Rolph, Alison Lewis and Jack Knightly. Parents can request children's resources by e-mailing hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk You can also listen through Zoom

Pray with us for 30 minutes each day:

Monday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday

7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom: note a different Meeting ID: 203 925 6192

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2039256192>

Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursday

7am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Saturday

7pm Night Prayer on Zoom

You can join in all these meetings from your phone! Call 0203 481 5240, and then enter the meeting ID 102 163 519#. From a tablet or computer either use a web browser <https://zoom.us/j/102163519>

or enter the meeting ID102 163 519 on the free Zoom app.

Please note that Zoom is upgrading its security and you may need to upgrade your App or browser to continue to join in, from 31 May 2020.

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)



is a global prayer initiative for the 11 days from Ascension Day (Thursday 21 May) to Pentecost (Sun 31 May).

Please think of five people you know who do not yet have a sure faith in Christ, and pray that the Lord would give you opportunity to speak to them and open their eyes to his glorious truth.

There are many different resources available, for individuals and for families.

To set us praying on Thursday 21 May Rachel Knightly is planning an event to be streamed on Youtube at 2pm, for families with children aged 5-11, Graham is planning an evening service on Zoom at 7pm, and Eleanor is co-ordinating a rota of praying across the Bovey Valley so that someone is praying every hour, day and night. Please get in touch with her if you want to sign up for a slot.

Prayer Diary: *with readings and psalms for Morning Prayer*

Mon 11 May: Ps 145, Numbers 9.15-end, 10.33-end

Pray for the family of Beatrice Hodge, whose funeral is in the churchyard at St Mary's Hennock today, of Wyn Mears, whose funeral is on Wednesday.

Tue 12 May: Ps 147, Numbers 11.1-33

Give thanks for the generous response to the parish appeal. Pray for our leaders as planning to rebuild congregational life in the light of government announcements

Wed 13 May: Ps 30, Numbers 12

Pray for St Peter's Kame, for their new vicar Rev Moses Muturi, and for the people of Kenya struggling with Coronavirus and continuing problems with locust swarms.

Thu 14 May: St Matthias: Ps 16, Acts 2.37-47

Pray for the church to grow in truth and hold fast to God's word through the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers.

Fri 15 May: Ps 149, Numbers 14.1-25

Give thanks for those working on the front line; pray today for schools and teachers trying to support students online and preparing for the phased return to classrooms.

Sat 16 May: Ps 146, Numbers 14.26-end

Pray that Shallowford Farm Trust may resume its work and witness to children from inner London estates when the lockdown is eased. For Julia McDade it's director.

Sun 17 May: (6th of Easter) Ps 73, 1 Thess 4.13-18

Pray for those who have suffered bereavement to find comfort and hope in Christ's victory, and the loving care of family and friends.

Pray for the sick:

Donald Sykes, David Alexander, Rob Martin, Michelle Sadd, Pam Awcock and her family, Mathew Percy, Dani Tanimowo, Eric and Marion Lodge, Christine and Graham Downing, Lawrence Hall, Margaret Woodmansey, Lorna Seidel, Nancy Adams, Janet Wootten and Lesley Timmins (known to Jocelyn Schirn).

For the bereaved families of:

Beatrice Hodge and Wyn Mears, whose funerals are at Hennock this week.

Collect: Prayer of the week - The fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the ⁴unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

