



Emergency Bulletin 12: 7 June 2020

LOOKING FOR A WAY

It seems that with slow and hesitant steps, we are gradually emerging from the prolonged and unprecedented lockdown that has affected so many countries. Schools have begun to open, and some shops and businesses have followed. Many are nervous of venturing out, others are impatient at the slow progress.

The Bishop of Exeter is among many who have expressed disappointment that church buildings are not yet able to be opened for private prayer or small funerals, when garden centres and garages can, but we must abide by the law.

However there is a ray of hope. A new rule allows groups of up to six people from different households to meet outside - in a park or garden, provided that they observe the 2 metre social distancing. The rules permit some sharing of refreshments, and the use of an indoor toilet, and are worth studying ([see here](#)). Those who are critically vulnerable must still protect themselves, but many will want to meet up with family and friends.

This gives us an opportunity to meet for fellowship, prayer and bible study, or to hold a simple church service. I have produced a simple liturgy (on pp5-6). You could sing a hymn, read the bible,



and discuss its meaning then and now, then pray for one another, the church and the world, and enjoy refreshments. We will explore ways of being able to share Holy Communion together soon. If you are in an existing small group,

your leaders will be thinking about how to organise this, so that no-one is left out, and we will be developing plans to help everyone who wants to join a **garden group** to find a welcome somewhere. At the same time we remain committed to continuing the daily prayers on Zoom and the weekly Churches Together Livestream service through Zoom.

Can I remind you to complete the Congregational survey, either [online here](#), or by writing down and posting your replies to the questions, which are included again in this edition, on pages 7-8?

The early church met together in the Temple and in their homes. When Jesus was driven from the synagogues, he and his disciples gathered outside. Though we want to return to our buildings, we must not neglect to pray and to encourage one another to stand firm in faith.

yours in Christ,
Graham

Bovey Tracey Community Awards 2020

If you follow this [link](#) it will take you to a page of the Mid Devon Advertiser and a lovely article on Community Volunteer Awards. You will recognise names of many people associated with PPT and Bovey Baptist, including John Midgley for his work with Bovey Tracey Youth Cafe. Well done all!

HOUSE RENTAL WANTED

A Christian family with 3 boys are relocating from South Lincolnshire to work in the area and are looking for a 3-4 bed house to rent for up to 6 months. Contact Graham for details if you can help.

FAREWELL TODD FREDERICKS

Todd Fredericks writes: 'Bidding farewell, with many thanks for all the many kindnesses and friendships from fellow members of Bovey Tracey Church and the arrangers of the Winter Friendship Lunches. I have left BT to live with my

daughter in London.' Her new address is TI Fredericks, 31 The Ridgeway, N. Chingford, London, E4 6QW

Walking the Way

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me"

Walking the Way is a course designed to explore the way of love in the Commandments, the knowledge of Truth in the Creed and the Life of the Spirit in the Lord's Prayer.

The course resumes on Zoom from Sun 7 June 2020 at 7pm- 8pm
Please contact Rev Graham Hamilton for details

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Church Services this week Sunday

Churches Together in Bovey Valley

Sunday (7TH June) 10:30am |
Livestream Sunday service for 1 hour

How to join the service: [https://](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3xnfTeZBF1YGLeRyf_4flg)

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click [here](#) (The link will take you to the channel page. The video will appear

on this page 3 hours in advance of premiering. You can then open the

video in advance and wait for it to start

Children: Parents can request children's resources for both services by e-mailing

hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk

Send a Shoutout: We' love to hear from you with any notices, news,

shoutouts or prayer requests that you would like to be shared during the

Sunday service. Please e-mail these to hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk

[uk](mailto:hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk)

Livechat: During and after the Sunday service [for 15mins] livechat comments will be open on the youtube page, and in a Zoom Chat-Room.

This week's Sunday line up: Rev. Mark Godbeer will lead the service, with a children's talk by Rachel Knightley and sermon from Graham Hamilton. Other guests include Marcus Ling, Graham Fry, Tabbi, Nate, Izzy, Jess & Jack.

We are planning to continue the online services until the end of August – although church buildings may re-open to some degree in this period, we are anticipating there still being a need for a livestream. If you have any ideas or thoughts on future plans please e-mail us

hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk

Zoom is a video application which you can download for free on most computers and tablets. You can watch a service, and participate if your device has a microphone and camera. Most PPT services are hosted on meeting ID D102 163 519 , or click

<https://zoom.us/j/102163519>

You can also listen to the midweek and Sunday services using your phone: Call 0203 481 5240, and then enter the meeting ID 102 163 519#.

Midweek Prayers

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

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

If you cannot access online services, as well as TV and radio services, the Church of England has set up a free national phone line with short messages, prayers and hymns.

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

Mon 8 June: Ps 1,2, Luke 10.25-37

Give thanks for modern dentistry and pray for Dental practices starting to re-open safely and provide urgent care and begin to catch up with routine visits

Tue 9 June: Ps 5, Luke 10.38-end Columba of Iona

Pray for the work of relief in Yemen, torn by years of war and now facing famine and Coronavirus, for the work of agencies like Tearfund. Pray for a ceasefire.

Wed 10 June: Ps 119.1-32, Luke 11.1-13

Pray for sports clubs and cultural groups for dance, music etc to be able safely to resume meeting and enhance the physical and mental health of our community.

Thu 11 June: Ps 100, Acts 4.32-end (St Barnabas)

Pray for Tom and Christine Harrison as they prepare to return to YWAM Turner Valley, for the discipleship courses being planned, and for safe travel.

Fri 12 June: Ps 19, Luke 11.29-36

Pray for the government as it seeks to get the country back to productive work, and for those businesses are in jeopardy, and support those without work

Sat 13 June: Ps 23, Luke 11.37-end

Pray for those who have been caring for vulnerable people in their homes, both family relatives and live-in carers, through the lockdown to find some respite.

Sun 14 June: (1st after Trinity), Ps 45, Acts 23.12-end

Pray for our link Diocese of Thika in Kenya, for Kame parish and their new vicar Rev Moses Muturi, and for strength to face the pandemic and locust swarms.

Pray for the sick:

David Alexander, Donald Sykes, Mathew Percy, Rob Martin, Lorna Seidel, Lawrence Hall, Molly Lockley, Eric and Marion Lodge, Christine and Graham Downing, Nancy Adams, Joy Bishop (Janet's mother in law), Jane Bailey, Ruth and Sam Strain (Rieta Murray's granddaughter and husband), Janet Wootten, Lesley Timmins, Lucy McIlhenny, Margaret Woodmansey, Charlie Beauchamp, Wendy Harrison

Collect: Prayer of the week - Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

GARDEN GROUP SERVICE

for the week of Sunday 7 June (Trinity Sunday)

Please be careful to observe the [government's regulations](#) on a maximum of 6 people gathering outdoors, and maintaining 2 metre social distance. You are recommended to bring your own chairs, or if using the furniture of someone else to wash or wipe down surfaces before and after the gathering.

If you share refreshments, please do not pass cups and plates to one another, but collect them from a common table. We recommend that each person brings their own bible, and prints a copy of this service order. It may be helpful for one person to lead or facilitate the group, so that you don't get stuck in discussions that distract from the aim of worship and prayer.

Why not make a habit of meeting on Sunday, or any day of the week?

This simple service is offered as a suggestion: you are obviously at liberty to read, sing or pray whatever you like. Though we are unlikely to be allowed to sing inside churches because of an increased risk of transmission, singing outside (at a good distance from one another) will be much safer.

Opening

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm: read psalm 16 or 110 together or one verse each

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

Bible reading: Acts 2.24-41 *Peter preaches to the crowd at Pentecost*

Questions for discussion

Understanding the passage:

To who, where and when is Peter is preaching? (Acts 2.1, 14-15)

Who does Peter say that Jesus is? (v.36)

What evidence does Peter supply? (verses 22, 24, 25, 32, 34)

How does Peter tell the people to respond? (v.38)

Applying the passage:

How we would answer someone who asks why we believe that Jesus is Lord and Christ?

What difference does it make to our lives to believe that Jesus is Lord and Christ?

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers:

for schools and businesses slowly returning to activity
for those who are sick, isolated, or lonely, who have lost their livelihoods or jobs
for the church to witness with courage and compassion

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through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

The head that once was crown'd with thorns

Is crown'd with glory now
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow

The highest place that heaven affords
Is His by sovereign right
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And heaven's eternal light

The joy of all who dwell above
The joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love
And grants His name to know

To them the cross with all its shame
With all its grace is given
Their name an everlasting name
Their joy the joy of heaven

They suffer with their Lord below
They reign with Him above
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of His love

The cross He bore is life and health
Though shame and death to Him
His people's hope His people's wealth
Their everlasting theme

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

We are conducting a **congregational survey** to review what we have been doing so that we can improve it in the weeks ahead, and also to prepare for a gradual return to services in church buildings. You can either complete the survey (seven questions) through [SurveyMonkey online](#), or return a paper copy to the Vicarage, Coombe Cross, Bovey Tracey TQ13 9EP. The PPT PCC is meeting on Wednesday 3 June so it would be very helpful to receive your answers before then.

How have you been engaging with worship in lockdown? tick all that apply:

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| TV services | radio services |
| Churches Together livestream | PPT on Zoom |
| other online church services | using phonenumber |
| my own private prayers | not really doing much |

If you have seen the Churches Together in Bovey Valley livestream we would value your honest feedback. What could we improve to grow and sustain your faith and sense of church fellowship?(eg length, music, support for children and teens, interactive chat room afterwards)

If you were given technical assistance, how would you be willing to take part in the service (eg read bible, tell children's bible story. lead prayers, announcements/notices, sing/play, technical support)

We are planning to continue Livestream for the foreseeable future, but we hope that small physical church meetings may be possible by early July within strict limitations: we may have to maintain social distance (reducing congregation size), may not be allowed to sing, run children's groups or serve refreshments, and need to maintain a demanding routine of cleaning etc. We may need to develop a new and temporary pattern of more frequent, but shorter and smaller services.

When would you expect to come back to church?

- when allowed by government advice for my age group/health situation,
- when we can meet outside,
- when we can meet inside,
- when children's groups restart
- other....

How will you be willing to serve?

- | | |
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| welcome, | cleaning, |
| bible reading | leading prayers |
| children's groups | serving refreshments |
| technical support | other..... |

Many of the congregation belong to small groups. Some groups have continued to meet through online channels like Zoom, others have kept in touch by phone but are not meeting.

6) Would you like to belong to a small group meeting online or in a garden for bible study, prayer and support?

Online

Garden

Would you prefer daytime or evening?

7) How have you found the pastoral support offered by the church through the lockdown? (by small group leaders, pastoral care team and vicar). How could we improve it in weeks to come?

Name

Contact no.

Date

Please return your survey form by emailing pptbovey@mac.com or by post to St Peter's Vicarage, Coombe Cross, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9EP

