

Notices for the week beginning Sunday, 31 May 2020



THY KINGDOM COME (21 MAY – 31 MAY)

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, led by the Archbishops, inviting Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. We hope you have found the materials through the post helpful during this time. If you took part in the Prayer 'Bingo' do let Nicholas or Sue know and we will light a candle for you on our website!



A new TKC section can be found on our website here: <https://allsaintsfrindsbury.org.uk/tkc2020/>
Post a comment to let us know how you are getting on.

PENTECOST 'SONGS OF PRAISE'

There will be a virtual 'Songs of Praise' as an evening service on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2020. Thank you to those, including Bishop James, who have contributed to the service. It will be available on line (just like our Sunday services) for those with internet access and CDs / DVDs will be posted to those who receive services by post.

VIRTUAL DROP-IN CAFÉ – 'ZOOMOFFEE'

This continues to 'meet' on Wednesdays at 10.30am via the Zoom application. It is accessible from a smart phone, tablet, or computer (Apple, Android or Windows). It is very easy to join. You should email Nicholas or Sue for an invitation link and password. You will need to enter the password and remember to 'join with computer audio' – otherwise we'll see each other but there will be no sound for you or from you for the rest of the group.

HOME GROUPS

Home Groups are meeting via Zoom fortnightly on Monday and Thursday evenings. If you would like to take part do let Nicholas or Sue know. We are studying the Psalms over the next few weeks and materials will also be available on our website.

QUIZ TIME

David Mings is running a weekly quiz via Zoom each week at 7.30pm on Wednesdays. If anyone would like to join in please contact Sue Jones who will provide the link and the password.

FINANCE

We are not immune from the financial pressures that are upon so many. We are reducing our costs as much as we can, but that does not compensate for the loss of income through, for example, not being able to let out the Parish Hall. We are grateful for your continued stewardship and I have sent a letter / email to explain the situation more fully. There is now an opportunity for individuals to donate via our website:

www.allsaintsfrindsbury.org.uk/donate

ALL SAINTS OPEN GARDENS 2020 – A VIRUAL TOUR

On 1st and 15th days of the month, you are invited to send some images of your garden which will be put up on the website for people to enjoy. Please ensure there are no images of people and also ensure you do not compromise your home security by what you show. Please speak to Nigel or David for further details and to 'register'.



MEDWAY FOODBANK

You will all be aware of the pressure that many families are facing with respect to feeding themselves. The work of the Medway Foodbank has become even more important. You can practically support from home (if you are financially able) in the following ways:

- Financial Donations - <https://medway.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>
- Prayer
- Spareable app – a free download which allows you to make food donations without you having to travel.
- Donations can be made via the large supermarkets if you do your own shopping.



URGENT REQUEST FROM HILLTOP SCHOOL

Hilltop Primary academy is supporting some of their families through the current situation. We would welcome any support to purchase food for our most vulnerable families at this time. We will be creating food parcels that can be delivered to our families. If you are able to support in any way, we would welcome donations to our HSBC bank account

Account Name: Skills for Life Trust

Account number: 32768631

Sort Code: 403106

with reference of "COVID Food"

Please could you also send an email to: sshikangatindi@sflt.org.uk so that we can acknowledge receipt to you. Many thanks, *Mrs Tindi SENCo Hilltop Primary Academy.*

PRAYER CHAIN

Carole Morrad has asked me to remind you that the Prayer Chain are always willing to take prayer requests. If the prayer is not for you then we do ask that you have the permission of the person you are asking us to pray for.

NEW RESOURCES

PRAY AS YOU STAY

The popular prayer podcast 'Pray-as-You-Go' is now also offering 'Pray-as-You-Stay' – a prayer support series.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/pray-as-you-stay>

It is particularly intended to support people during this time of self-isolation, uncertainty and fear.

DAILY HOPE

Daily Hope is a new, free national helpline that 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.

The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

RELEASE THE PRESSURE - new helpline from Kent County Council

Mental well-being remains a huge concern at this time.

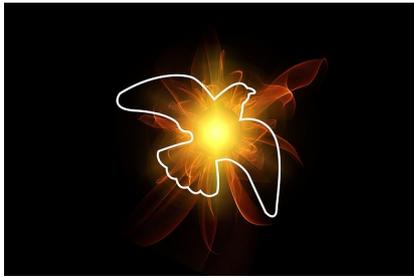
A new phone line is available through Kent County Council, offering 24/7 access to a highly trained and experienced team, to provide expert support no matter what a person is going through.

People are encouraged not to suffer in silence and to text the word **Kent** to 85258 or call the number 0800 107 0160, for free confidential support.

SAFE HAVENS

Mental Health Matters can help any resident of Kent or Medway aged 16+ by offering a warm, welcoming, safe and comfortable environment.

Contact: 07850 901151 or 07808 795036



Prayer Diary 29 May - 4 June 2020

*“...”Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Church's Ministry	<i>Praying for the people, groups and mission and outreach of the churches in our parish, diocese and worldwide Anglican communion</i>
Community	<i>Praying for our community, our parish and Medway</i>
People of the Parish	<i>Praying for those who live in Frindsbury and Wainscott, (FW), Upnor (U), Chattenden (C) and those who work on Medway City Estate (MCE)</i>

This month, amid the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, we shall be praying for keyworkers using the following pattern from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

[<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/content/pages/documents/1585224822.pdf>]

Monday	Health and social care
Tuesday	Education and childcare
Wednesday	Key public services as well as local and national government
Thursday	Food and other necessary goods
Friday	Public safety and national security
Saturday	Transport
Sunday	Utilities, communication and financial services



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During the next 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

	Friday, 29 May
Church's Ministry	For a deepening of our own faith For 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus For the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness For all involved in funeral ministry and funerals; pray for our local funeral directors
Community	For keyworkers involved in public safety and national security
People of the parish	Chattenden Lane (C), Riverside (FW), Windmill Street (FW)
	Saturday, 30 May
Church's Ministry	For a deepening of our own faith For 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus For the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness
Community	For keyworkers involved in keeping transport links open
People of the parish	Choir Close (FW), Rolvenden Road (FW), Wingrove Drive (FW)
<i>Pentecost</i>	Sunday, 31 May
Church's Ministry	<i>Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.</i>
Community	For keyworkers in public services – for those in communications
People of the parish	Songbird Crescent (C)
	Monday, 1 June
Church's Ministry	For our Bishops James and Simon
Community	For key workers in health and social care – for staff and residents of Montgomery Court
People of the parish	Church Green (FW), Royal Eagle Close (MCE), Winston Drive (FW)
	Tuesday, 2 June
Church's Ministry	For Pioneer Minister, Sue Vallente-Kerr and her family
Community	For key workers in education; for the staff and pupils of Abbey Court School
People of the parish	Cliffe Road (FW), Schooner Walk (U), Woodfield Way
	Wednesday, 3 June
Church's Ministry	For Vicar, Nicholas Cooper and his family
Community	For those in key public services including local and national government; pray for leaders at national and local level
People of the parish	Clipper Close (MCE), Hancock Close (FW), Yalding Close (FW)
	Thursday, 4 June
Church's Ministry	For the work of Medway Foodbank
Community	For key workers in the food and necessary goods industry – pray for chemists, pharmacists and staff in Frindsbury and Wainscott
People of the parish	Commissioners Road (FW), Haven Street (C), Gill Avenue (FW)