

Newsletter of St Laurence Parish Church, Frodsham

For week commencing Sunday 11th April 2021 – Easter 2, Year B

“To know God and to make God known”

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A Special Prayer on the death of Prince Philip

God of our lives,
 we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
 for his love of our country,
 and for his devotion to duty.
 We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
 through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
 Amen.



This Week

April 11 th Easter 2	10.00	Holy Communion – please book (see below) Service also online & CD	Acts 4. 32-35; 1 John 1. 1-4;
	11.30	Zoom “Cuppa and chat” (see below)	John 20. 19-31
Monday		Church closed	
Tuesday		Church open for private prayer 10am - 3pm	
Wednesday		Church open for private prayer 10am - 3pm	
Thursday	9.45	Funeral of Patricia Ann Jones (invited guests only please)	
Friday, Saturday		Church closed	
April 18 th Easter 3	10.00	Holy Communion – please book (see below) Guest preacher: The Ven Mike Gilbertson	
	11.30	Zoom “Cuppa and chat” (see below)	

Weekly Notice from Rev Elaine

PRAYER WALL: You might like to write a prayer and light a virtual candle on our Prayer Wall which you will find on our website: <https://slfchurch.org/prayerwall> If you would like to do this but are unable to access the website, then please either phone me or write it down and post it to me at the Vicarage and it will be added for you. Remember that we can pray anywhere and that God is with us wherever we are.

Many thanks for your continued prayers, patience, and support at this unpredictable time. Please keep safe and well - and keep in touch with each other – and do please let me know if there is anything you feel I need to be made aware of. Thank you.

SERVICES WILL CONTINUE ONLINE AND CD AS AT PRESENT. Please contact Rev Elaine or Andrew and Wendy Rudd if you, or anyone you know would like to receive our weekly service on a CD. The current website link is: <https://slfchurch.org/easter-and-easter-season>

SERVICES IN CHURCH: there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10am each Sunday as we ease out of Lockdown. We will continue to follow Government and Church of England guidelines as we are not “out of the woods” yet. Face masks must be used in Church. Also, as you are aware seating in church has been re-arranged to comply with social distancing requirements, reducing numbers who can attend.

To help us manage this – please contact Betty Rutter: bets66@btinternet.com after 10am Monday – Friday. If you would like to book a place please do so by Friday evenings

ANNUAL MEETING 2021

This year's AGM/APCM will be held on 18th May at 7.00pm. As part of the preparation for the meeting we are required to revise the Electoral Roll (i.e. by removing people who have moved away/passed away in the last year, and also adding newcomers.) This revision will take place in the week ending 1st May and a list of the people

(names only) on the revised Electoral Roll will be posted on the church noticeboard on 2nd May. Only people on this list will be permitted to attend the Annual Meeting.

Please contact Phil Attack, at the Vicarage if you wish to have your name added to the Electoral Roll.

ZOOM “CUPPA AND CHAT”: How about joining in with our zoom chat each Sunday at 11.30am – you will have enough time to get a cuppa and be ready to join in after the morning service. If you would like to be part of this, please email Rev Elaine at saintells@gmail.com by Friday each week and a link will be sent to you.

Prayers

Our prayers for those who are sick: If you know of anyone whom you feel needs our prayers – please ask permission from them or their family and then pass their name to Rev Elaine:

revelaine@nym.hush.com

Please pray for –

Those who are sick

For those who have died

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Letter

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter weekend. Even if we couldn't really go very far - the weather was glorious, though chilly, lifting our spirits and helping us to marvel at God's creation and rejoice in the resurrected Christ.

We often say “seeing is believing” – there are so many situations where we depend upon trust. There are many things in our modern society that I suppose we take on trust. For example – maybe we don't really fully understand electricity – but we happily use it all the time. We depend on so many things in everyday life and without such trust in them, our society would fall apart.

Faith operates in a similar way. We rely on the evidence of witnesses, and history and the Scriptures that bring the stories to us. Those first disciples were convinced – by the resurrection appearances – that Jesus had broken the power of death. Yet some, such as Thomas – “doubting Thomas” as he has been nick-named, needed more convincing! He needed to see for himself.

It is human nature to want proof of things, but to have doubts about faith is not the same as disbelief. It's good to question and discuss. Jesus saw this in Thomas and came to give him a helping hand. And Thomas shows that faith can actually grow when doubts are faced and addressed.



There may be times in our lives when faith will fail us and we will become like Thomas – but God understands this frailty in us and does not judge. Jesus shows us clearly that he is quite prepared to start with us where we are – addressing our particular fears, doubts and misgivings and leading us at a pace we can cope with, into the fullness of faith – which is truly life changing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia!

With love and blessings,

Elaine

Notices

PARISH WEEKEND NODDFA - we have a date for 3rd - 5th September. Following discussion at PCC It was suggested by Rev Elaine that we ask for interest at this stage, if it was safe for us to go. Please let me know soon, Pauline.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES Please bring your box back to be emptied. Thank you for your support, Pauline.

FOODBANK Donations can be made at Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco and also to Frodsham distribution centre at Guide HQ, Ship Street between 1 and 3 pm on Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays). Current needs are: Tinned tomatoes and long-life milk. To find out about obtaining a voucher, opening times of distribution centres or how to donate financially online, please visit the website – runconrdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

DONATIONS TO CHURCH Many people will now find it difficult to make their usual weekly contributions to the church. If you would like to contribute directly, our Bank Account details are as follows: ST LAURENCE FRODSHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Sort Code: 09-01-55 Account No: 42559803. Alternatively, you can use our online donations page <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/371c0c8f-ea13-4763-9688-e0de77dd8475>
The work of our church during this difficult time is reliant on people's generosity, a generosity that is a hallmark of a lived-out faith and a testament to it. Thank you

News from Church Members

THE WANDERING CHORISTERS - IN HOLY WEEK

Our walk on Wednesday in Holy Week took us down towards the River Weaver. The weather was dry but cold. We thought we would attempt to walk to Dutton Locks. Turning right past where the Water Sport shop was, we continued down a narrow and very muddy track which eventually brought us out to the river bank. We continued to walk along the bank pausing briefly to take in the beauty of the surrounding area. Eventually we spied a long wooden seat and decided that this would be a good place to eat our picnic as we were feeling peckish; we didn't linger too long as it was quite cold, but we felt better after food and a warm drink. After what seemed an age walking we reached a stile



and we were just about to climb over when a herd of very inquisitive young bullocks blocked our way. Barbara nearly had kittens and promptly said "Jeanie I can't go over that field, I'm petrified of cows and bulls". I must say I wasn't too fussy myself either, so we took to our heels and headed in the opposite direction not really knowing where we were headed. We walked up a long track and spotted two people walking towards us and asked them for directions and although we didn't know where we would eventually come out we followed our noses, through a gate over two fields, through a wood which eventually brought us into the back of Hob Hey Wood and Watery Lane. We took the right hand bend which took us into Bradley Lane. Our friend Sandra lives in this area so we knocked on her door to say hello and to see how she was doing since having the plaster off her leg which she had broken several weeks ago. We then continued up the lane until we reached

the main road. Turning right here to head towards Frodsham we thought it would be nice to call and see our minister Elaine and say hello to her. She made us a cup of tea accompanied with a Welsh cake, and we had a lovely chat with her outside at a safe distance. We saw Joanna as well who was dropping something off, I think. It was so nice to see our church friends, we said our goodbyes and headed off home.

For the paths that we walk on the hillside, for the flowers that swing in the breeze, for the birds that fly in our heavens, and the fish that swim in our seas, Thank you Lord
God Bless, Jeanie & Barbara.

EASTER BAGS FOR JUNIOR CHURCH

Chris, Gail, Gaynor, Steph and Will delivered Easter Bags to our Junior Church members before Easter Day to wish them a Happy Easter. Thanks to Dawn for donating the bags and mini Easter eggs and making the cards. The bags also included some sweets, little chicks and a bookmark.



And this is a screenshot from the Good Friday Junior Church Zoom meeting with Abi, Bramwell and Clementine



FINALLY, A PHOTO TAKEN BY WILL ... of the blossom outside the church in early evening. Beautiful, isn't it?



From the Church of England

Remembering His Royal Highness Prince Philip

With the present restrictions we are unable to have a physical book of remembrance in church. However, the Church of England has an online book of remembrance for you to sign. Please click on the link below to go to it and leave your message of condolence.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip>

Also, here is a short video by the BBC about the life of Prince Philip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snpRwWCVhKY>

**Remember, O Lord, your servant Philip,
who has gone before us with the sign of faith
and now rests in the sleep of peace.**

**According to your promises,
grant to him and to all who rest in Christ,
refreshment, light and peace;
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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