



**United Benefice of
Dolphinholme, Quernmore
& Over Wyresdale**



**Weekly Bulletin
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday 17 May 2020

**Hello everybody
Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Dear Friends

How has your week been? Has the slight easing of lockdown made a difference to you? For me, it has meant being able to go back into our churches and film. My hope is that you might enjoy seeing inside the church where you would usually worship, even if only virtually! I plan to do more of that sort of thing but the big news is that Thursday will be Ascension Day and I think we should try something special!

I'm going to have a go at live streaming on our YouTube channel! It will be live at 2pm but available to watch at any time after that. My intention is to make it accessible for all ages, so the reading will be from the Storyteller Bible and it will be an All age address. Why not tune into our channel at 2pm this Thursday then? You'll find us at :dqow benefice.

The other news is that you may recall that Chris Walker was due to be ordained on 27th June, before joining us as our curate? However, due to the lockdown, the ordinations have had to be postponed until 26th September! (put the date in your diaries!) I'm sure this must be disappointing for Chris but the good news is that she will still be joining us, from the end of June, but as a licensed lay worker. As far as we're concerned, her role will be much as it would have been if she had been newly ordained, she just won't be wearing a dog collar yet! (Actually, the positive for her about that is that the collar makes you feel very hot in the summertime!)



For those without internet...

The Church of England has just launched a new FREE phone line, where you can ring up and listen to a choice of hymns, sermons, services, prayers & reflections, so that you can enjoy being church at home. The number is: **0800 804 8044**. Give it a try!

The BBC 1 Sunday worship, this Sunday, is at 10.45 and comes from St David's Cathedral. It was recorded before the lockdown.

Resources

Please continue to keep an eye on our website, particularly the blog page, www.dqowbenefice.co.uk, also our YouTube channel: **dqow benefice**, and our facebook page: **united benefice of Dolphinhholme, Quernmore and Over Wyresdale**.

We will continue to add material, for all ages, in the coming week but why not take a look, on YouTube at the latest additions? These include a virtual memorial service, from Christ Church, Over Wyresdale; a simple BCP service of prayer from St Peter's, Quernmore & a Common Worship prayer service from St Mark's, Dolphinhholme. Accompanying orders of service, for prayer services, can be found on the blog page of our website.

The Diocesan Sunday service will be led, this week, by our archdeacons and will be available, from 9am on the Diocesan YouTube channel: **The Church of England in Lancashire**.

The Church of England's national Sunday service comes this Sunday from our own Blackburn Cathedral and will be led by Canon Rowena Paling. You can find it on the Diocesan YouTube channel or the Church of England website. It will be available from 9am.

News

Please pray for all who have lost loved ones in recent weeks

Good News that St Mark's church warden, Catherine has finally had the metal support removed from her foot and is making a good recovery.

Thanks to churchwardens, Richard and Stephen for getting out their mowers and tidying up respective churchyards!

Please note that , due to the virus, the outside toilets at Dolphinhholme and Over Wyresdale are currently out of action.

Apologies to Yvonne Awcock, our lovely milk lady, for the mis print of her name last week! (that's what comes of writing the bulletin on your phone!)

VILLAGE TAKEAWAY

THURSDAY 21st MAY

between noon & 12.20p.m.

Chapel Car Park

Tony, from The Lunch Box at Garstang, provides meals in microwaveable containers and in a plastic carrier bag for you to pick up. **Put your money in an envelope—change available.**

He always uses locally sourced meat and vegetables.

For £8*Chicken korma & rice

*** Strawberry cheesecake**

We can arrange home delivery to your doorstep. If you don't like what's on offer, order something else! We have been doing takeaways for 6 weeks and going from strength to strength!

If possible, orders should be sent to me by

Tuesday 19th May

Why not give it a try and let others know about it too.

Janet Adams janadams@hotmail.co.uk 01524 792189

21st May : *Chicken korma & rice

* Strawberry cheesecake

Tony provides us with our tasty takeaways each week. His partner, Denise, is celebrating her 60th next week. She has decided to do a 60 mile Challenge and hopes to raise £600 to support Garstang Vulnerable People Fund which is organised from The Bellflower Garstang. They are concerned with feeding and creating care packages for the most vulnerable in the community.

If you are interested or would like to donate in any small way, details can be found on The Lunchbox Facebook Home delivery page

or via <http://facebook.com/Lunchbox-delivery-service-102951194684681>

URGENT APPEAL

You will be aware that charities have now been offered financial support, by the Government, which is a blessing. Churches are also charities, entirely reliant upon donations in order to maintain the large buildings and fund ministry. However, under the current system, religious organisations will not qualify for financial support. If, therefore, you are financially able to continue to give generously, as part of your offering to God, & would like to know how, in the current situation, please contact either the Vicar or,

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Vicar's Reflection on the Readings

Dear Friends

Our reflection today is based upon the Gospel lectionary reading, John 14:15-21.

Earlier this week, I turned to '**Bible Gateway**', on my laptop, to look up the readings for this Sunday and to begin to consider what I might say. At the top of the page was a link to a prayer resource, which said, '**Fight fear and anxiety with prayer**' (sounds like excellent advice!). Also this week, I came across something on Twitter that has been much on my mind. It was Russell Brand (of all people!) talking about the rise in the number of people who have been googling '**how to pray**'. Now I have very mixed feelings about Russell Brand - he's a polarizing character to many! However, all of this suggests several things to me. Firstly, as Brand himself recognises, we find ourselves in a strange situation, just now, where we are reassessing what matters to us and perhaps our world view is changing? Secondly we are unsure about the future and anxious about a whole raft of things & thirdly, it is the job of our spiritual leaders to help us to pray!

I take all of this very seriously and I don't think it's enough just to provide online acts of worship that provide familiarity with how things once were, though they certainly have their place. I have a responsibility to minister in the here and now and so one or two new things are going to be happening, as we move forward. To begin with, I will produce a number of online videos on the very basics of prayer, accessible to all. Hard copies will also be available for downloading for anybody without access to technology. Interactive resources will follow later.

'So', I hear you say '**that sounds like a good idea, but what has all of this got to do with our Gospel reading?**'

In our reading, Jesus speaks of sending the Holy Spirit, sometimes referred to as the '**Comforter**' (that's worth noting). He tells his disciples, '**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you**'. Christ reminds us that he is always close, in God and through the Holy Spirit. Even after his ascension, Christ reassures us that we are not to be left bereft. When we feel anxious, or afraid, it is the Holy Spirit that leads us to pray, and it is through the Holy Spirit, in prayer, that we are united with Christ.

We are never truly alone, God is always as close as it is possible to be and the more we pray, the more we will know that.
Amen.

Readings and Collect for today

Acts 17:22-31; 1Peter 3:13-end; John 14:15-21

**Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.**

WINDOW ON THE WORLD please pray for

**The people of the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh
as Covid19 arrives**

Surrogate babies stranded in Ukraine due to the lockdown

The people of Afghanistan as peace seems to slipping away

**Peoples around the world who are more scared of hunger than
they are of Covid19**

The people of East Africa amidst devastating floods

In Our Year's Mind for MAY

**Sheila Elizabeth Halhead, Phoebe Grace Fox,
Hannah Jane Cookson, John Douglas Locker, Ellen Gorst,
Joan Elizabeth Kelsall, Richard Gorst, Anne Thornton,
John Pye, Annie Grace Cookson, James Thomas Pye,
Norman Wareing, Chris Sparks, Gordon Webster**

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Sunday**

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