#### **HOLY TRINITY AND ST PETER'S**





Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

A very warm welcome to all those joining us in our virtual worship, and in Church at Holy Trinity and St Peter's. It is wonderful we can worship in our various places as part of the body of Christ.

For those using the virtual service, if possible, please start at 10am (or 10.30am if you belong to St Peter's) so we are able to continue to worship together. Also try saying the parts in bold aloud.



#### **Introduction**

We continue with our sermon series on "Communion" looking at different themes that we find in a traditional Holy Communion service. Although we are not yet actually sharing the bread and wine in a Communion service there is much more in the wider aspect of the Communion service than that part of the service, and we hope that, through following the series, we will all grow in unity and in the faith of God.

Our fifth theme is 'Sharing the Peace.' Jesus called us all to be at peace with God, with ourselves and one another. We will be exploring today what it is to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves so we can live in peace.

For those who have enjoyed following the themes of the Trinity Season we are continuing those with an appropriate prayer, and you will find them in the Notices section.

# Lighting of Candle

At the start of the services in both our churches a candle will be lit and the following prayer will be said. Those using the virtual service are welcome to do the same.

#### Dear Lord,

We light this candle as a symbol of your light and grace.

Please watch over us all:

Those of us gathered here at Holy Trinity and St Peter's to worship you; Those who, for whatever reason, are unable to attend our services, but worship with us from their homes;

Those who are no longer here with us but are always in our hearts. Let your light shine in the darkness so that those that feel lost in these uncertain times can find their way back to you.

Help us all to be a reflection of your light so that those who don't yet know you might begin to see you in us. Amen.

#### **Opening Prayers**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.

The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Amen

# **Confession**

'How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord, 'but you would not come to me.'

Let us begin by reflecting on the week that has just passed: Consider the things which we have done, or not done, and our thoughts which we now wish to say sorry to God for:

Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back

to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Absolution**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of his holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **Collect for today**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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. Amen

#### **Readings for today**

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, who is Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 5 verses 21 to 26:

#### Glory to you O Lord

# Murder

<sup>21</sup> You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.

<sup>23</sup> 'Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.
<sup>25</sup> 'Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.' New International Version – UK

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**  Our second reading is from 1 John Chapter 4 verses 7 to 21:

# God's love and ours

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. New International Version – UK

This is the word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God

# **Talk** \*\* Please either open the video or audio file \*\* or read it below:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

Welcome to number five in our sermon series exploring Communion.

Let us pray: By your spirit, Lord, please open your word to our hearts and our hearts to your word.

The sharing of the peace with each other follows Welcoming, Preparation for worship, Confession and absolution and the Scripture reading and talk. And we share the peace just before we make our offerings and share bread and wine. Our response of "**And also with you**" to the acclamation of 'The peace of the Lord be always with you' is automatic. The response rolls off the tongue but what is really meant when we share the peace of the Lord with each other? As Christians, in a world so wrecked with conflict, to think of being peacemakers and praying for world peace seems an enormous task. So, let's look a little more closely at peace making and our responsibility in the task.

Firstly, a working definition of a peacemaker is someone who is actively seeking to reconcile people to God and to one another. Peace making is a divine work.

God is the author of peace. And Jesus is the supreme Peacemaker. Jesus came to establish peace; his message explained peace; his death purchased peace; and his resurrected presence enables peace. The messianic predictions were that he would be the "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6). The angels announced his birth by singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests" (Luke 2:14). Jesus' persistent word of absolution to sinners was, "Go in peace!" Just before he was crucified, Jesus' last will and testament was, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful" (John 14:27). When the Lord returned after the resurrection, his first word to the disciples was "Shalom." "Peace to you!" (Luke 24:36).

In the Beatitudes Jesus says "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God "(Matt. 5v9). In Romans 12v8 "If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone". So, the hallmark of a Christian seems to be the ability to get along with other people, we are called to pursue peace. A high calling.....God wants his children to be bridge builders and to take positive actions to live at peace, offering peace to others.

So, peace begins with us as individuals. The image of a pebble dropping into a pond: From the central break of the water, ripples go out in ever increasing circles.

That one pebble has an effect on a far-reaching area. So, our attitude in pursuing peace may have a similar ripple effect.

If we are to be Peacemakers, we ourselves need to be at peace. In our Bible reading from Matthew 5 v 23, 24 "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." You see, broken relationships can hinder our relationship with God. If we have a problem with someone else, we should resolve the problem as soon as possible. That's not easy sometimes, but for our own peace of mind, our Christian witness depends on us taking the first step to reconciliation. We need to be Peacemakers not troublemakers! Troublemakers are definitely not bearing the character of Jesus whom we seek to reflect.

A peacemaker then is someone who is actively seeking to reconcile people to God and to one another. When a Jew said 'Shalom' (Peace) to another person, they were wishing that person the full presence, peace and prosperity of all the blessedness of God. The hallmark of a Christian is the ability to get along with other people and the testimony of a church is its ability to get along with other people. We have a Godgiven, scripturally-directed responsibility to pursue peace. God wants us to be bridge builders. God wants each one of us to be the ones that make the first moves. Peacemakers take the initiative. We are that pebble dropping into the water...... Peace between us as Christians impacts on the homes and communities we live in. From there to our towns, cities, country and so on.

How are we to begin to be peacemakers? Our second reading from 1 John chapter 4 brings into focus God's love for each one of us.

His supreme love for each of us was demonstrated by sending His Son into the world that we might live through him. (verse 9) And Jesus, the ultimate Peace maker, is our example and He was sent by God to show us how to love one another.

This particular passage of scripture is quite challenging v11 declares "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" Do you like me sometimes find it difficult to love all fellow Christians....particularly if that person is cantankerous and awkward or has done you an injustice? A dear Christian friend of mine taught me that you don't have to like the person but you do need to love them! God in his wisdom sees when we are ready to love others and provides us with the strength and direction to do what he asks. He will help us to be the bridge builder and to be that peacemaker. Verse 21 "God has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother".

Some 700 years ago a remarkable man was born. Although he was the son of an Italian cloth merchant and destined to be a knight, he forsook the path of wealth and fame, choosing instead to wear a ragged cloak tied with a rope borrowed from a scarecrow. He spent his days preaching and giving to others. He chose to live in utter poverty. History records that he was a noble, kind, humble, Christ like man – one of the greatest Christians who ever lived. We know him today as St. Francis of Assisi. Centuries after his death, someone translated one of his prayers into English. It was later set to music. Many of you know the words by heart:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace Where there is hatred, let me sow love Where there is injury, pardon Where there is doubt, faith Where there is despair, hope Where there is darkness, light And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may Not so much seek to be consoled as to console To be understood, as to understand To be loved, as to love For it is in giving that we receive And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life Amen

I think these words set out for us a blueprint to being peacemakers. God doesn't necessarily want us to walk about in sackcloth, but He does want each one of us to be sincere when we wish one another "The peace of the Lord be always with you". We

meet in the name of Christ and we share His peace...this is life changing, love enduring, action filled, faith building. A blessing of Hope, Light, and Joy.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God!"

May each one of us be a blessing as we too are so blessed.

# The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you **And also with you** 

# **Statement of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

# A prayer of thanks for our giving to God

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

# All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Lord God, we thank you that you showed your gracious love to us by sending your Son Jesus Christ to earth and to die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. Grant to us grace that we may show this supreme virtue of love in our lives, by seeking to love our enemies as Jesus taught us, and recognising that we cannot say we love you without showing practical love for our families, friends and neighbours. We thank you, Lord, for the worship and fellowship of the churches we belong to and pray that we may always be comparing ourselves to the early church, being ready to repent of and change what is wrong, ready to welcome outsiders, ready to bear with each other and forgive one another, and always be striving to be known for our love. We also pray for all the ministers in the world who because of their faith in you, preach your word and carry out your work on earth. We ask that you will strengthen Christopher and John our Bishops, Heather and Sharon in their ministries in Hartshill and Galley Common, Nick and Sally our lay readers and churchwardens at Holy Trinity and Kate and Debbie, our churchwardens at St Peter's, and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

# Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer

Lord God, we praise you that you came to this world to bring peace on earth. We pray that all leaders of the nations and people everywhere may turn to you, the Prince of Peace, so that war, terror, cruelty, and hatred may end and peace, justice, kindness and love may reign.

We remember all those Christians who are suffering persecution and hardship because of their faith and pray that you will strengthen them in their work.

We pray, in particular, for all those in authority who are having to make very difficult decisions on how to deal with the devasting threat of coronavirus, to combat terrorism and the threat to world peace by the actions of some countries.

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen, give wisdom to all in authority and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace; that people may honour one another and seek the common good.

# Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Lord God, we thank you as the church family for one another and your gracious gift of life. We pray that we may always live in harmony and peace with one another, being quick to admit when we are wrong, and ready to say that we are sorry, remembering as the Lord's Prayer says, that your forgiveness of us depends on our forgiving each other.

We pray that you will watch over our children and help all teachers in our schools who face great difficulties and stresses due to the coronavirus measures. We pray for all those people who are working on the front line helping and caring for others at this particularly challenging time.

We pray on what is Silver Sunday for all the elderly and infirmed in our community who may be feeling isolated and lonely. Help all those who seek to care for them and help us to find ways to help tackle loneliness in our communities.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours; that we may serve in Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

# Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Lord God comfort and heal all those who are ill at this time, give peace to those with troubled minds and restore hope to those who feel there is no future.

In our prayer today we remember all those in our communities who have asked us to pray for them, in particular: Rachel M and Family; Mark J; Maureen; Olive; Julie; Jan & Tony; Mark P; Rebecca; Jane; Stan A; Penny H; Sue P; Amie; Rita, Lucy W; Lucy and Michael B; Mark; Brian V; and in a moment of silence we bring before you others known to us who need your help at this time.

Give all those we have prayed for courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

# Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Lord God we pray for those whose lives have recently been saddened by the death of a relative or friend.

Be with them and give them faith and strength to look beyond their present loneliness and grief to Jesus, who died and rose again and lives for evermore.

#### Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Finally Lord God, we ask that through understanding the teachings of Jesus, his life, his death and his resurrection for us, that we will deepen our faith in you and continue to develop our trust in you so we can face whatever challenges and uncertainties there are in our lives. Give us grace to serve you with all that we possess so that our lives may be a willing sacrifice of love and witness to you.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints who shone as lights in the world - we pray that we, in our generation, may show thy praise and glory and we now commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

# Merciful Father- Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

#### **Prayerful reflections:**

Spend some time thanking God for what you have and the blessings you have received. Pray for those on the front line who are still serving so faithfully. Pray for those whose livelihoods have been impacted. Pray for those on your heart. Pray for yourself – be honest with God about your fears and feelings.

# The Diocesan Prayer

Father, pour out your spirit upon us. Grant us a new vision of Your glory, A new experience of Your power, A new faithfulness to Your word, and A new consecration to Your service, That Your love may grow among us and Your kingdom come, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Closing Prayers**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 forever. Amen.

And one seraph called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' Isaiah 6.3

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.

# The Blessing

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.** 

# The Commission

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **In the name of Christ. Amen.** 

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# **Notices**

# **Harvest Donations**

Many thanks for the generous donations in lieu of harvest produce this year. Galley Common collected £32 for Nuneaton Foodbank, and Hartshill £147.50 to be split between the Foodbank and Aim for Change.

We will be sending cheques for £73.75 to Aim for Change and £105.75 to Nuneaton Foodbank along with our best wishes to each of these charities.

# Theme for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

This week's theme is the Offering of Life.

Christians who are following in the love and teachings of Jesus Christ voluntarily and freely offer their lives to serve others.

The apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians said in Chapter 5 verse 1, 'Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God'.

Sometimes serving others may lead to the ultimate sacrifice like Jesus did, of a premature death such as soldiers in war (we remember them on Remembrance Day), Policemen while on duty (remembered last week) and many others who have lost their lives saving or serving others. God will look after all of them in heaven.

# Lord our Saviour, you became poor to make us rich. Give us grace to serve you with all that we possess, that our lives may be a willing sacrifice of love and praise to you. We ask this in your name. Amen

# **Church Services**

All services, for the time being, at Holy Trinity will start at 10am (there will be no 9am service on the second Sunday- it will be 10am).

Services at St Peter's will start at our usual time there at 10.30am.

There is no communion, or refreshments, at present.

To comply with all the Covid-19 secure advice unfortunately we are going to be very restricted on numbers who can attend at both churches.

Because of the restrictions if you wish to attend a service at either church you need to ring or email Heather to ask to be put on a list of attendance for a Sunday. This is vital as we do not want to turn people away.

Those able to attend will be contacted so please do not turn up if you have not been informed that you can attend. A Guidance note has been prepared for all those attending- please read it carefully.

It is compulsory that face coverings are worn in the Church buildings so please come prepared.

Church leaders/preachers/pray-ers are permitted to temporarily lift their face coverings when speaking...but for congregation members it is now mandatory to wear them inside church at all times.

For those not able to attend we will be continuing with services being sent out by email and resources being sent in the post as at present. The Churches' Premises are still closed to everyone outside service times and entry can only take place with the agreement of Heather or in her absence the Churchwardens – please do not attempt to access them with any keys that you may have.

We would ask for your prayers during what is going to be a difficult and developing situation.

# St Peter's Fund Raising for Macmillan

Around this time of year the Coffee Club would host their annual fund raising event for Macmillan. Obviously such an event is not possible this year but we would still like to send a donation. If you would like to contribute to this – and you are coming into St Peter's church – please place it in the fund-raising box. If you are not coming into the building at the moment – then please place it in an envelope and post it through Sylv Page's door – marked Macmillan. Macmillan definitely needs your help as it announced this week that it is facing a large shortfall in funding and is making valuable people redundant. Holy Trinity members may wish to consider if they can make a one-off donation. Thank you.

# 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meetings for both Holy Trinity and St Peter's

Both of these meetings will take place on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Holy Trinity's will take place from 9.15am to 9.40am and booking is required if you wish to attend.

St Peter's will take place straight after the Sunday service.

For both Churches, elections will be held to the posts of Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives. Lists will also be taken for sidespeople (although this role is on hold and they are not elected positions....but will be 'noted' in the meeting.)

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in any of these roles. If so, please contact Heather or in her absence Sharon who will be delighted to hear from you and will run through the nature of the roles and the procedure for nomination.

# **Remembrance Services on Sunday November 8th**

Sadly, due to very difficult practical issues to remain Covid 19 secure for the nature of these services, it is very unlikely that there will be a physical 'all gathered together' kind of service inside either church building on this Sunday. However, we are planning special arrangements to commemorate Remembrance Sunday on November 8th and more details will be forthcoming on those.

# Memorial Services on Sunday November 15th

Again, for practical reasons it seems very unlikely that we will be able to hold our usual memorial services in either Church. However as with Remembrance we are making special arrangements to ensure that families and individuals will be able to remember their loved ones as part of the church families of Holy Trinity and St Peter's. More details will made available.

# Christmas Fayre and Wreath Display (Holy Trinity)

The PCC decided at their meeting last Monday that it was not going to be feasible to hold our usual Christmas Fayre or the display of wreaths in Church this year. This is an important fund-raising event for the Church so we would ask that, if possible. you consider give a one-off gift to the Church to cover what you might have spent at the Fayre.

We may instead be able to do a virtual display of wreaths (collection of photographs) perhaps? We will also be creating other resources to celebrate Christmas in a safe / distanced / at home / on line way.

#### Food Bank

Due to the restrictions of the volunteers / space at the local foodbank warehouse we are **still not able** to continue with the bringing of items to Church or deliveries to the warehouse.

This is at a time when the Food Bank is still under huge pressure.

The Food Bank is still working with its volunteers and there are collection points in most supermarkets. If you are visiting a supermarket for your own shopping please consider adding a few items to donate in this way. A list of the most urgently required items can be found on the food bank website.

Please note, they are no longer able to accept infant formula milk or baby food due to a UNICEF directive.

Can we urge everyone to consider if they can give a donation of money? Please visit their website- www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk and click on the Donate button at the top right of the page.

This is a really valuable way we can collectively as Churches show our love to the vulnerable people in our society – especially as we are not able to support them with our usual harvest collection of tinned/packet food.

#### **Daily Hope**

Daily Hope is a <u>free phone line</u> of hymns, reflections and prayers launched by the Church of England. It has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. So, if you know someone in this situation, please phone them and tell them about free-phone **0800 804 8044**, and why not try it for yourselves.

Any items on messages: prayers; prayers answered; birthdays or anniversaries to be included on the weekly service and notice sheet please email Nick Blamire-Brown at njbb@hotmail.co.uk

If you want to be added to the email prayer chain/group or have any prayers you want to put on the prayer chain please email:prayers.holytrinity@gmail.com Please be aware that all documents are now going to be much more in the public domain (emailed out and they have been posted too on Facebook and possibly church websites in the future.) Please be careful to get permission from any person you wish to mention.

# Please pray for the following in the coming week:

# **Coronavirus Crisis**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support, be with those who care for the sick, the anxious and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

# Leaders and Clergy

Heather and Sharon in their ministries in Hartshill and Galley Common; Kate and Debbie our St Peter's churchwardens, Nick and Sally our lay readers and Holy Trinity's churchwardens; Ruth & Rob Kinderman in their youth work; Michael Brandsma in his ministry in Atherstone; and Bill Walton in his curacy.

Pray too for our Archbishops, Bishops and Bishops' Staff team as they lead the nation and diocese.

Pray for the government and local/national/international leaders as they make life changing and potentially life-saving decisions.

# Those on our hearts at Holy Trinity

Rachel M and Family; Mark J; Maureen; Olive; Julie; Jan & Tony; Mark P; Rebecca; Jane; Stan A; Penny H; Sue P; Amie

Also for care firms who are under severe pressure to protect both staff and residents.

# Those on our hearts at St Peter's

Rita, Lucy W; Lucy and Michael B; Mark; Brian V; and others known to us.

# Family and Friends of those recently deceased

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