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Times are difficult, but Jesus still reigns by *Rodney Nicholson*

On Maundy Thursday I telephoned an unmarried friend of ours, a house-for-duty priest in southern Scotland, who is principled and very socially aware but inclined to be argumentative. She said that this year she would observe Good Friday but would postpone celebrating Easter until after the pandemic. I didn't argue, partly because there's little point in arguing with Pam, good as she is, and partly because my own mind was more on Good Friday at that moment. Thinking about it, however, I believe she was badly mistaken.

Easter, which continues until Pentecost, is needed this year more than ever. And so is Ascensiontide, which begins with Ascension Day on May 23rd. Amidst all the heartache we still proclaim both that Jesus is risen and that Jesus is Lord. Some words of conviction, possibly spoken by William Temple between the wars, went something like: "When we fail, he reigns; when we lose faith, he reigns; when our love grows cold, he reigns; when we lack hope and vision, he reigns; from the first Easter until the end of time, Jesus Christ reigns and one day all shall bow before him."

It can be easy for such as me to say, "Jesus is Lord, all shall be well", for I have my good health, a loving family, a secure home and an interesting life. It must be harder to hold the faith if you have just lost someone you love, or you are an exhausted nurse in a Covid-19 ward, or you have lost your income and, not eligible for government help, are struggling to feed your family, or are suffering from the virus right now.

And yet, the heart of our faith is that Good Friday gave way to Easter, and that the Christ who was raised from the dead is with us for evermore, by his Spirit. He has returned to heaven but taking the scars of a suffering world with him. Jesus's risen body bore the marks of the nails in his hands and feet, so that, in the words of Frederick Faber's hymn: "There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven." We may celebrate the Ascension with balloons (appreciating, by the way, the environmental danger of the hot air variety) so long as we appreciate that the exaltation of Jesus as Lord may come through pain.

On last Monday's Look North programme, a family who must have originated from Africa grieved the death of their mother, a highly-regarded nurse in Harrogate hospital. One son called his mother god fearing, which made me wonder if they were a Christian family. If so, they were holding the faith whilst walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Many others have walked that path of late, some of whom will say, "I know that God has not left me" in spite of their bereavement. We are reminded too of our fellow Christians suffering in many parts of the world. In Iraq, for example, most Christians have understandably left, following the troubles, but some have resolutely stayed. They are willing to stand by Jesus Christ, in spite of their fears. Whilst in lockdown, as much as when we return to normality, we too affirm that Christ is risen and that he is Lord.

Yours in Christ

Rodney Nicholson

A virtual Christian Aid Week *by Rodney Nicholson*

Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May, cannot take place in the usual way this year, yet the money is needed more than ever. Refugee camps in Europe, Bangladesh and many other places are prime targets for coronavirus. With poverty, overcrowding and reduced health resilience, these camps do not have the infrastructure to combat widespread disease. Christian Aid and its partners have experience in limiting the spread of infection during the ebola crisis, and are appealing for help to work with the poorest of the world's poor.

Although we cannot have the envelopes, there are other ways to give, such as on line – go to the Christian Aid website and “donate”. Alternatively donations can be made by phone: 020 7523 2269. Again, donors are welcome to put their gift on one side, then when restrictions are relaxed, bring it to church or arrange for me to collect. There will also be a digital envelope. Please contact me for more details about giving or for any aspect of the Week. Christian Aid Week appropriately falls around the Ascension – linking Christ's enthronement with his compassion for the poor.

A suggestion for giving

We cannot have coffees or meals out at the moment. Why not give Christian Aid part of what you might spend? This would do a power of good in what, in many ways, is a sad situation.

Don't over-tidy your garden! *by Rodney Nicholson*

People are saying that, with time on their hands, their gardens have never been tidier - and also probably in need of rain. It's good that we can spend time on our little patch of earth, but too much manicuring and trimming can leave little protection and food for wildlife. Some with large gardens deliberately leave a section unmown, so that wild flowers can take root there and wildlife find sanctuary

Kathleen and I realise that we made too good a job last autumn of trimming the overgrown honeysuckle on the latticed fence dividing our garden from our neighbour's. We had forgotten about the blackbird who nests there every spring, and who is building her nest in her favourite spot right now. Her home may be more draughty than usual, but at least Kathleen keeps an old teapot in the hedge replenished with nesting material. It's being used.

DEACON'S DISTINCTIVE DAY



I wonder how many times you have heard people saying: “It’s been a very strange Easter this year!”

Yes, it has been extremely different from how we normally celebrate this wonderful day – BUT what have been the hardest elements of change for you?

Families and friends tend to congregate together for meals and outings over the Easter weekend, which clearly was not going to happen this year so how did you compensate for this? In my family, we all had the same special meal even if it could not be together in the same house and we spoke and, hopefully on my part, remembered to say our family Grace before eating. I doubt whether my grandchildren felt they had been denied too much as they still got their chocolate eggs after a hunt set up by Daddy. However, they did miss the special service at Burnby with egg decorating competitions etc. when they also helped with the prayers and received a Blessing at the Eucharist.

For Christians, not being able to share in Holy Communion when it is regarded as a day of special commitment, was probably the hardest missing element to accept. But we have had many wonderful ways of joining in worship through the emailed services with reflection thanks to Tony and Pam Burdon and helpers, the BBC1 weekly services and many online and Youtube acts of celebration.

From a personal point of view, I chose to journey through Holy Week alone which really helped me get close to God and try to understand more deeply how Jesus coped with his last days.

A Distinctive Deacon’s role is supposed to be at the church door and in the community so trying to fulfil this during a lockdown has not been easy. I have tried to keep in contact with those I visit and with whom I share Holy Communion at home. My daily exercise “yomp” has given me the chance to deliver letters to the Care Homes and I am emailing or telephoning as many people as I have contact details – somewhat limited due to data protection.

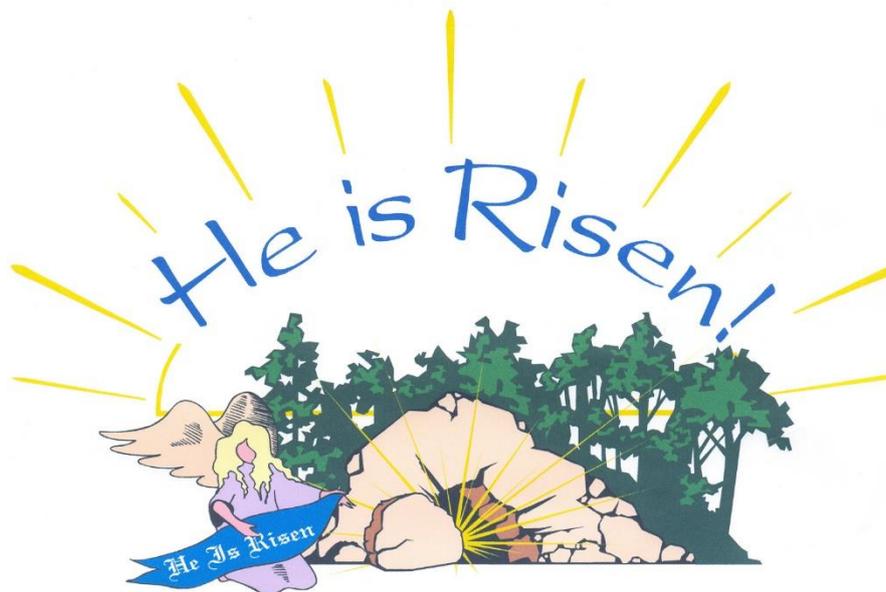
I have posted on Facebook that the church is still there for everyone, even though the building is closed, not just through prayer but by offering to contact anyone who is lonely and would enjoy a chat.

The fact that I have had no requests is maybe a good thing in that I am aware how wonderfully our communities have been reacting to the needs of the elderly and housebound. After this terrible virus is conquered I hope and pray that this “loving my neighbour” attitude remains and grows not just inside our churches but in all our communities.

Easter, unlike many people’s perception of Christmas, is not just a day, it is a season which continues until Ascension and then Pentecost. Our Sunday readings go through the wonderful resurrection experiences of individual and groups of disciples and this gives us all the opportunity to keep reliving the joy of Easter Day, the mysteries of life, death and eternal life through Christ. The Easter hymns are joyous and full of Halleluias so my prayer for all of us is, that we can spread that joy whilst we continue to pray for those who have been affected by Covid 19 - locally, nationally and throughout the world – and give thanks for the doctors, nurses, carers, transport and delivery drivers, supermarket staff and all frontline staff.

God is with us as we struggle to make sense of all that is happening in His world. He is with us in suffering and He is with us in joy.

“Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son. Endless is **the victory, thou o'er death hast won.**”



Deacon Bronnie

Message from your Church Wardens, Hilary and Nigel

Firstly, and most importantly, we trust everyone is healthy and coping in the current COVID-19 situation. These are difficult times as we all adjust to a very different way of living which looks likely to continue for several months.

Worship and Communication

Despite the Church Building being closed, the work of the Church continues. We are grateful for the Ministry Team, particularly Pam and Tony Burdon, who ensure we have material for worship and prayers in our homes. We deliver this to those who do not have email, so they are not left out.

If you are not already receiving the material for worship, it is available on the Pocklington Church website www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org it is also emailed to those on the weekly Bulletin list. Email and the website are our preferred methods of communication, as we can update this quickly, saving resources and cost. If you do have an email and are not already receiving the Bulletin please email the Church office office@allsaintspock.plus.com

Church Office

Although the Church office is physically shut, Sue and Carole are working from home and have remote access to the computer and phone, so any messages are picked up and dealt with.

Vicar Vacancy

There have been 3 applicants shortlisted for interview which is very encouraging. Due to the current circumstances we hope that interviews of some kind will take place in early June.

Finance

With no services, coffee mornings, room hire income or fundraising of any kind our income is now limited to that received from those who give by standing order. We have cut down on some of our outgoings, but without reducing our commitment to the diocese our outgoings are just over £2,600 more than our income each month. We do have some reserves to draw on but after consulting the PCC we ask you to consider the article on Church Finance that follows and help if you are able to do so.

And Finally.....

Thank you to each and every one of you for keeping in touch with neighbours, friends and those we didn't know so well before now. May the love of Christ sustain us in these unprecedented times.

Please keep safe and healthy

Hilary and Nigel

Church Finance

We find ourselves facing the biggest challenge of most of our lifetimes. In the interests of protecting the NHS, one another, and saving lives, our church has had to close until further notice. This is difficult for all of us, and while our valued worship material circulated weekly or participation in online services allow us to be connected in other ways, we recognise that it is not the same as being able to gather in worship with our community.

However, it is important to remember that while our church buildings are closed, the Church remains an anchor of prayer, our mission remains constant, and we are able to offer ourselves to the service of others in our communities. In the words of the Archbishops, we remain alive and active.

It is important to remember that our giving to our churches is as valuable now as ever. Although we are not able to gather in worship for some time, our mission remains constant, and that necessary to that mission is resource. The practical resource of our giving enables our churches to be places of hope, prayer and support during this difficult time – it enables us to live out our calling to be Christ in the world, and to serve our communities to meet their needs.

Giving is also a fundamental part of our discipleship – we give because God first gave to us, and so we are invited to respond to that through giving the very best we can offer. Our giving forms an expression of our faith, of grace, and of love of God.

We may need to reimagine the ways in which we give to our churches in the coming weeks, whether that be continuing with Standing Orders, offering our cash giving by setting it aside prayerfully at home, or considering transferring to a digital form of giving. If you regularly give by envelope, may we encourage you to consider transferring your gift to Standing Order – this will enable us to continue to receive your weekly gift in a way that is safe and secure. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need some help with this.

We thank you for all you are able to give. May Christ be with us and bless us always.

With prayers and best wishes

David, Hilary and Nigel
Treasurer and Church Wardens on behalf of PCC

Thinking back to the Church Urban Fund *by Rodney Nicholson*

I wonder if any readers remember the Church Urban Fund of the early 1990s. Aware of deprivation in the inner cities and sprawling housing estates, the Church of England, led by Archbishop Robert Runcie, commissioned an in-depth report, "Faith in the City". Published in 1985, it got an irritable response from Margaret Thatcher's government. Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, called it "pure Marxism", though he hadn't read it properly. Of course, attacking something is a good way of advertising it. "Lady Chatterley's Lover", in a rather similar way, became a best seller because of the trial in 1960 which sought to ban it.

The Report led to The Church Urban Fund, an £18 million appeal over four years, to support church-based projects in deprived parishes. All 42 dioceses were given a target, and that amount was raised on time, in 1992. By 1996 £25m had been raised, supporting 1,180 projects.

Does anyone remember what happened in York diocese, or South Wold deanery, or All Saints parish? The target for Blackburn diocese was £750,000, to which the diocese added another £250,000 for local projects, making it £1 million. Every deanery was given a target, most of which was passed on to the parishes, but some was to be raised by deanery events. We had a great service in Blackburn cathedral to mark the completion of the appeal, which came as a result of much hard work, generosity and imagination. In fact, more money afterwards came back to the diocese than had been raised, because we had areas of significant need. One southern diocese, by contrast, raised their full amount but got nothing back because they did not have enough poverty.

I wonder if such an appeal would be equally successful today.

Valuing the hedgerows *by Rodney Nicholson*

Over 60 years ago, I could pick a range of wild flowers from the hedgerows alongside a footpath near our home. Today you are not allowed to pick such flowers, but then I might gather a bunch of pink campions, vetch, herb robert, buttercups and so on. Kathleen's father remembered, as a boy before the First World War, picking cowslips as he walked to school along a remote country lane, near Ulverston, in what is now South Cumbria. Readers may have similar memories of past wildflowers. They can still be found around here, but not in such abundance.

My memories were partly provoked by reading an article entitled, "Making space for nature" in "The Week" magazine. It profiled Jake Fiennes (49), the conservation manager of the Holkham estate in Norfolk, who distanced himself from the agricultural policies of the second half of the last century. Like other European countries, and later following EU (originally EEC) farm-subsidy programmes, Britain tripled the production of wheat, oats and barley. This involved pesticides, heavy machinery and crop science. Milk production doubled and 25 times more chicken meat made available, but there were significant losses. An estimated 97% of hay meadows are thought to have vanished between 1990 and 2010, and 250,000 miles of hedgerows – about a third of Britain's total – were destroyed since the last War. Sir David Attenborough reckoned that of 3000 species studied, 60% were in decline.

A local Wolds farmer, who assured me that they are planting and repairing hedgerows, agreed that policies which once seemed good have now been changed in the light of new knowledge. They, for example, cut their hedges in rotation, to leave berries for various birds, and are glad to have seen plovers and skylarks returning, sometimes attacked, however, by red kites. They have followed the government's Higher Level Stewardship scheme, which encourages the protection of some land for wildlife and wild flowers. They sow a seed mix of flowering plants which adds pollen and nectar to the natural grass. They see the soil as a vital resource needing care and protection. Good farmers, like them, protect the countryside.

Back to Norfolk, Jake Fiennes has turned 140 acres of land back into wetlands, and planted 25 miles of hedges. Absent birds – lapwing, snipe and marsh harriers – came rushing back.

For England and St George! *by Rodney Nicholson*

Last Thursday, 23rd April, was St George's Day when we commemorate an early Christian martyr who had nothing to do with England but was an officer in the Roman Army, possibly following his father. He gave his goods to the poor and lived a Christian life. When the emperor Diocletian enforced pagan worship, George would not swerve from confessing Christ, in spite of inducements. He probably lost his life in 303/304 in Lydda, in Palestine, during Diocletian's harsh persecution of the Christian Church.

Stories about his life and death can be traced back to the eighth century, with some English churches dedicated to St George before 1066. The legend of his slaying the dragon originated in the 12th or 13th century and may be linked to the Greek myth of Perseus slaying a sea monster. Others, however, say that the legend was brought back by the Crusaders and symbolises George's saving the Roman empress from Satan's (the dragon's) power. Watching George's courage under torture, both the empress and a pagan priest were converted – then immediately martyred. On the other hand, it could be a confusion with St Michael, who is usually depicted wearing armour.

George became popular at the time of the Crusades - an infamous part of our history - when he became the patron saint of soldiers. Richard 1 called upon him for protection before the third Crusade in 1187, and the red cross on a white background became the "uniform" of the crusaders and, in time, England's national flag. Edward 111 made him patron saint of England in preference to Edward the Confessor. George is remembered by Shakespeare in Henry V's speech before the battle of Agincourt (1415), when the monarch cried:

"Follow your spirit; and upon this charge,
Cry, 'God for Harry, England and Saint George.'"

As we acknowledge our dependence on NHS staff from across the world, and Eastern European migrants to pick our crops, such as those being flown in from Romania, so we value a non-British patron saint. As patron saint we share George with many other countries. including Ethiopia, Russia, Bulgaria, Portugal and Brazil. The flag may popularly be associated with the England football team but firstly it represents the cross of Christ.

'Ramblings of a Church Warden'

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small



This well-known hymn is one of the hymns I have liked since I was a child, growing up on a farm it was something that struck a chord with me. Unlike my singing when I often seem to hit the wrong note! Ever wondered why I sit at the back of Church? I am being kind!

Seriously, I consider myself very fortunate to having lived on a farm and experienced the wonders of creation. It wasn't a large farm even then, only 43 acres, but it was very traditional with hens, pigs, sheep, cattle and growing wheat, barley, potatoes and sugar beet. We had traditional meadows on a flood plain adjoining a river and hedgerows which teemed with wildlife and flowers.

I remember at Sunday School reading and discussing the parables in the Bible and many were related to farming or fishing, so I had a head start in understanding the parable of the sower! Jesus knew what he was doing (of course!) he related his parables to things that people would understand from their experiences in their daily lives. He made them relevant to their lives – something that we at All Saints must do and continue to evolve and ensure what we do is relevant to the Community of Pocklington.

Currently as I take my permitted walk in the evening with Carole (that is permitted by Government as well as Carole!) we experience the beauty around us. I have never seen so many gardens looking so well! The variety and quantity of birds we see around as well as hear them, especially at 5am in the morning are memorable! The lack of the background noise in town reminds me of life back on the farm when you heard the many noises of wildlife.

So, despite these difficult times, we have much to be thankful for and need to look up and listen to the wonders of nature and all it brings to not only nourish us physically, but spiritually as well. We can't venture too far currently, but we are blessed, particularly in Yorkshire, with a rich and varied landscape which is managed to provide us with enjoyment, food, energy and beauty. Something my father always said was that though he needed to make a profit to live he was only a temporary custodian of the farm for current and future generations benefit and wanted to be able to re-invest to leave it in better condition for those that followed. A good example on how to approach life in general.

That brings me back to the current situation, despite the challenges we all face, there are many bright and beautiful things not only growing, but also happening now – some great and some small, but all acts of love for fellow citizens.

I see them and hear of them whilst at work, and in the neighbourhood as I take my daily evening walk with Carole. We see it on the news or hear it on the radio. From Captain Tom and his walking challenge walking and children making PPE on 3D printers for the wonderful NHS staff, to the countless individuals helping those in the community less fortunate.



So, the first two lines also apply just as much to the actions of many people and it brings us to the last 2 lines. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The love of God is all around us and working throughout the community in the acts of many people.

Nigel Laws

Video conferencing – a great opportunity to see relatives and friends!

For several years, video conferencing has become common practice in many work settings and the use has increased exponentially in many homes over the past few weeks.



For many people the internet has given them the opportunity of seeing friends and relatives without leaving their house – something Carole and I enjoy seeing our 1st Granddaughter as she approaches her 1st birthday in June.

Hilary and I were talking on the phone and we were wondering for those that have access to the internet and have a laptop, tablet or smart phone, perhaps there is an opportunity for us to do something together in small or larger groups.



We all miss the fellowship when we meet together at Church for services, coffee mornings and other events as well as visiting each other. We wonder if anyone would be interested and has any ideas of using technology to keep in touch in large or small groups?

For example, if there was interest I would be happy to try and set up a weekly quiz. I am sure there are other ideas – maybe just a set time of day or week to catch up as a small or larger group, or have a theme for discussion? Any ideas do email the church office or ring either Hilary or me. If you are interested in a weekly quiz – let me know!

Nigel Laws

The deadline for the June edition is Friday 29th May 2020 and copy should be emailed to davidcbrown5@hotmail.com

Due to the unprecedented time we find ourselves in the 200 club draw will not take place until June. By which time we hope things will be a bit more back to normal! The June draw will also be the quarterly draw, and to get around the two missing draw months it has been decided to draw two numbers in June and July. I hope this is agreeable to everyone. The winning numbers for the March draw were 18 which belongs to Alison Larard, the quarterly draw was 82 which belongs to Linda Tremayne.

I apologise for not contacting you all in the usual way but I am still finding my way around a new laptop!!!!

Keep well, stay safe

Carol Taylor

We have commended to God's sure keeping with thanksgiving:

23 rd March	Susan Taylor Dart	Pocklington
24 th March	Stuart Broomhead	Pocklington
31 st March	Charles Dickinson	Octon
1 st April	Jessie Beckett	Pocklington
7 th April	Brenda Jackson Green	Pocklington

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

To enquire about arrangements for these services
Please ring the following number or email as below

Church office 01759 306045
Office @allsaintspock.plus.com

Scale of fees and charges for 2020

Baptisms

There is no fee for a service of Baptism

Certificate of Baptism, if required. £14.00

Weddings

Publication of Banns. £31.00

Certificate of Banns, if required. £14.00

Marriage Service. £463.00

Verger £40.00

Organist £80.00

Bells £120.00

Heating £75.00

*Please note that an additional charge will be made if extra facilities are required.
We regret that it is not always possible to come back into the Church for additional photographs after the service.*

Funerals

Funeral service in Church £199.00

Cremation pre or post service in Church £28.00

Funeral service at Crematorium or cemetery £199.00

Please note that additional fees may apply and the office will advise

Verger £35.00

Organist £80.00

Heating £75.00

Ministers Expenses £40.00

A Prayer for the life of our Parishes and Churches

O God ,make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out envy ,pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block for children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong to turn back the tempter's power. God make the doorway of this house the entrance to your eternal kingdom. Amen

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