



## **WORSHIP AT HOME PACK**

**Welcome to our worship at home pack. Our aim is to provide you with material that will help you to continue to worship and be part of the church family even if you aren't able to get out.**

### **A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

### **For those in isolation**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Please don't forget that we are here for each other, just because we may not be able to physically be together doesn't divide us. Please do call Gemma, Suzanne, one of the wardens or pastoral care team if you would like to chat or if we can do anything to help.

## A Reflective Service: for worship at home



We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

*Keep a short silence, still your heart.*

As God's people we have gathered;  
Let us worship God now together,  
Across the miles yet joined

Let us pray.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves  
and confess our sins.

*Keep a short silence, leave your sins at the cross*

**Confession:** 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 forgive us by the death of the Son,  
and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit  
all our days. **Amen.**

### *Bible Reading*

*You can find the readings for the day online on the Church of England website or feel free to read whichever passage you would like.*

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Amen.

*cf Philipians 2.6-11*

We pray for others in the quiet of our hearts.  
Lord, meet us in the silence  
And hear our prayer.

*Silence for prayer is kept:*

*Pray for yourself, that God would sit with you*

*Pray for others*

*Pray for our country*

*Pray for the world*

**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.**

*Silence is kept*

Faithful God, may we who have shares in this time of worship  
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our salvation and hope, Who reigns as Lord now and forever.

Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;  
And as you have fed us with your presence,  
so make us one in heart and mind,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

If you need help or would like someone to talk to please call Reverend Gemma on 07540 152561. We have a team offering pastoral support that we can put you in touch with. Please don't struggle alone.

"For God has said, 'I will not leave you or forsake you' so we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear'." (Hebrews 13:5-6)

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)



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# Bible readings and Collects for Sundays

## How to find a bible reading (if you're comfortable with this feel free to skip this part!)

Before Easter the first Reading is from the Old Testament. After Easter all but the Psalms are from the New Testament.

Look at the name of the book that you need to find

Numbers before the name of the book are part of the name (to distinguish between multiple books with the same name eg 1 & 2 Samuel)

Use the index to find which page the book you are looking for starts on and turn to that page.

The first number after the name of the book (before the dot) is the chapter number.

Most bibles use a large print number in the text at the beginning of each chapter. Many also write the book name and chapters on that page at the top of each page to help you find your way around (This is especially helpful in the longer books).

Turn over the pages until you find the start of the chapter you are looking for.

The numbers after the dot are the verse numbers, which are indicated by small numbers in the text often raised above the line of the text to stop them interrupting the flow of reading. Once you've found the chapter look for the verses that you need to start and end at.

### Examples:

Straight forward

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Book= 1st book of Samuel (in the Old Testament)

Chapter =16 Verses 1-13

More complicated

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Book= 1st letter of Peter (in the New Testament)

Chapter 4 verses 12-14 then skip a chunk and re-start at chapter 5 verses 5 and

6. Acts 2.14a,36-41

Book= Acts of the Apostles (in the New Testament)

Chapter 2 Verse **14a**- means the first sentence of verse 14, then skip a chunk and restart at verse 36 and read until verse 41

A comma means skip a chunk, a or b means first or last sentence of the verse.

Don't worry if you don't find exactly the right passage- St Paul assure us that "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" so whatever you read will help you to grow closer to God.

Date	Readings	Collect Prayer
Sun 22 Mar 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 Samuel 16.1-13 Ephesians 5.8-14 Psalm 23 John 9.1-41	Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sun 29 Mar 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Lent	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Romans 8.6-11 Psalm 130 John 11.1-45	Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Sun 5 Apr 2020 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Psalm 31.9-16 Matthew 26.14 – 27.66	True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen
Sun 12 Apr 2020 Easter Day Principal Feast	Acts 10.34-43 Colossians 3.1-4 Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 Matthew 28.1-10	God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen
Sun 19 Apr 2020 The Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.14a,22-32 1 Peter 1.3-9 Psalm 16 John 20.19-31	Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen
Sun 26 Apr 2020 The Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.14a,36-41 1 Peter 1.17-23 Psalm 116.1-3,10-17 Luke 24.13-35	Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 3 May 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.42-47 1 Peter 2.19-25 Psalm 23 John 10.1-10	Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 10 May 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 7.55-60 1 Peter 2.2-10 Psalm 31.1-5,15-16 John 14.1-14	Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 17 May 2020 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17.22-31 Psalm 66.7-18 1 Peter 3.13-22 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. Amen
Sun 24 May 2020 Sunday after Ascension Day	Acts 1.6-14 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Psalm 68.1-10,32-35 John 17.1-11	Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 31 May 2020 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 Psalm 104.26-36,37b John 20.19-23	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. Amen

## ONLINE PRAYER RESOURCES

### Churches TV

<https://www.churchservices.tv/>

A range of daily services and other resources from around the UK.

### Daily Meditations – Richard Rohr

<https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/>

Developed by this well-known Franciscan this site is well-stocked with useful information including a Daily Meditation for active contemplatives

### Daily Prayer – Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-dailyprayer>

Services of Daily Prayer which are available in both contemporary and traditional forms and for all times of day.

### Daily Prayer – Universalis (Roman Catholic)

<http://universalis.com/>

Another app. for the mobile phone giving the Order of Morning, Midday and Evening Prayer together with information about the day.

### Diocese of London <https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/author/communications/>

Offers resources for those unable to attend church (see 12.03.20)

### The Ordinary Office – alone together

<http://anordinaryoffice.org.uk/>

Designed to be as accessible for the disabled and able-bodied.

### Sacred Space <https://www.sacredspace.ie/content/about-sacred-space>

A ministry of the Irish Jesuits. The pages guide you through sessions of prayer in six stages, including preparing your body and mind, and culminating in reflection on a scripture passage chosen specially for the day.

### Coptic Church in Britain <https://birminghamcopts.org/>

The Egyptian Orthodox offer some excellent resources via this website.

## Worship at Home Options

We will continue to meet as a church community for as long as we can and as long as it is safe to do so, following government advice. There may come a time where we are asked not to gather together. If this is the case we want to offer access to prayer and worship material that we can each use at home.

### Online Options

In the event that we can't meet we will share reflections and links to other online resources. These will be shared on our Facebook page and website.

[www.facebook.com/stlukesmoulsham](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmoulsham)

You can join with the rhythm of Daily Prayer by downloading the app from Itunes or Google Play Store or on this website

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>

## **Television and Radio Options**

### **Television programmes**

Songs of Praise Sundays at 1.15pm on BBC 1

### **Radio programmes**

- Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43am on Radio 4
- Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4
- Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB
  
- (The Daily Service is available on a Radio 4 DAB side channel which is automatically made available about a minute before the programme begins. After tuning to Radio 4 DAB, select "Daily Service" (from your display) with the tuning wheel and press the selector button. On some radios the side channel can be stored on a preset button and once it is stored there you simply need to press the preset. We recommend choosing a well established brand of DAB receiver.)
  
- Lent Talks Wednesdays at 8.45pm on Radio 4
  
- Celebration (Act of worship) Sundays at 7.30pm on BBC Radio Wales
- Choral evensong- Wednesdays at 3.30pm and the same service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on Radio 3