

**Readings for this Sunday -**  
**19 April - the Second Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 2. 14a, 22-32**  
**John 20. 19-end**

**Church Services**

In line with national directives, we regret that all services in church have been postponed for the time being. Rev'd Paul is available, and you can contact him on 632 3897. He has tried to contact everyone but there may be some people he has missed.

**Light a Virtual Candle**

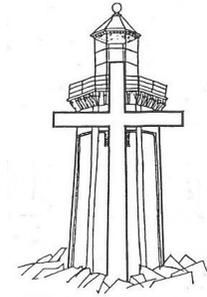
You can light a virtual candle by going to the Church of England's website [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org). Enter the words 'light a candle' in the search box in the top righthand corner of the screen. Click on the search icon and then click on the heading '**Light a Candle**' then follow the links to light your virtual candle.

**Parish Register**

**Funerals**

30 April - John Kenneth Macrae Richards

# Weekly Beacon



## **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake**

**Sunday 19 April 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

# Dealing with Loneliness and Isolation: FIVE TOP TIPS

- 1. P ray – light a candle, if safe, and pray for hope, faith and strength to keep loving and caring for each other during this time of struggle.**
- 2. T alk about how you feel.**

This may be difficult if you are self-isolating, but use the phone, internet and social media. If you need to contact a counsellor, this can be arranged by your GP, local agencies or privately. Samaritans are there 24 hours a day, every day, and it's free to call them on 116 123.
- 3. F ocus on the things that you can change, not on the things you can't.**
- 4. L ook after yourself – physically, emotionally, spiritually.**

Plan things that you enjoy at regular intervals during the day – a TV programme, a phone call, a book, a favourite dish, a game.
- 5. L ook after others – even if only in small ways, but do what you can:**

a smile, a kind word, writing a letter or an email.

## Vicar's Two Pence April 2020

I am sure like me you will have a favourite hymn, one that hits you straight between the eyes and makes you sit up and take notice. Alternatively, it expresses something of what you are feeling and aids your prayers. One such hymn for me is '*Faithful one so unchanging*'. I first heard it when I was training at the Northern Ordination course and then again when I was a curate in Wallasey, and now we sing it at St Hildeburgh's. This hymn reminds me of the faithfulness of God especially when we are going through testing times, you could say, that is **now**, as we navigate through some very difficult times and the closure of the churches. The hymn reminds us that God is the anchor and keeps us safe, rooted in his unconditional love.

When you look at some of the psalms the people of God are crying out for his help *Psalm 121* says '*I lift my eyes to the hills, from where comes my help? My help comes from the Lord.*' We have called out to God throughout the generations and depended on his unfailing faithfulness.

This is the time in our generation when we must stay faithful and keep our eyes truly fixed on Jesus. As we go through this very testing time keeping our focus on his light is more important than ever. We must not be diverted by fear, no, now is the time to keep the faith. God is in every step we take when we are down he will lift us up. There is no doubt as we hear of the many funerals taking place that we feel desperately sad for the families who cannot have the service they wish. This is not how we want to say goodbye and I have no answer to that, but I do know that Christ is present in all that suffering and somehow will bring his healing and peace. In the meantime, we will continue to bless each other with our prayers and phone calls and support until we can once again come together in fellowship.

'*Faithful one*' will always be a favourite of mine but so will another hymn much older in origin and known and loved by several generations of church goers and that is '*O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come*'. This hymn says it all, our God is the God of both the past and the future and of the here and now, let us continue through this anxious time putting our faith in the one who loves us.

*Your friend, Rev Paul*

## ARE YOU SELF-ISOLATING?



Across Wirral we are offering:

**Shopping & Delivery**  
**Telephone Befriending**  
**Wellbeing Checks**  
**Information & Reassurance**

To request support ring 0151 482 3456  
(Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm)

To volunteer to help – [www.ageukwirral.org.uk](http://www.ageukwirral.org.uk)

Priority to be given to people aged 70+ living alone

Registered Charity No. 1034510

### **Soup Delivery**

StHildeburgh's is offering to make deliveries of hot soup to those in isolation in Hoylake.

If you would like a delivery or would like more information, please contact one of our Churchwardens

Jane 07743 090210 or Nancy 07990 521158

### **A Notice About Giving From The Treasurer**

Thank you to everybody who has responded to the note in last week's Beacon explaining how those, who normally support church funds by contributing to collections during church services, can still continue their giving in these difficult times. The response has been heart warming. Please use any of these methods of payment:-

#### **1. Direct Payment to our Bank**

This is the easiest method for everybody if you have computer access or able to travel to your branch.

Our Account Name : **Hoylake Parochial Church Council**

Sort Code : **40-25-08**

Account Number : **20445800**

#### **2.If you would like to set up a new gift aided donation contact George Dafnis on 632-5927.**

He will supply the necessary form and information.

#### **3. If you do not have computer access please enclose your donation in an envelope and post it through the vicarage front door.**

If you already subscribe to the envelope system please use your normal weekly envelope.

The postal address is The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, CH47 1HL if you are self isolating

#### **4. If you have any further queries please contact Lytton Goodwin on 632-6923**

### **Are you in need of prayer?**

Text or WhatsApp your prayer to 07513170210 and it will be shared with people in the diocese to pray. Or you can email your prayer to [foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto:foxhill@chester.anglican.org). Prayers received will be distributed across the diocese to volunteers to pray in their own time as part of a daily rhythm of prayer.

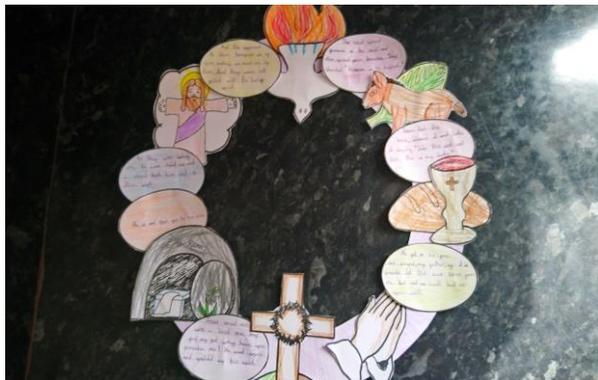
## Voyagers At Home

On Sunday, we celebrated as Voyagers by reading the Easter story together and making an Easter wreath which tells the story from Palm Sunday to Pentecost. Each "egg" on the wreath has a Bible text.



and making an Easter wreath which tells the story from Palm Sunday to Pentecost. Each "egg" on the wreath has a Bible text. We said some Easter blessings, and then had an Easter egg hunt around the house!

Love and prayers,  
Christine



## Morrisons Stores, Wirral

Morrisons Stores Wirral have started taking orders for their doorstep deliveries for the vulnerable (high risk) and elderly at their new purpose-built call centres.

To see the list of essential items go to [www.morrisons.co.uk/doorstepdeliveries/vulnerable](http://www.morrisons.co.uk/doorstepdeliveries/vulnerable)

Make your choice from the essential items on the list then phone **0345 611 6111** and select option 5.

### **New Brighton & West Kirby Opening Hours:**

Morrisons have introduced an **NHS hour from 6am-7am Monday-Saturday**. All colleagues with an NHS badge will be able to get into the store to stock up on the products they need.

### **Sunday Opening:**

On Sundays, the majority of our stores, we will open at **9am for our very hard working NHS workers** to shop. We will open at **9.30am for all other customers to shop normally**.

Therefore, during the period of the Covid-19 outbreak, **the Sunday browsing hour is suspended**, as you can shop normally from 9.30am each Sunday.



## **StHildeburgh's Dispatch**



The latest edition of 'St Hildeburgh's Dispatch' is now available!

This fortnightly magazine has been written and produced by Michael Nash and is available on our website.

Go to: <https://www.sthildeburgh.net/dispatches.html>

### **Diocesan Prayer Hub** **St Hildeburgh's Virtual Prayer Board**

Our website now includes a **virtual prayer board** for you to add your own individual prayers. See the page 'Virtual Prayer Board' on our website.

You can also find out more details about the **Diocesan Prayer Hub** at Foxhill by going to the 'On Line Prayer Board' page of our website [www.sthildeburgh.net](http://www.sthildeburgh.net)

## **St Hildeburgh's On Line –** **Watch this Space**

Last Sunday Rev'd Paul filmed a service of Holy Communion. You can view this service by visiting our website:

<https://www.sthildeburgh.net/onlineservices.html>

If you are experiencing difficulties watching the video from the website it is also available on Facebook at [facebook.com/sthildeburgh](https://facebook.com/sthildeburgh)

Nigel Hall has been working hard on our website and has included a **virtual prayer board** for you to add your own individual prayers. You can also find out more details about the Diocesan Prayer Hub at Foxhill by going to the 'On Line Prayer Board' page of our website [www.sthildeburgh.net](http://www.sthildeburgh.net)

Your **Weekly Beacon** is also available on the website, together with the **StHildeburgh's Dispatch** newsletter - <https://www.sthildeburgh.net/dispatches.html>

Important information from Merseyside Police is also available on <https://www.sthildeburgh.net/news.html>

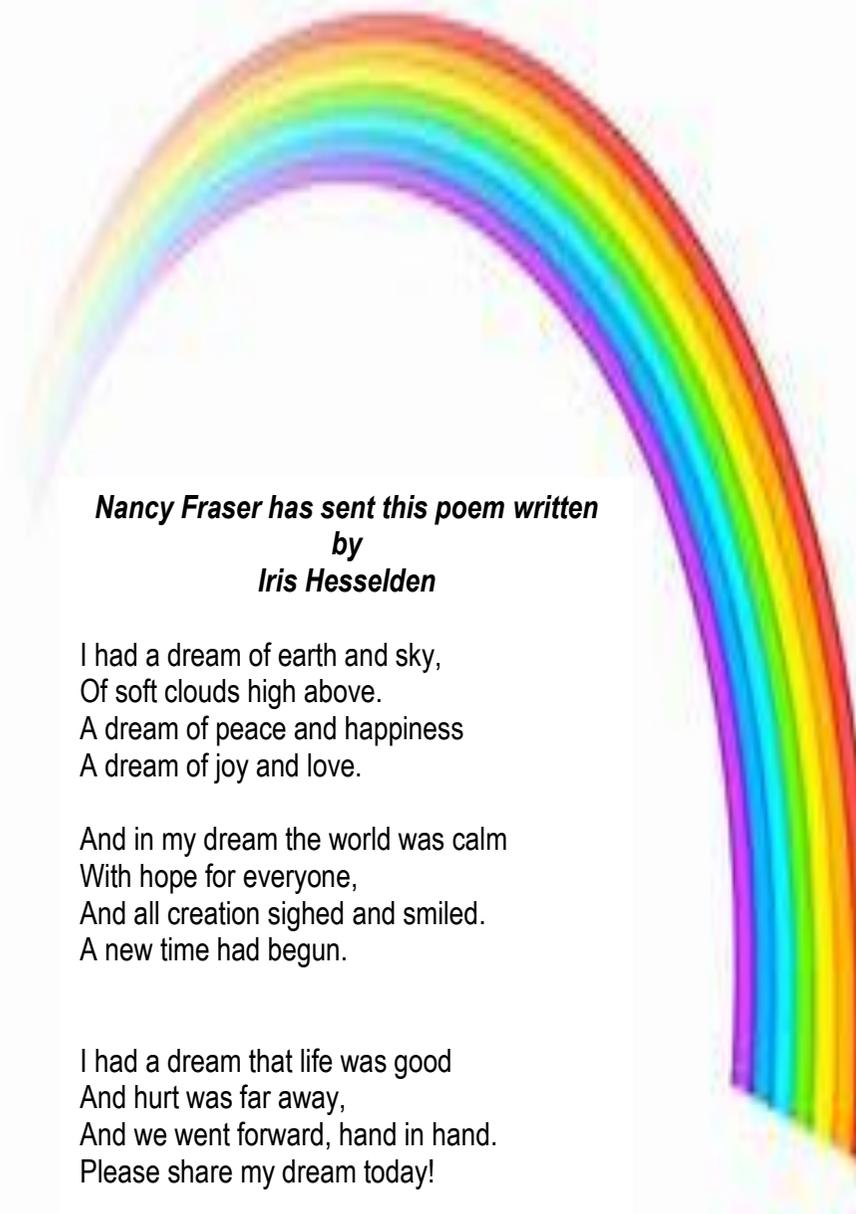


## **STILL TIME TO ORDER PLANTS**

Plants can still be acquired from Peter Surridge to support St Hildeburgh's Guild major festival flower fund. Peter has already sold or reserved several plants but the following are still for sale:

- *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Hidcote' – Outstanding variety of lavender with vivid purple-blue flowers, ideal for specimen planting or hedging. I have five young shrubs in 9cm pots. Price: £2.50 each; £14 for the six.
- *Crassula ovata* – Also known as the jade plant or money tree. Evergreen, succulent houseplant with oval, glossy leaves and clusters of white, star-shaped flowers in autumn. Fully-rooted cuttings, already branching, in 9cm (3.5in) pots. Price: £2.50 each.
- Blackcurrant – Well-rooted cuttings several inches tall and starting to produce sideshoots. Price: £2 to £4 each, depending on size.
- Tomatoes – Four top-class varieties, grown in Peter's greenhouse from seed, rarely available to buy as plants anywhere else! The plants are already 15cm (6in) or more tall. They are:  
**Sakura**, large cherry-type with superbly-balanced sweet-sharp flavour;  
**Country Taste**, fine beefsteak variety producing huge fruits of rich flavour; **Sungold**, a new golden-fruited cherry-plum form, very sweet;  
**Britain's Breakfast**, lemon-shaped, red, mini-plum variety, very sweet.  
All grow tall, need support and produce a heavy crop over a long period. They are best grown in a greenhouse or glazed porch but can also be cultivated successfully outdoors in the ground or containers in a sheltered, sunny position from mid-May. Can be ordered now for collection in May. Price: £3 to £4 per plant.

Plants can be ordered from Peter by email or phone and paid for when it is safe to do so. For more details, or to order, please contact him on 632-5507 or 07778-517759, or by email on [peter.surridge@talktalk.net](mailto:peter.surridge@talktalk.net)



***Nancy Fraser has sent this poem written  
by  
Iris Hesselden***

I had a dream of earth and sky,  
Of soft clouds high above.  
A dream of peace and happiness  
A dream of joy and love.

And in my dream the world was calm  
With hope for everyone,  
And all creation sighed and smiled.  
A new time had begun.

I had a dream that life was good  
And hurt was far away,  
And we went forward, hand in hand.  
Please share my dream today!

## **BEACON BITES WITH PETER HAM**

***JESUS SAYS "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:14-16***

### **#EASTER CHANGED MY LIFE**

There is currently a really good facebook trend "#Easter changed my life" where folk simply record how the events of the first Easter have changed their lives, for ever. Do look it up. Last week we thought about God building His kingdom through quiet discipleship. Today we are also reminded that we are Gods light in the world and we should let our lights shine before others. Hence the #trend.

Continuing the bird theme to help us remember to proclaim God to our community, here are three of our more prominent, highly visible and loud avian proclaimers! Very frequent visitors to our gardens or bird feeders at this time of year and as colourful and noisy as almost any birds to be found anywhere in the world: the splendid Bullfinch, the feisty Robin and the constantly gossiping Blue Tit!

Visually or verbally we always know they are around. They can't be missed! So it should be with Christians, particularly at this difficult time. We have the hope that is within us, the risen Saviour - a hope that the world around us needs too. Wherever we are, and however we are able, even within these limited and restricting times, let us ask God to give us opportunities to shine His light and encourage those around us with the good news of how "#Easter changed our lives".



The apostle Peter, ever the impetuous disciple, puts it like this " Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect," 1 Peter 3, 15.

In the meantime, as a reminder please do enjoy these three little feathered garden "proclaimers!"

**Joyce Reade writes: IN LOCKDOWN!**

11 April 2020, Easter Saturday, was my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. What a contrast to last year when my family invited 70 people to my 80<sup>th</sup>! I opened four cards at breakfast and received several phone calls from friends and family which was lovely but 'that's it' I thought. I did a few jobs around the house and made some sandwiches for my lunch. Then around 1.30pm the doorbell rang. My daughter, Lindsey and two granddaughters – Charlotte and Ellie were standing 10 feet away and a box and a bouquet were on my step. After my 'thank you's' I was told to please go into my lounge (which is at the



back of my house) and stay there until called. After five minutes Lindsey appeared at the closed French windows and asked me to come out. She then disappeared around the corner and I saw a garden chair and a small table on the patio. When I got to the corner I saw multi- coloured bunting all down the cream garage wall – about 8 yards long – and 3 silver and deep pink banners which said 'Happy Birthday Mum' along the fence on the far side of my garden. What a surprise! Also, the other 3 garden chairs were occupied by

Lindsey, Charlotte and Ellie and a box of cream cakes was on the garden table by them. "All you have to do is make the tea!" Ellie shouted across to me. So, I went back through the lounge, made the tea, took my own with me and went out again via the lounge. They collected theirs through the back door and when I got to my 'little table' a cream cake with '8+1' candles was waiting for me! What a lovely birthday afternoon I spent talking and laughing with my girls even though we were 18 feet apart!!! So, you see, you never know what is just around the corner waiting for you.

**A PERSONAL 'THANK-YOU'**

The coronavirus pandemic has proved – if proof were needed – what a warm and caring community we have at St Hildeburgh's. Jackie and I would like to express our personal gratitude to those who are showing such love and dedication. A contemporary Holy Communion service is available online regularly, our self-isolated folk are being kept in touch with phone calls and offers of shopping from the Buddy group and others; a dedicated team is distributing delicious soup and sandwiches twice a week; and a highly informative Weekly Beacon is distributed by email.

So, from us, sincere thanks to Rev'd Paul for all he is doing; to Nigel Hall for filming the services; to churchwarden Jane Langley for being a super soup-maker; to Buddy initiator Sue Wells; to the Buddies; to the soup-and-sandwich delivery team – the gift of daffodils for Easter was a delightful touch; to Jill Rawcliffe for editing and distributing this WB; and to all who have helped us and others with numerous unheralded examples of kindness.

Jackie and Peter Surridge.

**Spring Thoughts – from Margaret Wright**

**Primrose:**

The primrose gets its name from the Latin prima rose, that is the first rose of the year. It is a pale yellow colour and smaller in bloom size than commercial primulas that now can be found in a variety of colours.

Look carefully at the centre of the flower. It will be either pin eyed or thrum eyed. In the former, the stamens are at the base and in the latter, at the top, both covered in pollen. This ensures that, when insects visit the flowers, the pollen of one flower pollinates another flower.

Hope this all makes sense!! It used to fascinate me as a child to discover what kind I had found.

## **CORONAVIRUS SELF-ISOLATION BUDDY SYSTEM**

All with a persistent new cough or a fever are asked to self-isolate for 7 days. In the coming weeks everyone over 70 may be asked to self-isolate even if well. It is important that we all follow guidance to protect both ourselves and others.

Health service resources are limited (especially ventilators and staff) so it is important that spread of the virus is kept to levels the health service can fully manage and to limit the suffering it causes. Self-isolation may cause difficulty for some. Those living alone could feel lonely and even if you are not alone, perhaps all the household need to self-isolate so obtaining food, paracetamol etc is a problem.

We are setting up a buddy system to help with this. A buddy would be someone who you can phone either for practical help (going to the shops for you) or just for a chat. Deliveries would need to be left at your door as the buddy could not come in but would have your phone number to tell you the delivery is outside.

Please think now about how you would cope if self-isolating. You may have a nearby relative but they may be in isolation when you call them so I would recommend you have 2 people you could call for support.

Would you like a buddy from the church community whom you could call for support either practical or a chat? If so contact me – Sue Wells 6320539 /07742996985 [smw@fontium.demon.co.uk](mailto:smw@fontium.demon.co.uk) and I will pair you up with a volunteer buddy. Also if you are below 70 and willing to be a buddy to support others as above please get in touch with me. I am sure in the weeks/months ahead there will be those who need our help. We need to pull together in this difficult time.

Sue Wells

### ***Ruth Calcott writes***

I knew this as a poem years ago, and it is available as a song by Don Moët on YouTube.

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.

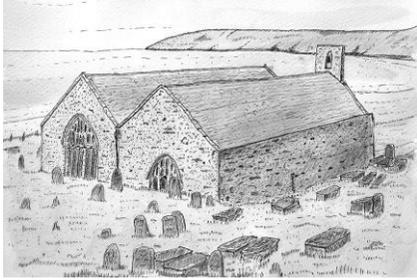
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,  
His pow'r has no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done;  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

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***Ruth's reflection on the road to Emmaus is on our website***

## **'A Thin Place' – words and drawing by Nigel Hall**



The road weaves, winds and climbs. Suddenly, we top a ridge, turn a corner, and the view spreads out: Aberdaron. And there below us is the welcoming sight of St Hywyn's double-apsed church, standing, as it has stood for a thousand years. This must have been a familiar sight for pilgrims too, as they prepared for the choppy sea crossing to Ynys Enlli – Bardsey - the Island of 20,000 saints, off the tip of North Wales's Llyn Pensinsula.

This church is a thin place. A thin place? Some believe there are such places – special places – where our world and the realm of the spirit are close. Very close. If there are such places, this is one. Walk in on a sultry, summer day into the stone cool. Feel the 1,500 years between St Hywyn and ourselves melt away. Here monks have prayed; here kings sheltered; poets have sung and saints lived.

In the graveyard – among the Bible black table tombs – are the simple stones remembering dark age Christians. Gruffudd ap Cynan, exiled King of Gwynedd sheltered here with the monks - some thousand years ago. R S Thomas, that great poet of latter days, ministered to the congregation and wrote his verse. St Hywyn himself built his church, while his brother saint, Cadfan, crossed the waters to Ynys Enlli.

Touch the stone; feel the cool; say a prayer ... reach through a thin place and touch the face of God.

## **Wirral Information Bank**

A Wirral Information bank was been launched to aid residents identify organisations current offers during Covid -19. You can access this by going to: <https://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/18340071.launch-wirral-infobank-help-residents-coronavirus-crisis/>

## **A Contemporary Easter Display**



***Liz Arduis writes:***

With apologies to all our wonderful Guild members who do marvellous flower arrangements all year at St. Hildeburgh's!

Can I just say too a huge thank you to Jill for compiling the Beacon each week especially the extra large edition last week.

Well done Jill 🙌🙌🙌

## **From Chester Diocese – Resources for worship at home**

We know how hard parents are working at the moment to juggle childcare, home schooling and working from home at an already anxious and unsettled time. We don't want parents to feel that worshipping at home is another 'chore' to add to this list! We hope that worship as a family can be a time to pause and reflect together in the midst of uncertainty and challenge.

Each week, we will provide resources to help families explore faith at home in creative and interactive ways.

**Church @ Home** is our resource for families with children aged **4-11 years** (and younger children could join in with these activities)

**Faith @ Play** is our resource for families with children **under 5** (and you might want to use this alongside our resources for older children)

**Space2Be** is our resource for young people aged 11-18 years

There are lots of other organisations working hard to produce resources to enable families to worship from home at this time. Here are some of the best resources we have found:

### **FOR PARENTS**

#### **Faith at Home / YCW**

Faith at Home is a monthly digital magazine for parents to encourage you in sharing and exploring faith at home. Sign up for a free account with Youth and Children's Work magazine and you can download all current and previous editions.

<https://www.youthandchildrens.work/Faith-at-Home>

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## **PRINTABLE RESOURCES**

### **Together At Home**

Join the 'Together at Home' Facebook group to receive weekly printable resources that encourage families to spend time together exploring the Bible at home while churches are closed.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/613930636117980/>

### **Pilgrimage at Home**

This resource from Bath & Wells Diocese allows you to go on journey both spiritually and physically within your own home with activities, Bible verse, reflections and prayers.

(PDF)

## **DIGITAL RESOURCES**

### **Engage at Home / daily family prayer & worship activities**

Engage Worship are producing a daily simple prayer and worship activity for families to do together using movement, interaction, craft, play and more.

<https://engageworship.org/engage-at-home-daily-family-prayer-and-worship-activities>

### **Bible Podlets**

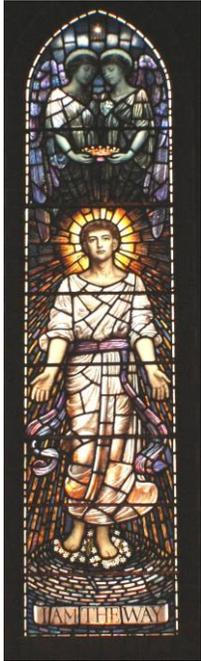
These simple podcasts from Blackburn Diocese Board of Education offer Bible study and discussion suitable for all ages. Each podcast is 15-20 mins long.

<https://www.bdeducation.org.uk/podcasts/bible-podlets/>



## 'GOD'S LOVE SHINING THROUGH THE HUMAN SOUL'

St Hildeburgh's windows: Second in a series. Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.



The window above the Lady Chapel altar represents Christ, above the quotation, 'I am the way' (John 14:6) and is dated Michaelmas 1920 – 100 years ago this autumn. This window and that on each side of it are more modern in style than most of those in the nave and sanctuary and are by the distinguished stained-glass artist J. Wilson Forster. Forster wrote at the time that the three windows were "to illustrate the different path finders. The central one was more especially to show the way. My thought was to make the figures...express 'Love' – a Love asking to be accepted as the ruling power of ones (sic) life – and this was what I wished to put into the central figure especially. The [Christ] figure need not have been of any particular age but in this case a youthful figure seemed rather to appeal to me, as expressing the energy, & life bursting into the window in a new era lafter World War II.

"The central figure I did not wish to represent in the form that history has given us – ie of jewish (sic) type – but rather did I try to think of the Christ as the Light – that lighteth everyone that comes into the world – and I wished it to apply very personally for us of to day (sic). The pictorial representation being only something whereby one could try to express the spirit of God's Love shining through the human soul – and thus opening to us a path of Light which...could lead us all to God. Of course there is no limit to the tenderness & beauty that could be put to such a representation – one must fail if one trys (sic) to express the Infinite – but still I hope the window expresses something of that Love – which passes all understanding – very limitedly I know. The figure is posed over the world...and where the Divine found its great manifestation is marked by the world's new life in the blossoming of Star of Bethlehem flowers [at the Christ figure's feet]. The Star is in the East and the angels are those who feel their harmony with the spirit of Love and crown Him as their King."

## Contact St Hildeburgh's

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