



The Messenger

Monthly Newsletter of St John the Baptist Church,
Greenhill, Harrow

May 2020

Dear Friends,

I am writing to everyone both on email and by letter just to update you where I can. I'm hoping that by the end of May we will have a better idea of where we stand.

For this issue of the Messenger I've compiled a set of readings and prayer points which take you through John's gospel and the book of Acts, a Psalm reading, with a specific key prayer point for the month of May. Maybe read one or all the readings each day and pray together as we fight this terrible virus. fellowship

I am sure you are finding different ways of managing, and I hope you are not feeling too isolated and disconnected. Our video conferencing calls have been a great success and it has been gratifying to meet, chat and worship together. If you have not joined us so far, why not give it a try, details are below. Also, if you do think someone is missing out on these, or the daily emails, please let me know.

Barry

Notices

There is no news at the moment as to when we can start meetings in church. The next Government announcement is due on **May 7th**.

Whilst we, as a fellowship, have been less directly affected, we have seen the illness impact some of our members' families. I ask you to continue to pray for the families of **Elaine Luk, Claire Cook and Simon Patrick** as they mourn lost parents.

We also mourn the loss of **Maurice Lawrence**, brother of **Doris Duesbury**, who died this week after battling with Covid 19. Ur thoughts are with Doris and William at this time,

The funeral of Mary Patrick is on 12th May at West Herts crematorium (close relatives only).

Jenni Wagstaffe has written to me with the news that her brother Stanley John Burrows) passed away on the 20th March. He leaves behind three sisters and a multitude of great nephews and nieces. She thanks us for our kindness to John, who often spoke of our church and its support for him in his later years.

A message from the Leprosy Mission : *To everyone at St John's – When I learned earlier this week that all of you sent a generous donation of £100 to support the work of The Leprosy Mission, it was such an encouragement. As I think of hospitals I have visited abroad, caring for people affected by leprosy, I worry because I know they will be some of the hardest hit by the coronavirus outbreak. But there is also a peace that comes from being part of the collective contribution to*

respond in faith, hope, and love. People affected by leprosy are severely at-risk, and what you have done may very well have saved someone's life. With acts of love like this, our hope increases that we can beat this disease and shine God's light further into the darkness.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your generous hearts and vision for Mission.

Jarrett Wilson-Gray, Regional Manager

Meetings on Zoom

We will continue to hold the following get-together calls on Zoom in May:

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 "Coffee and Complaine": a chance to meet and chat, finishing with Night Prayer from various traditions.

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am: midweek Eucharist (Common Worship).

Sunday mornings at 10:00 am: a broadcast on Zoom of a pre-recorded worship service, all welcome (non-real time YouTube version also)

By computer, smartphone or tablet :
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8499446696?pwd=U2czS3ZqeVExVnBLVitKcGR2bzZrUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 944 6696

Password: 698806

By telephone : Dial any of these local numbers : 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240.

If you use the telephone option to join, enter the meeting ID followed by #, then a participant ID

Pray this month for.....

which is just # again, and then the password followed by #.

Please pray for.....

Date	Daily Readings	Daily Prayers
1st	Ps.119:1-8 Isa 30:15-21 Jn 14:1-14	All hospital staff give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick
2 nd	Ps.116:10-15 Acts 9:31-42 Jn.6:60-69	Medical researchers. Give Your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
3 rd	Ps. 23 Acts 2:42-47 Jn 10:1-10	Those who are ill. Comfort and heal them and restore them to health and strength.
4 th	Ps.87 Acts 11:1-18 Jn 12:20-26	Postal Workers who risk infection by delivering much needed letters and parcels.
5 th	Ps.87 Acts 13:13-25 Jn.10:22-30	Staff caring for the sick in Care Homes. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health.
6 th	Ps.67 Acts 12:24-13:5 Jn.12:44-50	Front-line staff at supermarkets who have kept the shelves stacked with essential goods.
7 th	Ps.89:20-26 Acts 13:13-25 Jn.13:16-20	For the Government's lockdown review due today.
8 th	Ps.2 Acts 13:26-33 Jn:14: 1-6	Businesses in lockdown. Place in your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems.
9 th	Ps.98:1-5 Acts 13:44-52 Jn. 14:7-14	The Government and Civil Servants. May they make just and wise decisions in the forthcoming weeks.
10 th	Ps.31:1-5 Acts 7:55-end	Children of key workers who miss their friends and

	Jn. 14:1-14	extra curriculum activities. Reassure them that good times will come again.
11 th	Ps.118 Acts 14:5-18 Jn.14:21-26	Children and young adults studying at home. They must be feeling miserable and lonely. May they know they are loved and missed by their teachers.
12 th	Ps.145:10-end Acts 14:19-end Jn 14:27-31	Christian Communities. Remind them, at this time, that they are not people of fear, but people of courage
13 th	Ps.122:1-5 Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	Those who live in isolation. Be with them today and everyday as they battle loneliness.
14 th	Ps. 15 Acts 15:22-31 Jn. 15:9-17	The armed forces for their logistical work in delivering much needed supplies.
15 th	Ps. 57:8-end Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17	British Companies who have been resourceful and innovative in supporting the NHS.
16 th	Ps. 100 Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21	Companies who are providing extra help for customers who may be struggling at this time.
17 th	Ps.66:7-end Acts 17:22-31 Jn 14:15-21	Bless our local community and neighbours who have given friendship and support.
18 th	Ps.149:1-5 Acts 16:11-15 Jn. 16:5-11	Those anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace.
19 th	Ps. 138 Acts 16:22-34 Jn.16:5-11	Hospital chaplains everywhere, especially our own Father David in NPH.
20 th	Ps.148:1-2,11-end	Those who suffer from other ailments, particularly

	Acts 7 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	those fearful of being treated.
21 st	Ps.47 Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53	Hospices, especially St Luke's as they suffer great strain and lost income.
22 nd	Ps. 47:1-6 Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	Everyone working from home. May they know that by staying at home they have supported the NHS and saved lives
23 rd	Ps.47 Acts 18:22-28 Jn.16:23-28	Those unable to meet their partners or children due to lockdown
24 th	Ps.68:1-10 Acts 1:6-14 Jn 17:1-11	The clergy as they seek to keep their communities together
25 th	Ps 93 Acts 19:1-8 Jn.16:29-40	All the churches in Central Harrow that we know.
26 th	Ps.68:9-19 Acts 20:17-27 Jn.17:1-11	Bishops and Archdeacons in unprecedented times.
27 th	Ps.68:27-35 Acts 20:28-37 Jn.17:11-19	Other faiths in our community.
28 th	Ps.16 Acts 23:6-11 Jn.17:20-26	The Chinese Church who usually meet at St John's.
29 th	Ps.103 Acts 25:13-21 Jn 21:15-19	Harrow Mencap who continue to serve the learning disabled.
30 th	Ps.11 Acts 28:16-40 Jn.21:20-25	The clients of our Welcome Centre.
31 st	Ps104:26-35 Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23	For St John's itself, that we continue to serve and thrive.