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Weekly Newssheet

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Dear Church family,

I hope that like me, you have had the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful weather this week. It's great to witness the changes of springtime and appreciate the growth in our gardens. We are reminded of what a wonderful gift of creation God has given us. Last week, on the 22nd April it was Earth Day. This is a global annual event demonstrating support for environmental protection. As Christians we believe that we have a God given responsibility to care for creation. In fact one of the 5 marks of mission of the Anglican Church is to sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Caring for the planet is still important, even within a pandemic! And we can all do our bit – everything from tending our garden, encouraging birds and wildlife, perhaps setting aside a wildlife patch in your garden. Eating less meat and more vegetables is good for the planet and for us! Buying fairtrade products means a better deal for the

farmer. Considering carefully how we can re-use and recycle and not simply throw away. Perhaps you have other ideas that you can share with us? There are many ways in which we can care for the wonderful creation that God has given us and so continue to enjoy its marvels!

With my prayers for you all,
Lynn

Sunday Services

We are delighted to now be open for in-building services. Numbers are still very limited and so you will need you to book your seat . Don't forget you still need to wear a face mask, keep social distancing and the advice remains to stay home as much as possible if you fall within a vulnerable category.

This week our services are:

St Mary's Church, Pilsley at 9.30am

St John's Church Tupton at 11am
(Please book with Rev'd Lynn)

St Bartholomew's Church, Clay Cross at 10am
(Please book with Rev'd Amanda)

Readings for week beginning 26th April

Mon: Psalm 148; Isaiah 62: 6-10; Acts 12.25-13.13

Tues: Psalm 139; Deut. 9.23-10.5; Ephesians 4: 17-end

Wed: Psalm 135; Deut. 10.12-end; Ephesians 5: 1-14

Thurs: Psalm. 118; Deut. 11: 8-end; Ephesians 5.15-end

Fri: Psalm 33; Deut. 12.1-14; Ephesians 6: 1-9



From Ascension Day to Pentecost (Thursday 13th to Sunday 23rd May) the churches of North Wingfield are taking part in the annual prayer event called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. We are committing to pray, as a community, for 10 days 24 hours a day. This year we are specifically praying for those who

used to come to church and for 5 friends/family to come to know Jesus. Why not book with friends, prayer groups or home groups. Once you have booked in, the 24/7 website will send you a confirmation email with the time. Due to the pandemic we will be praying at home - look out for ideas for prayer each week from your churches. If you would like to be involved please ask a friend to sign you up on-line.

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/9c4b24>

Various paper resources will be available in due course. Please join us in prayer!

Prayers

Lord, our shepherd,
you lead us with tender, loving care.

We pray for those who wander, trying to discern their way in difficult times:

for the unemployed, those seeking work and new directions,
those disturbed by unexpected redundancy after years of prosperity.

We pray for those who are passing through dark valleys:

the sick, the dying, the depressed and anxious, the hungry, those who have lost their land.

We pray for those who are anointed with the task of leadership:

for the leaders of nations, the leaders of local communities, the leaders of religious communities.

We pray for those who must negotiate to bring an end to enmity and violence.

We pray for ourselves, that we may set a table of hospitality before all who need our help, that our overflowing cup will be shared with others.

We pray for the dying, that they will come to dwell in your house and know your comfort in their final days.

All this we ask in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus, our master and our friend.

Amen.

A Prayer for Creation

May our loving God,
who created the world and all that is in it,
Inspire us to delight in our beautiful home,
And to live in wonder, peace and joy.

May our living God keep our hearts turned to loving our neighbour and to respecting the creation we share.

May our merciful God help us to live this week in goodness and hope,

And fill us with God's peace.

Amen

