



November 22nd 2020  
**Greetings in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
In this time of uncertainty,  
we declare: Jesus is Lord!**

### **Persistence in Prayer**

Last Sunday Geoff reminded us that prayer changes things – and the Archbishops have asked us to pray these prayers each day, at 6pm if possible.

**Sunday:** We lift to God those we hold in our hearts, praying for their health, their well-being and their sense of hope. We pray that even when loved ones cannot physically be together they would not feel apart. We ask for God's help in our communicating, our connecting and our caring.

**Monday:** We pray for all those involved in the shaping of young lives. We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and all those involved in serving children and young people in education. We pray that all might be nurtured and cared for and that every needful resource would be made available – that all lives can flourish even in these difficult times and that no-one would be overlooked.

**Tuesday:** We echo God's commitment to those most at risk of this virus by praying today for those who are particularly vulnerable and isolated: praying for their deliverance, protection and comfort. We hold before God those who care for them – that they would be strengthened and encouraged in this work.

**Wednesday:** In this time of great challenge, we pray for the economic wellbeing of the country. We remember before God those who face great uncertainty in their work. We lift before God those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.

**Thursday:** Our God is the great healer and the agent used more than any other is the NHS. Today we voice our gratitude for those who serve this country in the NHS and pray that God would prosper the work of their hands – that they would all be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.

**Friday:** We pray for those who are in positions of authority with responsibility for decision making at national and local level at this difficult time. We ask that God would give great wisdom, deep commitment to all and right judgment.

**Saturday:** We bring to God all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or with grief. We ask that in God's great loving kindness they might know God's sustaining presence amidst their pain. We pray for those who are stretched beyond their own capacity to cope and remain hopeful – that in the roar of these waterfalls God would bring a sense of coherence, comfort and strength

With my prayers and love, *Anita*

## **City Wide Prayer, Online Event - Sunday 22nd November 2020**

Derby City Mission are inviting over 300 prayer warriors to pray for our city and for the work of Derby City Mission. We would love you to be with us for this online event. Praise God that prayer extends beyond the boundaries of buildings and so we are blessed to be broadcasting our event onto Facebook and YouTube from 18:30.

Everyone is welcome, God always meets with us at these prayer events and loves your children to be there too! Why not share the news and invite people to join us online for this event.

For links to join us at 18:30 on the 22nd November, please visit our website here > <https://www.derbycitymission.org.uk/Event/citywide-prayer-nov20>

## **Christmas Lunch on Jesus 2020, Derby and Calcutta**

Referrals are coming in thick and fast for this year's CLOJ project! Please consider sponsoring a Christmas meal for a family in Calcutta and Derby for £30 or give whatever you can afford. You can make cheques payable to St Peter's Derby (please write 'Christmas Lunch on Jesus' on the back) and send to: Christmas Lunch on Jesus, c/o St Peter's In the City, St Peter's Street, Derby, DE1 1SN or visit: [www.stpetersderby.org.uk](http://www.stpetersderby.org.uk) to donate online (and please encourage others to!)

We need help to hand deliver the cards around Derby over the weekend of 12 and 13 December. Cards will be need to be collected on Sat 12 December between 9am and 12noon from St Peters in the City Church. Please do let us know if you would like to volunteer by emailing: [clojproject@gmail.com](mailto:clojproject@gmail.com)

## **Silent Talk**

This week the church celebrates the life and faith of St. Hugh. The Archdeacon of Derby writes:

*Hugh was a reforming Bishop of Lincoln in the twelfth century and became a major figure in church and state. If you don't know Hugh's story, complete with pet swan, try Google.*

*The counterpoint to Hugh's vigorous activity as a bishop was his life as a Carthusian monk. Their rule is based on solitude and silence. A modern Carthusian has written about the life of the church in today's world, 'We talk and teach about Christ, and that is excellent, but those who let Christ shine through their persons and their lives do better, and their silent talk is heard by the deaf ears of our contemporaries.'*

*'Their silent talk is heard by the deaf ears of our contemporaries.' The unfussy getting on with things, our response to the call of God in our own way, is the bedrock of our mission. Whatever the future might hold, our 'silent talk' is the core of our Christian witness, it is the way we actually communicate most effectively with those whom we are called to serve. At a time of lockdown, when much activity is limited and when prayer is paramount, that is well worth remembering.*

## **Carol Service**

It's hard to believe – but it's only 5 weeks to Christmas! In these strange times, we are unable to hold our Carol Service in the usual way, but it's more important than ever this year to celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth. We plan to hold our Carol Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If we are allowed to re-open for simple church services again we will hold a half service of readings and carols in church at 10.15am, followed by a full Carol Service at 11am on zoom. Please do invite friends, families and neighbours to join us as we give thanks for Jesus, the light of the world.

## **Prayer ...**

In this very testing time for us all, do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray for you.

## **Sunday Worship**

During this period of lockdown we are unable to hold services in church, so the 10.15 Communion Service is cancelled until further notice. We continue to meet virtually over zoom at 11am – please join us! Access details are below:

### **On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet:**

The easiest way is to click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VlOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
3. Select 'Join'
4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected

### **By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:**

1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0203 481 5240 ; 0131 460 1196 ; 0203 051 2874 ; 0203 481 5237
2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password, press: **73837#**
5. You will be connected and able to hear everything that is happening

If you have any problems with accessing the service on Sunday, please call Anita.

**Space to take notes from today's readings, prayers and sermon.**

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**IN THE WEEK**

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