

## Sunday 24th May

10.30am Sunday Online Service

(Links under Notices and in email)

11.15am Coffee together through “Zoom”

(Links found in email)

### Readings:

1 Peter 1: 3-9

### Praise to God for a living hope

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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### **The Collect:**

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.**

### **The Post Communion Prayer:**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Newsheet for Sunday 24th May

**A prayer for The Children's Society, whom so many at St John's support, for their work and for the work of other organisations helping children and young people at this time of worry and uncertainty for so many.**

God, you are mighty, through your might you show your compassion and you know our fears and troubles. Today we pray for all who struggle, whose lives have become small and dulled by anxiety and who feel they are without hope and beyond help .

Strengthen the work of The Children's Society and all those, aiding and helping children and young people as they seek out and serve those whose health and especially mental health is suffering, all who don't see an end to the journey and those who can't see any light in their darkness.

Help those who share your compassion and take your hope into hopeless situations, that all may see your strength and cast all their burdens on to you, for God you are mighty.

**Amen**

## NOTICES

### Dear Friends

*I hope that in these difficult times, you are managing to find glimmers of hope and happiness. Whether it is a kind word from a friend, the sound of birdsong, getting Zoom to work, or simply the achievement of getting out of bed, I hope there are things that lift your spirits. But, so often these can be fleeting; inevitably our emotions go up and down. Watching a TV comedy can make us happy before the News then brings us back to earth with a bump. However, the good news is that lasting joy is possible. Whilst happiness may come and go, and temporary highs can give way to miserable lows, the joy that God provides is unending and unchanging. As we open ourselves to the Spirit of God, so the fruit of joy can grow within us. In a world where no one wants to be a super-spreader of this terrible virus, may we be super-spreaders of the joy of the Lord.*

*Enjoy the sunshine if you can.*

*Richard*

*(Revd Richard Bodle - Vicar of Churt and Hindhead)*

### Links:

Sunday service: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZkgadiz6ASqZZS-GzYcEmg>

St Alban's website: <http://stalbanshindhead.org.uk>

Resources for daily prayer:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray> and

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

### Reminder

We regret that St John's in common with all places of worship is currently not open due to the Coronavirus, and has had to suspend all gatherings in the Church, Church Room and the Stables.

### The Church Bells

Occasionally and at the discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens, St John's bells may be rung, as on Thursday for Ascension Day, and occasionally at that time in support of the essential services who are doing so much for us all.

**Vacancy update** Due to the unusual times that we are currently experiencing, all appointments have been suspended. Therefore, the process of seeking a new Resident Minister will take a little longer than expected. But please be reassured that the PCC is working on the Parish Profile and this will be made available to potential enquirers as soon as possible.

**St John's Prayer Focus**  
**Suggestions for our weekly prayers**  
**Please pray for:**

**Monday** Local businesses

**Tuesday** Young carers

**Wednesday** The Whitechapel Mission

**Thursday** The Queen and the Royal family

**Friday** Chaplains to prisons and industry

**Saturday** Holiday club planned for 23rd & 24th July

**Sunday** Let us remember that God delights and rejoices in us.

**Parishioners Prayer Requests:**

**Please pray for** Marriages that are struggling or under pressure as a result of isolation and lock down.

**Pray for those unwell & their families.** Please pray for Jean Benson after a fall.

**Please Pray for those recently bereaved:**  
For Joan Lemon on the death of her sister Margaret.  
And Mary Davis & family after the death of John.

### St Albans Virtual Quiz – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

As you may know, St Albans are going to be holding a virtual Quiz Night on Friday via Zoom. It should be good fun. It will be quite a simple format of 6 rounds of 6 questions all of which are multiple choice. The Zoom link will open at 7.00pm but we will give everyone a chance to get on, settle down etc. before the questions start. There will also be a short break in the middle. You can join the quiz on your own or as a team, if you want to join as a team but aren't in the same household, it may be possible to do a video conference between yourselves. There is no charge, but if you would like to make a donation to Christian Aid, that would be great. If you haven't joined us on Zoom before, it would be great to see you. This is all new to us too, so all we can do is give it a go. (See link in email).

### Services available on radio or television:-

#### **BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship - 8.10am 24th May - 'Living well while waiting'**

The Bishop of Sheffield Pete Wilcox (Sophie Jelley is his Suffragan Bishop of Doncaster) and Catherine Fox reflect on living well during this time of waiting. For people yearning for things to be 'normal' again it seems that there may be a long time to wait. Many plans for the Summer, including weddings and ordinations have been cancelled, so what can we do to stay positive in this period of continued hoping and uncertainty? The Miraculous Catch of Fish (John 21:1-14), the reading on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, leads them to suggest that old plans and hopes can be transformed by Jesus. After Jesus' resurrection the disciples had gone back to what they knew, fishing in the Sea of Galilee, but they didn't catch anything until the risen Lord appeared and they caught more fish than they could cope with.

**BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong - 3.00pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May** from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford  
**BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong – 3.30pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May** from St David's Cathedral, Pembrokeshire.