

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Weekly Prayer Sheet

Notes from Parish pump.

What strange times we are all experiencing at present, I feel only the generation before ours will remember the country in full lockdown. It shows the best of human behaviour in those willing to help others and the worst human behaviour with those stealing the food and the freezers (as in Daily Express) from a school canteen area.

There will be difficult times ahead but we will get through if we help each other as much as possible.

I am finding it difficult trying to run a business and stay inside at home as recommended, though I can isolate myself outside for a few hours like I did today (Tuesday), I was pruning the last of the Blackcurrants while it was sunny. It was a pleasure to be outside witnessing nature waking up, Bumble Bees and Honey Bees active, blossoms coming on the plums, TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE ROSES, as the saying goes.

We have the good news of the arrival of Peter and Suzanne's first grandson, Archie and mother Emma both well. All our church send good wishes to them. I mentioned in my last address at St Marks how I followed the TV programs of Pilgrimages. This time some celebrities are walking to Istanbul with others of differing or no faith. Aidrian Chiles comment caught my eye with 'religion is like a fire, you can burn in it or keep yourself warm. Same with water, you can drown in it or use it to sustain life'. My theology is not fantastic but faith holds me up and together when times are tough.

Celtic Blessing I sent out to a few people last week but I wish to share with you all again.

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall soft upon your field
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand

The prayer I shared last week.

We bring before you O Lord, our fears of the Coronavirus; it feels our life structure has changed, we are in turmoil not having answers to problems over our family, over business, over our future as a nation. Being in isolation from one another, unable to meet socially, to shake hands, to hug, to share a drink and fellowship together.

We pray for those apprehensive over isolation from family, for those suffering in hospital from the virus and for the doctors, carers and nurses caring for those in need. This we ask in your name. Amen.

Till next week, stay safe.

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*"O God, be good to me.
My boat is so small
and the sea is so big."*

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**I have come to seek you, O God,
Just as I am, I come.**

I have come to be sought by you. Just as I am, I come.

I will wait for the Lord.

My soul waits, and in His word

I do hope.

Confession

There is one God and one mediator between heaven and earth,

The man Christ Jesus,

Who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

Whoever is on the Lord's side, let them join with me, that we may come to the visions of God.

Create a clean heart within me, O God, so that it may become your chosen shelter, and the resting place of the Holy Spirit.

Holy God,

Holy and Strong,

Holy and Immortal,

Have mercy on me.

Silence

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✠ I make the cross of Christ upon my breast,
And I ask the living God of the universe that the light of lights banish my darkness, so that I may live in the resurrection power of your love.

The journey from death to life is ours through Jesus Christ, by the strength, power and mercy of divine love. Wherever my path has taken me in the past, today is a new day in the eyes of the Lord. Let me live in it a child of light.

Declaration of Faith

Lord, I will trust you. Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.

Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with you.

Christ of the mysteries, can I trust you to be stronger than each storm in me?

I determine amidst all uncertainty always to trust.

I choose to live beyond regret, And let you recreate my life.

I believe you will make a way for me and provide for me, if only I trust you.

I will trust in the darkness and know that my times are still in your hand. I will believe you for my future, chapter by chapter,

Until all the story is written.

Peace

May the peace of the Father hold me, the peace of Christ encircle me, and the disturbance of the Spirit reveal to me peace in the stranger.

Lord, you are my island, in your bosom I rest.

You are the calm of the sea, in that peace I stay.

You are the deep waves of the shining ocean, with their eternal sound I sing.

You are the song of the birds, in that tune is my joy.

You are the smooth white sand of the shore, in you is no gloom.

You are the breaking of the waves upon the rock, your praise is echoed in the swell.

You are the Lord of my life: in you I dwell.

When I no longer know how to be, may the Father take me on a deeper journey.

When I no longer know what to do, may the Spirit reveal to me my fitting task.

When all feels lost or foreign, may I know my home in Christ.

On the path that is before me,

May I have companions for the journey, may I find Christ in the stranger, and may I know the love and blessing of God.

+ In the name of the Father,

And of the Son,

And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Hope to see you soon.