

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Easter 2 Low Sunday 19th April 2020

Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

Notes from Parish Pump

I have been having a walk around the orchard again this afternoon and the blossom on some trees looks stunning so I have prepared another reflection from there for you again. Enjoy.

I hope you have all stayed at home this Easter as advised by Boris and stayed safe, something totally different to normal Easter Celebrations. I do hope you are receiving the weekly notes on the service sheet, made contact with the video on the church website and are joining in with our Sunday service to worship with us at your home.

I feel we can all relate with the disciples experience after the resurrection when they met up later, some had met Jesus and could tell the story but some still did not believe, they doubted it was true. Jesus came to appear before Thomas who had to put his hand into the wound in his side before he truly believed. Have faith and believe.

Like many of you I have been watching more television than normal. A program we viewed Mary Berry's Easter special. I don't normally watch Baking TV but I felt this was rather special. Sharing with other faiths their Easter traditions. Russian Orthodox Church with Devils Eggs (brightly painted after cooking). Polish Babka cake, Looked delicious. Italian Colomba Dove Cake, baked in shape of a dove and shared at teatime, toasting with Champagne. All were made as they told stories of their families, mothers and grandparents. **Food, faith and love shared together.** what more could you want after denying ourselves something in Lent

Mary even assisted Archbishop John Sentamu roast a leg of lamb in his kitchen and visited Archbishop Justin Welby at Lambeth Palace with her Simnel cake. How I would have loved to share a meal with them. It looked delicious.

Great news, Bob Spark who had been in hospital for two weeks is now home after his spell in intensive care having contacted Coronavirus. We wish him full recovery.

Great news too, with Peter and Suzanne's grandson, Archie is home with mum and dad, Emma and Mike, our love and congratulations to all the family.

We have much to look forward to, so keep the faith together, and stay safe.

Blessings from the Bothy, Alan, Warden and Carolyn

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in the Paschal mystery established the new
covenant of reconciliation:
grant that all who have been reborn into the
fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their
lives what they profess by their faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Readings

1 Peter 1, 3-9

John 20, 19-31

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for a short service

A Night Prayer

For some, during these unusual and difficult times, sleep may come, strangely enough, more easily. But for many sleep is elusive, as they worry about family, work, the future. We may come to the close of our particular day with all kinds of things buzzing in our minds: the late evening news, concerns for loved ones, a pervasive anxiety, a sense of frustration at what we can't do, even anger over some people's thoughtlessness. And then thoughts of tomorrow ... but we need sleep, to heal us, and renew us. I came across the following prayer many years ago, and I have always found it helpful at the end of the day. I offer it, that you too may perhaps find that it helps ...

"Give me this night, O Father, the peace of mind which is truly rest.

Take from me all envy of anyone else

All resentment for anything which has been withheld from me

All bitterness against anyone who has hurt or wronged me

All anger against the apparent injustices of life

All foolish worry about the future and all futile regret about the past.

Help me to be at peace with myself

At peace with my fellow human beings

At peace with you

So indeed I may lay myself down to rest in peace, through Jesus Christ my Lord."

Keith Hine

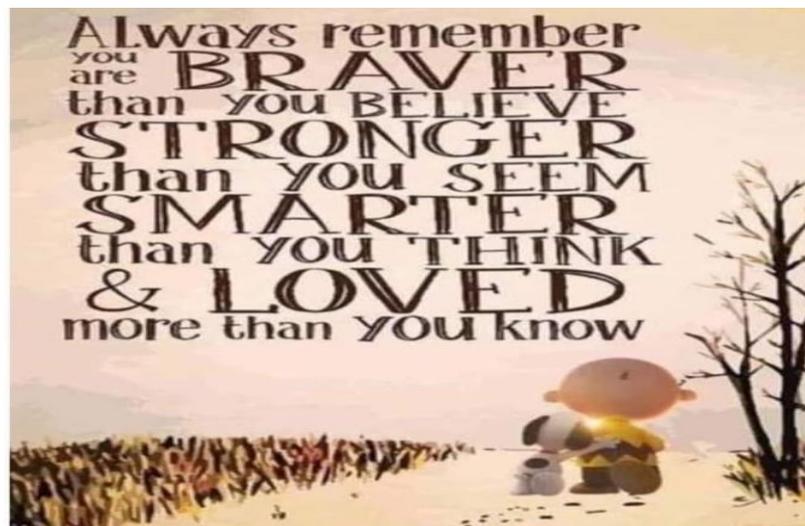
Commemoration

Ælfheah of Canterbury

(c. 953 – 19 April 1012)



was an [Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester](#), later [Archbishop of Canterbury](#). He became an [anchorite](#) before being elected abbot of [Bath Abbey](#). His reputation for piety and sanctity led to his promotion to the [episcopate](#) and, eventually, to his becoming archbishop. Ælfheah furthered the cult of [Dunstan](#) and also encouraged learning. He was captured by [Viking](#) raiders in 1011 during the [Siege of Canterbury](#) and killed by them the following year after refusing to allow himself to be ransomed. Ælfheah was [canonised](#) as a [saint](#) in 1078. [Thomas Becket](#), a later Archbishop of Canterbury, prayed to him just before his own murder in [Canterbury Cathedral](#).



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Hope to see you soon.