

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND  
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity 2 Sunday 21st June 2020

## Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

### ***Hello Everyone,***

I hope this finds you all safe and well. Today marks the summer solstice, the start of summer in the Northern hemisphere, although the weather may not know that!

This week shops are opening and some churches too for private prayer only. However, technically, we're still in lockdown. Many places remain closed, restaurants, pubs, bars and hotels. At the height of summer these places would be welcoming guests, holiday makers and of course, wedding parties.

At St Margaret's, Clair and Phil have had to postpone their wedding until next year. They should have been married yesterday, June 20th 2020. Please remember Clair and Phil in your prayers this week, their plans on hold, their family and friends and help them stay strong in faith as they look forward to their wedding next year.

This weeks 'Keeping in Touch' contribution comes from Mark Elves. Mark started coming with me to St Margaret's when we got engaged 12 years ago. He has been a great support to me in my role as churchwarden over this time but especially during this period of interregnum and lockdown. I hope you enjoy his contribution.

For the present we will continue with services on line. However, I have risk assessments, policies on cleaning and social distancing ready to go for when we can finally re-open.

Watch this space!

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

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### **The Collect**

Lord You have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Readings**

Matthew 10, 24-29

Please log onto the church  
website

[www.dunhamchurch.com](http://www.dunhamchurch.com)

for our short weekly service.

## “Keeping in Touch”

We all have different interests and pursuits to keep our minds and bodies active during this time of restriction of our activities and the freedom to carry on our normal lives; some of us read or play music. Some will be busy making things. Many will reflect on how life has changed and look forward to seeing our friends and families again.

As many of you know, one of my interests is to cycle. Over the years I have cycled in Spain, Poland, Slovakia, Sardinia, France, Italy, and of course at home in England. All of those places have shown me amazing natural beauty and fascinating insights into different cultures. A common theme in those quite different places is that the kindness of most people is evident wherever you go. It shows us that the godness of human nature is expressed to those we know and also to strangers, whether it's through a cheery wave or a simple shout of hello as you pass.

In times when so many of us feel separated from our families and friends, it is good to remember that the kindness and goodness of human nature haven't gone away. They remain with us, whether we can see the people we know and love, or whether we are waiting for the day when we are able to see them once more. For many, they are expressed through religious belief; for others through a belief that we should behave towards people in a way that reflects our humanity and a wish to share it with those around us. However it is expressed, we can all look forward to the day when we are reunited with those we are missing and share that kindness and goodness among us all.

*Mark Elves*

### Prayer for this week

Heavenly Father, at the start of this new day,  
We ask you to still our hearts and minds.  
Whatever challenges and trials lie ahead,  
may we stay close to you,  
the still point of our lives and there discover  
peace and replenishment.

**Amen**

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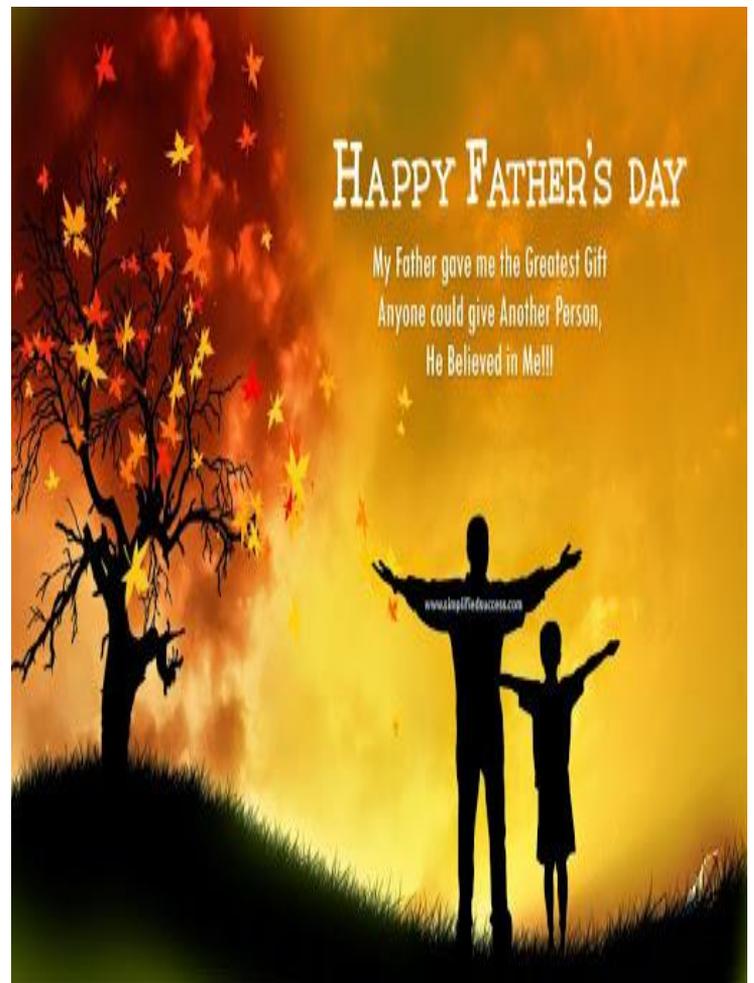
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**Hope to see you soon.**