

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity 6 Sunday 19th July 2020

Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

Notes from the parish pump

Good morning all and we hope you are all safe and well.

Let us hope that the restrictions of Leicester don't begin to affect our area when we have just begun to gain a little freedom of going to the hairdressers or out for a drink with friends and we are waiting for guidance on the opening of church for full services. We have made the decision to open for private prayer only from the 2nd August from 9.30am to 11.00am. We shall have stewards guiding you to follow the route into a pew bearing in mind the 2mtr rule and there sanitisers there to use. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SIGNS AND STEWARDS.

Please also if you would, in your prayers, mention Catherine Bushell, who is again having treatment at The Christie, and Mark Hutchinson (son of Ron and Gina) who has developed blood clots in his lungs. We extend to both families our love and concern for return to good health.

I have been reading a report (in Arthur Rank Centre letter) of someone who had been in lockdown for 15 weeks and realised he hadn't seen the fields and animals since March. He found that nature's clock keeps ticking while all this Pandemic has been going on and he had missed seeing a lot of sowing, hay time and now the corn nearly ready for harvest. How many of us have missed similar things before realising what they mean to us.

I hope you are able to follow my plea for the Rural Mission Sunday and talk to someone about you. You could also go to the Arthur Rank Centre website and read the online version of The Countryway Magazine, it really is a good read.

On Wednesday the new Bishop of Chester was confirmed in his Role with an on line service, we wish Bishop Mark Tanner welcome to Chester Diocese and wish him well in his ministry when fully confirmed in September. Thank you all for your support over the last few difficult months, I look forward to being able to greet you at St Marks, probably behind a mask, but I am sure we will recognise each other.

***Blessings to you all From The Bothy,
Alan & Carolyn***

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www.dunhamchurch.com

for our short weekly service.

Click on the News and events box in blue, scroll down to click in St Mark's service of the week.

Readings

Matthew 13, v 24-30 and 36-43

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



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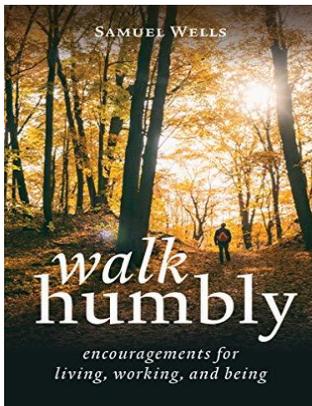
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Book Review



Max Ehrmann's prose poem "Desiderata," with its direct instructions—"go placidly," "enjoy your achievements," and others—has inspired millions of readers. In the spirit of Ehrmann's "Desiderata," world-renowned ethicist, theologian, and preacher Samuel Wells offers eight encouragements to readers in *Walk Humbly*, his own more extended prose poem. Each simple, direct exhortation—*be humble, be grateful, be your own size, be gentle, be a person of praise, be faithful, be one body, be a blessing*—is accompanied by thought-provoking, insightful comments. Drawing on startlingly perceptive observations of contemporary life and reflecting a deep knowledge of philosophical and religious wisdom, Wells's *Walk Humbly* will inspire readers to stop, reflect, and think deeply about essential existence.

Commemoration

St Alban first martyr of Britain circa 250 ad. Alban was a Romano British inhabitant of Verulamium (St Albans). He sheltered a fugitive priest and was struck by the life and commitment of the priest. He became a Christian. In an attempt to enable the priest to escape Alban wore his cloak but both were arrested. Alban was martyred around 250 ad. The church built on Holmhurst Hill the site of Alban's death is the Abbey of St Alban Cathedral of Diocese that bears his name today.



Hope to see you soon.