

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Bulletin for Sunday 10 January

Welcome to Lockdown mark 3, this time we're allowed to keep churches open for private prayer and for public worship if we choose to. As you know currently we're worshipping entirely online or through sharing in the resources we send out. Benefice Council meets next week and will discuss the next steps which we will then share with PCCs and members of congregations. At very least we're online this week and next (17th January)

Please note however that it is only our buildings that are closed, the churches are not. I know that many of us (those who are not shielding) are making ourselves available to help others and to support friends, neighbours and family. Thank you for doing that and for continuing to pray for the life of our churches and parishes.

This week's service utilises the Methodist Covenant service, which includes the covenant prayer. I encourage you to print it out or to read it not just to listen to me and ask yourself which parts of the prayer you find easier to say and which are more difficult. When I was training for ordination I found it very hard to say 'put me to suffering' I'd just recovered from a long health condition and was terrified about saying 'put me to suffering' when I was really beginning to feel well for the first time in a year! Through that experience I learnt that honesty with God and myself was a good starting point, and grew in trust about how God would use me, and my prayers.

We pray this in the context of hearing that Jesus was beloved and that God was pleased with him. I believe that he says the same of us too and invites us to commit ourselves to him because he loves us and wants the best for us, and that seems to be a good way to approach this lockdown.

With prayers for all of us at this time

Morning Prayer readings etc

Sunday 10 January Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, mark 1:4-11

Monday 11 January Psalm 2, Amos 1, 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Tuesday 12 January Psalm 9, Amos 2, 1 Corinthians 1:18-end

Wednesday 13 January Psalm 20, Amos 3, 1 Corinthians 2

Thursday 14 January Psalm 21, Amos 4, 1 Corinthians 3

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom (followed by Benefice Council)

Friday 15 January Psalm 67 Amos 5:1-17, 1 Corinthians 4

Saturday 16 January Psalm 33, Amos 5:18-end, 1 Corinthians 5

Sunday 17 January Morning Worship on YouTube