

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 25 April Easter 4

In my first year here, with Craig Manley I led an evening with Sea Scouts who were working towards their Faith Badge. We gave them a series of bible passages and asked which one they could best identify with, and each group was drawn towards one on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. As Craig and I talked about this we wondered if this was a demonstration of the implications of living in a rural context, living with sheep and aware of the work of the shepherd is more common in rural areas than in a town!

In Israel there was a long-standing tradition that speaks of God as Shepherd, the most famous example obviously being the 23rd Psalm. There the Shepherd is the one who provides everything that his people need:

- They have no wants, including a house all their days (v1 and v7)
- Food and Drink (v2 and v6)
- Rescue, security and comfort (v3 and v5)
- Removes fear in the face of death/evil (v4)

When Jesus said to those around him: ‘I am the Good Shepherd’ not only was he taking the name of God ‘I am’ but he was also taking on the attributes of God, the Good Shepherd and calling yourself God was a perceived) blasphemy.

So as we come this weekend to consider the Good Shepherd, who has risen from the dead and who accompanies us through every aspect of our lives may we learn to trust him more in the face of adversity, to appreciate his presence at all times and in all circumstances. This Psalm has proven a comfort to many over the years, may we too feed on it this week.

Bible Readings for the week

Sunday Psalm 23, Acts 4:5-12, John 10:11-18

10:30am Morning Worship Barton St David

4pm Faith 'n Fun St George Keinton Mandeville Churchyard

Monday **St Mark** Psalm 37:23-41, Isaiah 62:6-10, Acts 12:25-13:13

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Tuesday Psalm 139, Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5, Ephesians 4:17-end

Wednesday Psalm 135, Deuteronomy 10:12-end,

Ephesians 5:1-14

Thursday Psalm 118, Deuteronomy 11:8-end,

Ephesians 5:15-end

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday Psalm 33, Deuteronomy 12:1-14, Ephesians 6:1-9

Saturday **St Philip & St James** Psalm 146, Proverbs 4:10-18, James 1:1-12

Sunday 8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Morning Worship Barton St David



Please note that from next week if our worship at 10:30am is inside we will hold two services, one at 8:30am and one at 10:30am. This is to ensure that we have space for all those who would like to come.

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflections.



YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

This week we probably will not livestream since we are in Barton where reception is particularly bad!

Bishop Peter

As you may have heard Bishop Peter, Bishop of Bath and Wells has announced his retirement, you can read his reflection

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2021/03/bishop-peter-announces-retirement-as-he-continues-recovery-from-leukaemia/> and watch a video from him here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DX88FMzt0bl>

He has also recorded an Easter message for the diocese which you can see here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5jdn_yURzg

There will be a process to follow regarding a new Bishop, and that will take time, but for now we continue to pray for Bishop Peter and Jane as they prepare for the next step in their lives.

Annual Church Meetings

Our Annual Church meetings will take place in May

16 May 12:00 on Zoom Keinton Mandeville

24 May 7:00pm In Barton St David

26 May 7:30pm in Lydford Church

If you are on an electoral roll please come to that meeting, to hear the reports of the year and for us to assess together where we are as parish and benefice.

May worship

2/5/21 8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse
 10:30am Barton St David

9/5/21 10:30am Rogation Service Lydford churchyard
 (bring your own chair!)

Zoom Details:

Topic: Morning Prayer Weekly from January 14

Time: Jan 14, 2021 09:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87502388874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNsYUJkRHZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 0238 8874

Passcode: 115224

The next meeting of the Bible Book Club will be on Wednesday 2 June at 7:30pm in Lydford Church. We're going to talk about the book of Daniel.

Jane Durham is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Keinton Mandeville with Kingweston Annual Meeting

Time: May 16, 2021 12:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84523282473?pwd=dVRucFR3TlR1ZzVveUtvaEV6WkRSZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 2328 2473

Passcode: 359933

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