

Dear Friends,

It was lovely to join with you yesterday for worship, and we hope you are all keeping well. The service is still available on the Preston Plucknett Youtube channel, as is Mark Felstead's sermon, please do catch up with those if you haven't already done so.

As you may have heard, the Church of England has launched a free dial-in worship service to bring prayer to people's homes while churches are closed because of the coronavirus pandemic. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The national line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Please do pass this on to people who might appreciate it, especially those who don't have access to the internet. The number is free to call from a landline or mobile phone. Attached is a poster if you wanted to put this in your window, or through the door of a neighbour.

Here are a few other things you might enjoy or find useful

- Wells Cathedral choir have a collection of audio and video recordings <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/music/webcasts/>
- Annie Nixon from Counselling for Yeovil has some reflections on anxiety <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHpM2AY948M&feature=youtu.be>
- Mental health workshops, watch free on the Diocesan youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/diocesebathwells/videos>

At 2pm on Wednesday it is the funeral service for Marion and Jim Taylor, two wonderful and long-standing members of St James church. The service at the crematorium will be highly restricted, with only immediate family present, but we hope to have a full service of thanksgiving for them once St James re-opens. The church bell will be tolled for them prior to the service, and attached is a form of prayer if you would like to 'join' us at 2pm. We will be using the traditional Lords Prayer, and reading the words of the hymn 'The Day Thou Gavest', and Ecclesiastes 3:1-13. Please do pray for their daughters Mary and Helen, and give thanks that Jim and Marion are now at rest with the Lord.

We are looking at ways of gathering for prayer, so with this in mind there will be a Parish Prayer Meeting on Zoom, Wednesday 29th April 12.00 noon - 12.30pm. To join the meeting go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5697164315?pwd=d3NzK01mM2htbTd0cWpiK21wWHpxQT09>, the Meeting ID is 569 716 4315 (or 'Mark Felsteads Personal Meeting Room'), and the Password is 836009 if you are prompted for one. The format will be:

1. A short Bible passage and lead with an opening prayer.
2. Time for informal open prayer in which you can take part and listen to others' prayers.
(If you wish, you may also email any specific prayer requests in advance to mfelstead13@icloud.com)
3. Towards the end of the prayer meeting Mark will lead us in a closing prayer.

Please pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in this unsettling time, people are often more open to God at a time of change or trouble. At the start of this year we started praying at St James for 20 people to come to living faith in Christ during 2020. I'm still praying that prayer, would you please join me in it?

"The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing" (Psalm 23:1)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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