

COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people and promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death. By your death and resurrection, you have set your people free from the penalty of sin and death. We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, please strengthen those who are treating the sick, please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease. Please give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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5th Sunday after Easter

Welcome!



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A fresh start with God

Welcome!

Welcome to church **over the internet!** Thank you for gathering in your homes and listening in to this week's service and Bible Teaching. If you are listening in today, and have not met with us before, welcome!

"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:12b

Trevor Young – Rector

Sermon series

"What makes people tick"?

A look at the Bible's reasoning and answers to people's pressing needs and wants

Today's Sermon

"The desire to connect" – Ecclesiastes 4:1-12 and Mark 12:28-31

TODAY

Involvement in recording

Teena, Rosemary, Amber,
Stuart, Young Ian and Trevor
(social distancing practiced)

Welcome

Song

Praise to the Lord

Drawing near to God

Hearing God's Word

Ecclesiastes 4:1-12
Mark 12:28-31

Statement of Belief

Announcements

Prayer

Song

As the Deer

Sermon

Trevor

"The desire to connect"

Offertory Song

This Life I Live

Going out to serve

Prayers

Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives.

We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayer for the Day

Heavenly Father, the giver of all good things, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may perform them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Next week's sermon

"The desire to be loved"

A look at the Bible's reasoning and answers to people's pressing needs and wants.

News and Pastoral Care

With more relaxations of lock down regulations, we are able to meet in our homes with a few people for a short time. Safe distancing must still be maintained. If you feel comfortable, take this opportunity to visit others safely.

Please download the Government's COVIDSafe app. Rosemary and I have, and we encourage you to do so also. During the week Archbishop Glenn and Bishop Michael keep Trevor and other clergy up to date with COVID-19 protocols and ministry. Trevor has forwarded Glenn's latest letter to you via email. Last Wednesday the clergy in our Mission Area met via zoom to answer questions and to promote thinking about how we do ministry during this time, and in preparation for church after COVID-19. Trevor is meeting with Parish Council and Karen today via zoom to discuss the same.

Bible Study by zoom

Every Sunday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm. Use the Bible Study questions sent with the church bulletin. *Contact Trevor to join.*

Next Monthly Prayer Meeting by zoom

Monday 1st June, 7pm to 730pm. *Contact Trevor to join.*

Church at 9:30am Sunday – "Tune in, listen" and "ring up"

Thank you for continuing to listen in on a Sunday or whenever you choose to do so. It's encouraging to know we are still in a way meeting regularly together and keeping in contact.

Lord's Supper next Sunday

Next Sunday during the service the Lord's Supper will be celebrated by me, and by those gathered with me. You are invited at home to either listen in and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving, or, if you have prepared already, to partake of a piece of bread and wine or grape juice in like manner. *See Archbishop's letter on Holy Communion.*

Giving

During this time of not meeting together thank you for still giving.