



### **Bible Verse for 2020**

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Hebrews 13:8

### **Prayer for 2020**

God, grant me the Serenity to  
accept the things I cannot  
change... Courage to change the  
things I can, and Wisdom to know  
the difference. Amen.

*Reinhold Niebuhr*

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## Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

The month of November is a time for remembering. We begin by remembering our loved ones on All Souls Day. The following week is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who gave their lives in war to secure our future. Both occasions will remind us that Jesus defeated death and invites us all to follow his lead into His Fathers presence. In a world of change, the certainty of our faith can give us hope as we remember that the Spirit which brings us comfort, brought comfort to those who came before us.

Like many of you, I have lost track of the number of hours I have spent chatting to people on the phone over the past eight months. I have enjoyed the memories of both Aughton and Bickerstaffe from the past, I have loved hearing the news of children being born, and I have been saddened by the news of people dying. I am reminded that even though many are not seeing one another, we still have the opportunity to share news and stories and bring comfort to one another.

Below is a poem I recently came cross called, 'Prayer of Remembering by John Philip Newell.

*It is when we are still that we know.  
It is when we listen that we hear.  
It is when we remember  
that we see your light, O God.  
From your Stillness we come.  
With your Sound  
all life quivers with being.  
From You the light of this moment shines.  
Grant us to remember you at the heart of each moment.  
Grant us to remember.*

## Worship and Learning



**1st November: Beg, encourage, urge**

*1 Thessalonians 2:9-13*

Paul and his companions had supported themselves in Thessalonica, working blamelessly alongside those with whom they shared the good news. Their deeds were consistent with their words. Now the Thessalonians, like Paul, are leading lives worthy of God, whose Word is at work in them.

### ***A personal prayer***

Jesus of strong words, you were not afraid:  
calling people you knew to deeper integrity,  
challenging our ways of seeing ourselves and others.  
Give me courage to live well in all the small choices of my day,  
to hear your voice calling me to the deepest integrity of myself,  
and the deepest practice of goodness with those I love. Amen.

**8th November: FAQs**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

The letter responds to the community's concern that some have died before the Lord's return. But those who believe that Jesus died and rose again have nothing to fear. Both those who have died and those who are alive will be with him for ever.

### ***A personal prayer***

To you, Yahweh, I lift up my soul.  
And I lift up my story, too.  
My story that has known comfort,  
my story that has also known separation, and sadness.  
I lift up my heart, that has sometimes loved well,

and sometimes failed.

In my own days, I have known the goodness of community  
and the questions that isolate.

And in all these, I lift up my eyes to you,  
who always keeps me in your gaze.

Let me find kindness and wisdom  
in all stages of life, both easy and trying. Amen.

### **15th November: Coming, ready or not**

#### *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11*

'Peace and security' in this dark world can be hard to find. But those who anticipate the day of the Lord, and already live in the light of the risen Christ, have faith, hope and love as a strong defence against all that seeks to destroy them.

#### ***A personal prayer***

Jesus, you were always ready  
to hear the needs of those around you.  
You turned to those who were used to being ignored.  
I am sometimes ready and sometimes not.  
And I am sometimes ignored and sometimes not.  
In all these times, nurture my heart  
so that I may seek you, and share you, all around.  
Because you are all around. Amen.

### **22nd November: King of compassion**

#### *Matthew 25.31-46*

In a dramatic image, a king separates people into two camps on the basis of how they behaved towards vulnerable people: did they act with compassion towards them, or not?

***A personal prayer***

Sometimes I am tired, or I'm preoccupied with other demands.  
Help me take time, help me make time, for kindness,  
so that rush can take its lower place,  
and kindness can rise up.  
Because you had much to do –  
but made time anyway. Amen.

**29th November: Waiting in the dark**

***Mark 13.24-37***

Jesus speaks of coming dark days when people will be close to losing hope. He urges them therefore to stay awake to signs that offer hope of the coming deliverance, which will certainly come, though at an unexpected time.

***A personal prayer***

God of light and night,  
you are to be found, whether at dusk or dawn.  
Sometimes the light seems far,  
and the night seems long.  
May I find comfort, whether in the soft night, or the kind dawn,  
knowing that you created both,  
and you wait for me, as I wait for you. Amen.



*Why not ring a friend or a neighbour for a chat?*

## **Benefice News**

### **Pastoral Visits**

If you know of anyone who would like a pastoral phone call, then please speak to Irene or Andrew.

### **Charity Collections**

A reminder that we continue to collect good quality **children's clothes** and other school items such as football boots, and goggles, which will be donated to Litherland Moss School.

Gift of **men's clothes** will be forwarded to Bootle Salvation Army.

The Skelmersdale **Food Bank** remains a vital service for members of the community. Non-perishable food items are therefore very much appreciated. **Please leave any items at your local supermarket.** Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

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- Pause for thought – BBC Radio 2 at 05.45am and 09.20am
- The Sunday Service – BBC Radio 4 at 08.10am

Each Sunday you will also be able to watch a pre-recorded service and we're sure you'll recognize a few faces. Please tune in by visiting our website or by using the following link:

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## Useful church links

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## Prayer Chain

Please contact me on 01695 423204 if you would like to be on our prayer chain at St Michael, Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe.

Andrew

## Thursday prayer meeting (online)

Please join us each Thursday from 2pm for our prayer meeting.

## Holy Trinity News

### Annual Meeting

At this year's annual meeting, Mike Emmott and Albert Webster were elected Church Wardens. Please support them in their roles in what will be another challenging year for the church.

Thank you to Edward McCarthy who has served at Church Warden and stepped down this year. We are grateful to him for the valuable contribution he makes to church life

### Churchyard

We are not able to organize a churchyard work party, but feel free to pop along to the church yard in your own time to do a bit of gardening. We especially need help in doing the front area of the church.

### Prayer Time



#### Today and all days

embrace us in a love that knows no end.

Today and all days

fill us with a power that overcomes.

Today and all days

encourage us with a word that nourishes.

Today and all days

inspire us with a hope that sustains.

Today and all days

comfort us with a peace that endures.

Today and all days

bring wholeness of body, mind and spirit

Today and all days

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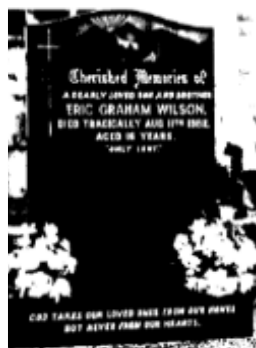
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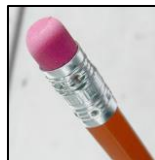
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May the peace of God  
calm your fears  
through storms of night.  
May the love of God  
warm your heart  
and bring you light.  
May the word of God  
give you strength  
when the body's weak.  
May the grace of God  
flow from you  
to the world you meet.

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## Editorial News



The deadline for the December magazine is **Friday 20 November**. As always, please pass articles to myself, or e-mail it to [jo.housley@gmail.com](mailto:jo.housley@gmail.com). I will do my best to publish articles when space and copyright allows.

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