

FROM THE RECTOR

'live hopefully, love generously and pray earnestly'

Worshipping as church whilst we can't meet together

Dear all,

My technological skills are increasing rapidly! You can find my first attempts at sharing a service online on Facebook (on the Shelswell News group) and on YouTube (search for 'Shelswell Parishes'). See below for a summary of all the different ways that we can continue to worship together, even though we can't meet physically in the same place.

1. Locally

- our churches will all be open during the day for private prayer – please be careful to maintain an appropriate distance from any others in the building.
- pick up a copy of the 'Praying during the pandemic' booklet from one of the Shelswell churches, or let us know that you would like a copy and we will put it through your letter box. And if you know of someone who doesn't do email who might like a copy, let us know.
- join Alice each day on line in using the short reflective service from the booklet
 - o either on Facebook – Shelswell News group
 - o or on YouTube – search for Shelswell Parishes

(If you are not on Facebook or don't use YouTube, just type them into the search engine on your internet. Phone if you need advice.)

- Join Alice on Sunday at 10 am whilst she leads a short service of Holy Communion
 - o either on Facebook – Shelswell News group
 - o or on YouTube – search for Shelswell Parishes

Although not theologically correct, if it helps you to connect with the service, why not have small quantities of bread and wine / juice to hand.

- listen out for the church bells in your village - Alice and Yvonne will ring them when saying morning or evening prayer in your church as a reminder that we are praying for you and your village.

2. As a Diocese

- Bishop Steven will preside at the Eucharist this Sunday and offer a brief reflection to the whole Diocese from Christ Church at 10 am. This service will be live streamed – keep an eye on the Diocese website for details of how to connect, which will be circulated before the weekend.

- Bishops Colin, Alan and Olivia will be offering reflections on our three local radio stations early on Sunday morning. These will be recorded and shared on the website.
- On future Sundays the Diocese will offer at least one streamed service centrally, and will make others known through the website weekly. They will ensure that the streamed services offered reflect the whole breadth of our Anglican tradition.
- they are aiming to stream reflections and the principal services for Holy Week and Easter as we celebrate together in different ways the central, life-changing truths of Christian faith that Christ died for our sins and rose again.

3. Nationally

- check out the resources for prayer on line:
 - o on the Church of England website - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/>
 - o audio daily prayer on <https://pray-as-you-go.org>.
 - o <https://www.24-7prayer.com>
- On Sunday, Justin Welby will be leading Sunday Worship from Lambeth Palace. This will be broadcast on **BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship at 0810 and all** local radio stations in England at 8am and will premier online at 9am on Sunday.
- Watch 'Songs of Praise' on Sundays at 1.15pm on BBC 1
- Listen to:
 - o Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43am on Radio 4
 - o Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4
 - o Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB
 - o (The Daily Service is available on a Radio 4 DAB side channel which is automatically made available about a minute before the programme begins.)
 - o Lent Talks Wednesdays at 8.45pm on Radio 4
 - o Choral evensong- Wednesdays at 3.30pm and the same service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on BBC Radio 3

Worship is fundamental to keeping our faith alive, so let's keep doing it one way or another!

Alice