

Thoughts to encourage us at home. (Experiences about life in lock-down from church members.)

I feel that God has gifted me with time to just 'be' and view my life more calmly and be truly grateful to Him.

Lock down has given me time to do things without pressure, to enjoy being away from the sometimes hectic everyday existence.

I have enjoyed doing less things better, and getting memories in order for myself and the family.

Able to spend more time being quiet, relaxing and reflecting. A positive experience.

I've come to appreciate, and value , private prayer more than ever

I have felt the Lord's presence so close at times which have given me inner peace . He took away the terrible fear of COVID as he is control . So many of the daily readings spoke to me saying "trust in the Lord"

The garden, the birds and the dog have blessed us.

It has taught us to love and get to know our neighbours more.

Zoom Meetings

We are continuing with our virtual **coffee morning** on Zoom hosted by John & Helen at 10am for about 40 mins. on Fridays .

It was great fun, and proved to be a good opportunity for anyone to see each other and to chat. **DO JOIN US!**

If you have technical difficulties in getting on to Zoom, please contact the Lloyds Tel. 533530 or john@llo.me.uk



I was alone but never lonely.

I've been re-learning to enjoy my own company.

Drawing closer to God, especially in my garden, has been a real gift.

So many people have made sacrifices, not just the NHS.

Going back to teaching the grandchildren has been a Big learning curve for both of us .

Frustrating, but the good side has been my walks with God in the park

Being made to slow down has been good mentally and spiritually.

It's made us realise how much we were spending on having coffees out!

Unexpected acts of kindness

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Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

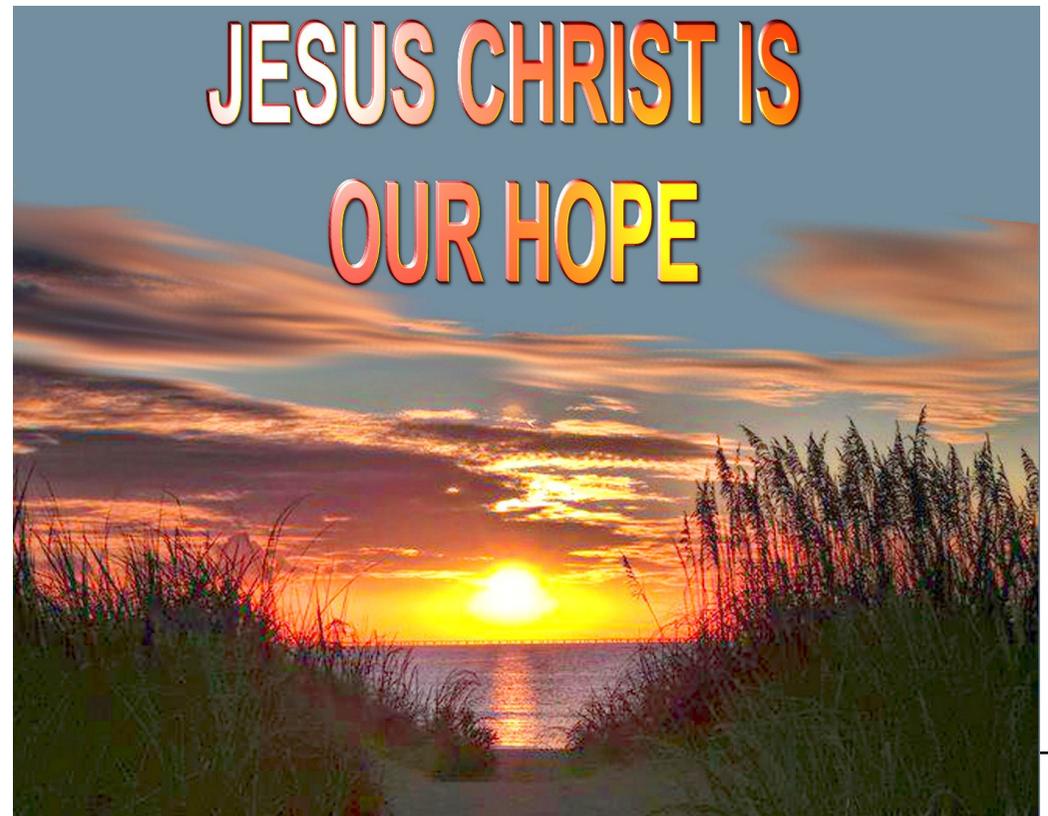
In July we'll also have a service on Zoom at 11:30 each Sunday. On 5th & 19th July this will be an agape (have some bread and wine or fruit juice to hand) - on the 12th & 26th morning worship.

The link for both coffee & service is Meeting ID: 544 924 9652 Password: 376972

All Saints Church

BULLETIN JULY-AUGUST 2020

JESUS CHRIST IS
OUR HOPE



Social gatherings at All Saints remain suspended until further notice but subject to the Bishops' guidance we plan to resume 10am Sunday services from 2nd August

Please do continue to pray for our nation, its leaders, our neighbours, our families, and each other

Please remember the NHS, Care Home, and Emergency Services workers in your prayers.

DEAR FRIENDS

Where has the past six months gone? Even with self isolation, it seems no time since our end of year service of 2019. It has been a time of upheaval both as a nation and for each one of us, personally.

But one thing keeps us all going and that is hope. Hope that a vaccine might be found, that we can get back to normal life and meet up with friends and family whom we haven't seen for a long time.

Hope has to be focused on both reality and faith. We hope that life will return to some sort of normality for us, but our hope has to be in a God who is there for us every day to give us hope that He has everything under control and wants us to both feel and know His love and care for us.

Our hope comes from the finished work of the cross, when Jesus died to give us the sure hope of eternal life. He said "It is finished" and nothing more needed to be added. We rest in that hope that God, because of Jesus, will meet our every need when we turn to Him in prayer.

Blessings and stay safe

Alan Buckley, Lay Minister

Due to the Coronavirus, all Services and Church activities, including regular and special calendar social events, are cancelled.

We will endeavour to keep you updated on changes that might happen, especially the opening of the Church for worship, and events.

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N.B.

Fr. Tom is always available to offer private prayer, particularly in cases of illness, or times of distress, both to members of the congregation, and also all who live in this parish.

Light for Life have set up a scheme in the present crisis to supply emergency food parcels to the vulnerable in Southport. Monetary donations are urgently required, and can be sent to their office at 68 Eastbank Street, Southport, marking them from All Saints.

Dave Parry would like to say a big thank you to all who have contributed, and asks for your continued support



FOODBANK Now the church is open for prayer **please support by leaving items in the basket located in the porch.** Or if you wish to support financially please send Cheques to Southport Foodbank at Lakeside Church, North Promenade. or Online to Sort-code: 40-42-30 A/c no. 42087391

Church open for Prayer.

Every Wednesday and Sunday between 10 & 11am the church will be open for private prayer. This pattern will continue until we can open for services.

We would encourage you to come and spend a few moments in prayer when you can be in a safe environment and spend some time with God

WORSHIPPING on SUNDAYS

The government has said churches may hold services from 6th July but the Leadership think it better to wait until August when more guidance should be available.

We will circulate on the weekly bulletin details of when services will start and their composition. We are committed to only open the church when practically it is safe to do so.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- Those recovering from recent sickness or undergoing long-term treatment.
- Those who are housebound and their carers.
- The families of those recently bereaved:
- Members of the congregation who are vulnerable in this present situation; or being cared for in residential homes.
- Father Tom, Alan and the leadership team as they seek God's plan for the way forward for the Church, as they seek to support the congregations at present and seek opportunities for mission.
- Our Prime Minister, his Cabinet, and special advisors, for wisdom in how to deal with the present situation, to minimise the suffering of the nation, and how to cope with handling the situation for those having caught the virus, and to stop its spread. Give thanks for scientific advance.
- For those in business and work as things open up again : pray for wisdom and commonsense in maintaining health and safety for all.