

Church Family Newsletter 22nd May 2020

Dear Church Family,

I hope this finds you well. Please do contact us if you are struggling in any way. I was reading that the practical difficulties we have had these past months have now been surpassed by mental and spiritual challenges, and if you are struggling, please don't struggle on your own.

Yesterday was **Ascension Day** and we had spoken service of reading, prayer and reflection. If you missed it and would like to catch up see it here: <https://youtu.be/0k8l4Lb7WDO>

This Sunday Service – St. Paul **Acts 8:1-19 Scattered Church: God Transforms**

Join us to see how the gospel is for everyone: from the outsider, to the baddy and the soldier. This week the 'baddy' Saul, is transformed when he meets Jesus.

9:30 as usual on Facebook and YouTube.

Also, Sunday Worship on BBC1 at 11:45am and Songs of Praise at 1:15pm might be an additional way of engaging with your faith on Sunday.

A week Sunday is Pentecost – Scattered Church: Never Alone

Join us then to remember that God has come to us by his Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so we are never alone.

Thy Kingdom Come

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost join the global church in these 10 days of prayer for God's Kingdom to Come!

I hope you can join with us in praying for five friends/family to come to know and follow Jesus during this time.

The daily reflections are on the "*Thy kingdom come*" app on your smartphone or download here: <https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/m46VmRSASmOcNApTTme5>

See the diocesan live stream services throughout Thy Kingdom Come here: www.chichester.anglican.org/liveservices/

Youth and Children update from Ed Pascoe

This week we started two new Encounter Hubs online with 5 of our young people involved. We have been looking at who Jesus is and the evidence for Him and who He claims to be. This has sparked much conversation and we are excited to carry on looking deeper into faith and a relationship with Jesus next week. Such an exciting time!

Please pray for those who have been doing exams, some of which have uncertainty in their next steps, in terms of the lockdown implications. Four of these young people are due to start university in September so please pray for wisdom and that they know God is sovereign.

My prayers for you all this week,

-Rev Brendan