

WEDNESDAY WORDS from Rev. Jacqueline Drake-Smith

Good evening dear friends,

Sending love and prayers to everyone– and that you are staying safe...

PAUSE AND PONDER...

Here is something from Paul Smith - in the light of the recent 'Thy Kingdom Come' Lord's Prayer series.

<https://youtu.be/locW-9S00VU> This is a very moving Aramaic sung version (that moved the Pope...) – in Jesus' own language.

Perhaps close your eyes, imagine and situate yourself on a hillside with other followers of Jesus as he taught them to pray – As our Father taught us, so we pray....

Also – beautiful Russian Orthodox chant – 'Let my prayer arise' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P77wyj4yfdU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tShML9_qE1s&feature=youtu.be Zooming inwards and outwards – A reflection from the Leader of the Northumbria Community, Catherine Askew (16 mins)

This is an incredibly powerful and moving (much shared) sermon for Pentecost by Bishop Michael Curry – especially in the light of the death of George Floyd -

<https://episcopalchurch.org/responding-to-racist-violence>
(The transcript is attached)

Prayers:

Please pray for those on our hearts and prayer list who are poorly – whether through the virus or in other ways. We continue to pray for those on our prayer list. We pray for those who have asked us to pray for them, so we pray for Paul Smith as he prepares to begin his treatment – we pray for his strength and healing and trust God is with him as we will be with them in prayer...

RIP – Will Rapley, husband of Peggy, whose funeral will be Monday 8th June....

- **SUNDAY ZOOM FOR COFFEE – 11.15am – Sunday 7th June**

There will be chance to join in a zoom get together after the Sunday service – at 11.15am. The idea is that we can get a cuppa and sit around the lap top and have a 'virtual' hello.

Let's see what happens – Zoom collapsed last week – but our amazing techy Paul got some of us online – so hopefully more of us will gather this week....

I will send round the zoom link and ID number and password on Saturday with the news sheet....

- **ST PETER'S BRING AND SHARE – 5PM – ACCESSED VIA THE WEBSITE...** Thank you to Paul who is producing and editing as we speak ☺

BE INSPIRED...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akb0kD7EHIk> – World's largest Alleluia Chorus – incredible!

An Immersive Meditation from Lee Abbey – HAVE HOPE.... (4 mins)

<https://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/resources/immersive-meditations/have-hope-immersive-meditation/>

As you enter into the meditative pathway, this scripture offers hope and comfort and strength

Lamentations 3:21-26

21 Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:

22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;

26 it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

Reflection:

Nothing whatsoever can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Call to mind signs of His compassion, faithfulness and goodness to you. Turn your attention to your heavenly Father who loves you so deeply and fill your mind with the truth about his character. Look to Him to do what only God can do.

How are you aware of being changed as you wait for the Lord and put your hope in him

A Book in the Vicarage Study: The Four Elements: Reflections on Nature by John O'Donohue – drawing up Celtic heritage and love of West of Ireland native landscape, exploring themes about how the energy and rhythm of the natural world holds lessons for us all.....

From last week....

DEVOTIONAL

- **PRAY AS YOU GO** - <https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/> - this is a very well known resource run by the Jesuits – daily reflective worship of about 10 minutes – and there is a host of at-home retreats and studies and prayer tools – comes highly recommended

THE BIBLE COURSE – TUESDAYS @ 8PM ON ZOOM – (excellent, EXCELLENT course thus far! 😊)

- If you are thinking about whether to join in or not – please come along because it is such an accessible and interesting course run by the Bible Society – light yet really informative – and well-led by Paul...

- Paul can send you past information if you would like – or you could simply come along on Tuesday at 8pm for just over the hour.

These times are a marvellous opportunity to come along to a small group course without having to trek out of an evening – you can be in your slippers, in your sitting room, cosy and comfy with a cuppa! ☺ Plus there is something special about being with your friends on a course where you can socialise and enrich our faith journeys.

A prayer for the world in this worrying time...

God of compassion,

We pray for us all at this unsettling and worrying time.

Keep everyone safe and protected and give leaders wisdom to know the best way to move into the easing of this lockdown.

We entrust those who have sadly died to your loving care; we pray for those who mourn.

Be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light;

through him who suffered alone

on the cross, but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings and love

Jacqueline