

**Our church buildings may be closed,  
but the gathered community of  
believers is still here.**



**HALDON MISSION  
COMMUNITY**

**This pack offers a range of resources for you to use from home enabling you to join in prayer and worship with those across the six churches of the Haldon Mission Community and across the world at this time.**

### **Keeping Sunday Special**

The licensed clergy will continue to celebrate the Eucharist on behalf of the whole community on a weekly basis.

We are including in this mailing a simple act of Spiritual Communion which you might like to follow through at the times when your community would have gathered. You might like to light a candle first; listening to the sounds around you; being present with the One, the source of all love, light & hope, who is always present with us. You might choose to remember the those who make 'church' for you. We also include some prayers and intercessions (see pages 3-6 and enclosures).

You may wish to read the gospel passage set for each Sunday over the coming weeks:

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| • Passion Sunday                  | 29th March           | John 11:1-45     |
| • Palm Sunday                     | 5th April            | Matthew 27:11-54 |
| • Easter Sunday                   | 12th April           | Matthew 28:1-10  |
| • Second Sunday of Easter         | 19th April           | John 20:19-end   |
| • Third Sunday of Easter          | 26th April           | Mark 13:5-13     |
| [remembering Mark the Evangelist] |                      |                  |
| • Fourth Sunday of Easter         | 3rd May              | John 10:1-10     |
| • Fifth Sunday of Easter          | 10 <sup>th</sup> May | John 14:1-14     |
| • Sixth Sunday of Easter          | 17 <sup>th</sup> May | John 14:15-21    |
| • Seventh Sunday after Easter     | 24 <sup>th</sup> May | John 17:1-11     |
| • Pentecost                       | 31 <sup>st</sup> May | John 20:19-23    |

And think about the Christ who is being described in the story - what He looks like, what He sounds like, what He is experiencing and communicating to us about who God is. Then simply spend time in His presence.

### **Telephone Prayer Meeting at 5pm on Wednesdays.**

Led by a member of the ministry team, this an opportunity to pray with others. At 5pm on any Wednesday simply call **0330 606 0403** – it'll be answered by an American recorded voice asking you to enter an Access Code which is **516129** followed by #. You will then be asked to say your name. One of the ministry team will answer and you'll be able to speak to others who also phone in. Calls cost the same as ringing an ordinary 01 or 02 landline.

## Support for one another

All the clergy team are available by phone and email to offer support –

- Team Rector, Roderick on 01626 779177 [roderickwitnell@btinternet.com](mailto:roderickwitnell@btinternet.com)
- Team Vicar, Jane on 01626 870288 [revjanefrost@gmail.com](mailto:revjanefrost@gmail.com)
- Associate Priest, Sue on 01626 873807 [sue.ast@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.ast@btinternet.com)

We have set up a phone support network across the Team so you should receive a phone call once a week if we have your number. Each week a message from the Ministry Team will be shared with those who don't have internet access.

## Technology options

If you have access to the internet...

- We aim to provide a weekly **online Sunday Service** from the Team: you will be able to watch this at [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk) on Sunday and the days following.
- The [Diocese of Exeter](http://www.dioceseofexeter.org.uk) website will signpost you to recorded reflections & services. [Exeter Cathedral](http://www.exetercathedral.org.uk)'s website will also carry material.
- We are now on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/haldonteam) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/haldonteam) so please do follow us.
- Other information will also be regularly posted on our team website at [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk) including 'signposting' to helpful material in this season.
- Helpful 'nourishment' can be found on [WorkRestPray](http://www.workrestpray.com), [Sacred Space](http://www.sacredspace.org.uk) and [Pray as You Go](http://www.prayasyougo.com) websites and you can register for [Daily Reflections](http://www.dailyreflections.org.uk) from Richard Rohr, a Franciscan and a priest.
- The [Church of England](http://www.churchofengland.org.uk) website provides Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer for each day that viewed online or downloaded and printed off. The same [website](http://www.churchofengland.org.uk) also gives up to date Coronavirus advice for churches
- Please let us know your e-mail address so you can receive a weekly newsletter – simply send an email to [haldonteam@gmail.com](mailto:haldonteam@gmail.com)

<b>Radio*</b>	Monday -Friday	Daily Service 9.45am	Radio 4	
	Wednesday	Choral Evensong 3.30pm	Radio 3	
	Sunday	Bells on Sunday	5.43am	Radio 4
		Sunday Service	6.30am	Radio Devon
		Sunday Worship	8.10am	Radio 4
		Choral Evensong	3.00pm	Radio 3
<b>TV*</b>	Sunday	Songs of Praise	1.15pm	BBC1

Other channels that also broadcast Christian material are: TBN - Freeview Channel 65 or Sky Channel 582 and on digital radio, UCB

*\*Times may change so do check listings or TV Guide.*

## **Prayers including intercessions:**

### **SET A**

Let us pray to God,  
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **SET B**

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Extra prayers:**

God of compassion, 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.

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care, those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself and keep me in your care. Amen.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*from St Patrick's Breastplate*

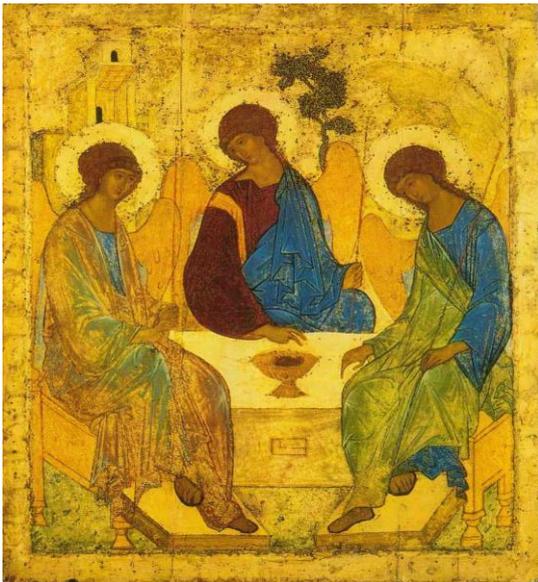
**A Prayer of Thomas Merton:**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that, if I do this,  
You will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore I will trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost  
and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen

**A blessing:**

The Lord bless us and watch over us; The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## A Prayer Activity



You may be familiar with this 15<sup>th</sup> century Russian icon of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev. It shows God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit sat together at table. And there at the front is the space. The space to which each one of us is invited.

"Prayer is simply being alone with Him, looking at Him, sharing His friendship, loving Him and allowing oneself to be loved". St Teresa of Avila.

*You are invited to the space at table in Rublev's icon: How do you feel about responding to the invitation? What is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit saying to you?*

As you draw near, you might enjoy the following poem by George Herbert.

Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back  
    Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
    From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
    If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:  
    Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,  
    I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
    Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame  
    Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
    My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
    So I did sit and eat.