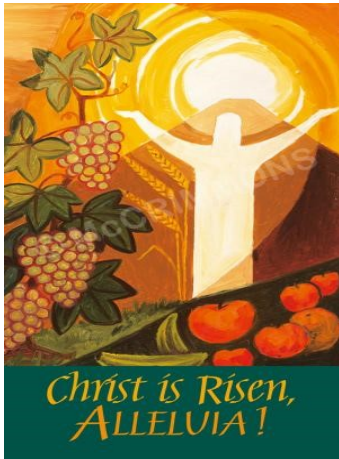


Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

Sunday 22nd May 2022



6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your
call to your disciples:
help your Church
to obey your command
and draw the nations
to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



Readings for the Week:

Acts 16: 9-15
Revelation 21: 10, 22-27 Ch.22: 1-5
Psalm 67
John 5: 1-9 or John 14: 23-29

Around the world in prayer

I wrote in January of my personal project to participate *online* during 2022 in worship in each of the 47 constituent parts - covering 165 countries - of the worldwide Anglican Communion (AC). It continues to be an absorbing, enriching experience.

In my journey I encounter a wide range of prayer books, all within the Anglican tradition but often influenced by local cultures. The most striking example of this is the New Zealand Prayer Book - *He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa* - which is dual language (English and Māori) throughout and which was thoroughly revised in the late C20th to reflect aspects of Māori spirituality and oral tradition (rather like a Celtic Prayer Book does here).

Here are three prayers to share from across the globe...

From Melanesia, reflecting the strong sea culture of the islands

*Be good to me, O God
For the sea is so wide and deep
But my canoe is so small.*

From the Church of Kenya's Morning Prayer, after a period of silence:

*Your silence is full, irresistible;
Your presence is joy, unspeakable.
People drifting into mind
We lift to you and pray they find
health in holiness
life in deadness
strength in weakness
light in darkness.
Their loss you bear, mysteriously
your peace they share, eternally.*



Image: Oceanic art from the collection of Denver Museum, USA

And from the New Zealand Prayer Book, this version in English of The Lord's Prayer, a fresh expression:

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the
universe.
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world.
Your heavenly will be done by all created being.
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.
Amen.*

So let's pray together – differently.

~Liam Pilgrim~

Let us continue to support and strengthen each other

- ◇ Daily, by saying The Lord's Prayer together, morning and evening
- ◇ Lighting a candle at home 10.00am on Sunday if we are unable to come to church

Our Services:

22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter	9:30am Celtic Morning Prayer	Hempnall Church
	11:00am Eucharist	Topcroft Church
	6.00pm Celebrating Creation Evening Service <i>Join Zoom Meeting:</i> https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83883489839? pwd=NWt6RkNFWDFQdmNHR2x2SW5zNDNCQT09 <i>Meeting ID: 838 8348 9839</i> <i>Passcode: 467117</i>	Via Zoom
Thursday 26th May 2022 Ascension Day	6:00pm Group Eucharist	Hempnall Church
29th May 2022 7th Sunday of Easter	9:30 am Eucharist	Bedingham
	11:00am Matins (Book of Common Prayer)	Morningthorpe

This week we pray for:

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ◇ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- ◇ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- ◇ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- ◇ Prisoners and captives
- ◇ In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

Food Bank

Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during this difficult time.

Our next collections will be on:

Sunday 5th June 2022. Any items can be left at Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm.

Please phone before arrival - 498157

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

FRUIT JUICE *URGENT*
TINNED TOMATOES
LONG LIFE MICROWAVEABLE SPONGE PUDDINGS
SMALL JAR COFFEE
PASTA SAUCE
COOKING SAUCE TO GO WITH RICE

WE REMEMBER:

Martin, Molly, Dennis, Ian, Vievenne

Hempnall: Lesley and family,
Phillip, Sophie

Bedingham/Woodton:
Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris,

Topcroft: Gerald, Jane

LONG TERM CARE:

Bedingham /Woodton:
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl



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