

Wilden with Colmworth & Ravensden  
St Mary Keysoe with St Dunstan Bolnhurst

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## NEWSLETTER

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A few months ago we may have had no idea what phrases such as "*Social distancing*" and "*Self isolation*" meant, we certainly do now. For the past few weeks this new way of living may have come for some as a welcome relief from the "rat race" of modern life, when life has calmed down, motors and machines were turned off. For a while you could hear the birds and breathe the clean air, but now we are facing the reality that whilst life is beginning to get slowly back to "normal" these restrictions are going to be with us for many more months.

Whilst reading Mark's Gospel I was struck by the number of times that Jesus "*self isolated*" and how that might be a pattern for us to make the most of this ongoing situation.

**Mark 1:12** records *Jesus' isolation* in the desert immediately before he began his earthly ministry. The Spirit drove him into the wilderness where the Devil tested Jesus' resolve to commit his life to the Father's will. Maybe we can use these troubled times to re-connect with God and to ask him "what does he want us to do for him, what talents and abilities can we offer in His in service and the service of others.

**Mark 1:35** Jesus gets up early and finds a "*solitary place*" to pray. I find myself waking up very early these days, strange as I don't have to be anywhere or go anywhere! But it is a wonderful time of quietness, a great opportunity to spend some of that time in prayer. I know I feel challenged to follow Jesus' example.

**Mark 6:31** "*Come with me*" Jesus said to the disciples "*to a quiet place and get some rest.*" Ironically in these times of isolation I sometimes find it hard to rest, I need to find that quiet place in my soul and rest with Jesus. We all need to remember to take care of ourselves in these times, eat well, rest well and take exercise.

**Mark 15:34** "*My God, my God why have you forsaken me?*". Does Jesus understand what we are going through in these times? As he hung on that cross taking our sin upon himself his Father looked away from his beloved son for the first and only time in eternity. Yes Jesus does understand the heartache of isolation.

We will meet again in our church buildings, but as we wait in expectation for that celebration to worship together once again, may Christ draw close to each and every one of us and help us to stay safe, stay well and stay close to Him.

With love, Rev'd. David Miller

### Community Help Initiative:

If you need help during this difficult time contact:

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### ALL SAINTS CHURCH, RAVENS DEN

**We have received an application for a Faculty for grave space in the Churchyard.**

**This was approved by the P.C.C. at their meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

**We are required to place a public notice on both the Church noticeboards inside and outside the Church. This we have done. However, during the current situation of lockdown and the Church being closed, we have to take an extra measure.**

**This we have done via this notice.**

**If you wish to view the Public Notice and drawing you can do so on our roadside noticeboard outside of the church or by arrangement with Paul Woodcraft on 01234 363577.**

**The application is from Ian and Dorothy Petley residents of Ravensden.**

**The Public Notice will be displayed from 1<sup>st</sup> June for 28 days.**

**During this time of the Coronavirus Outbreak, all Churches are closed.**

**Please look at our website: [www.wcrchurches.org](http://www.wcrchurches.org)  
Each Sunday there will be a short 'Message of Hope' on the website led by Tim, Geraldine & David**

**Sunday 7th June - Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 40:12-17 & 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Sunday 14th June - 1st Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 18:1-15 & 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1 & 10-17; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35 – 10:23

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Sunday 21st June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10 & 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Sunday 28th June - 3rd Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Don't forget to go on line and participate in our "Words of Hope" service each Sunday. **[www.wcrchurches.org](http://www.wcrchurches.org)**

We also have a Zoom gathering every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Leave a message on the website or e mail Tim for the Zoom link or to join by phone.

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