

St. George's
United Reformed Church
Little Sutton



1st May 2020

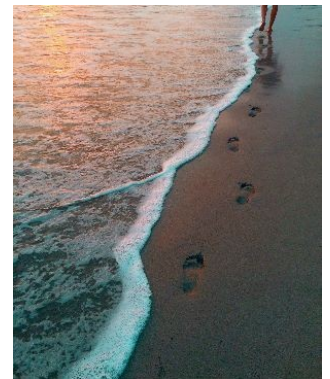


Welcome to Virtual St George's News Sheet

Message from the Mersey Synod Moderator

Live positively

Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylon saying, 'seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.' (Jeremiah 29.7) In the same way, we need to live as positively as we can, in the situation in which we now find ourselves.



In doing so, we will be ensuring that we and our community are in the best possible condition to thrive, both today and in a post-corona world. That world will come – most likely in a longer time than we would wish, but also in a very much shorter one than the seventy years, which the exiles to whom Jeremiah wrote had to survive (v10). Jeremiah went on to say, 'I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope' (v11). The God of hope is still journeying with us, and we are called to live our lives today in the light of the hope we have. May we be conscious of God journeying with us, in our present lockdown and through the months that follow.

Revd Jacky Embry

Printed Service

Our friend Revd Chris Davies has again provided a written service for Sunday – please ask if you would like a copy.

The Battle

Revd John Campbell has written a hymn to the tune of “John Brown’s Body” (The Battle Hymn of the Republic), for these times:

1. We are sailing in the darkness
and our captains have no charts,
and so much is still uncertain
it sits heavy on our hearts;
though our boats feel very flimsy
and we’re forced to sail apart,
our God sails with us all.

Chorus

*May Your love reach out in caring,
keep us active, kind and sharing,
keep us cautious, yet with daring,
Great God, sail with us all.*

2. Some are struggling with a fever,
some are locked down all alone,
some are risking all for others
well outside their safety zone;
yet no matter our own trials,
we can try to live as one,
our God sails with us all.

Chorus

3. You have battled with the darkness,
You have sailed on angry seas,
and you struggled in a garden
with the weight of sin’s disease;
yes, you came to share our troubles,
You’re the God who never leaves –
our God sails with us all

Chorus

Simple Pattern of Prayer

Revds Ian Fosten and Phil Nevard of the URC have prepared a simple pattern of prayer. It has short prayers you can use morning, noon and night, and also a suggested topic for prayer on each Tuesday of the month. In this news sheet, we'll publish a different part of the pattern over each of the next few weeks.

The evening prayer:

*[A Bible passage is read
or a verse recalled]*



Last thing,
Holy Spirit,
mysterious yet intimate,
before the day concludes
I give to You
the people, places and events
of which my waking hours
have been composed.

*[In quiet think back over the day.
What was good – what was not?
Are you anxious about tomorrow?]*

Living God,
Father, Son and Spirit,
bless now my sleeping
that tomorrow I shall wake
refreshed and ready
to know and love and serve You
once again. Amen

Prayer for the 1st Tuesday of the month (e.g. 5th May)

Pray for the street you live on – people you know, people you don't know. Pray for the opportunity to deepen your relationships with your neighbours.

Virtual Coffee Morning

On Saturday 2nd May we would like to hold another “virtual” Coffee Morning.

If you are free, then at about 10.30am, make yourself a drink of tea, coffee or whatever you prefer. Cut a slice of cake, butter a scone, or get out the biscuits. Sit down with the telephone, and phone someone for a chat. After a while, you can swap and phone someone else.



Perhaps phone someone that you haven't spoken with this week, so that we connect with more people. Enjoy!

Prayer Topics

This month, you could pray:-

- For those in positions of leadership;
- For all volunteers who have offered to help;
- For all clergy and church lay workers;
- For all those trying to work from home in difficult conditions

Suggestions for our Prayer Topics?

Please pass your ideas on to David or Christine.

Pastoral Emergencies

For pastoral emergencies, please contact David who can put you in touch with a Minister.

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