

## Happy Easter!

As we go back to school at home, the children are busy doing their maths and English homework, and I'm planning yet another week mainly using only technology to speak to people. It's tough for those of us who are extroverts to cope with the lack of social contact! However, I'm finding a new rhythm of life like everyone else.



We would have been celebrating VE day in May. In Carlton we had a whole programme of events planned. This year we may have to be creative how we do this. But I'm sure many of you remember your parents becoming experts at making do, and mending, at not having everything to hand they might need. I believe the sense of relief when people's parents did come home from the war, was also mixed with a change in society that had never occurred before. Women had been working on the land, running farms, children had been posted to the countryside as Evacuees. Peace had been declared by the politicians, but life was not the same in 1945 as in 1939.

One of the changes was the establishment of the NHS, and free universal healthcare for the first time. Doctors no longer had to charge for life-saving treatment. The NHS today is still going strong. Every Thursday we now stand outside our house and bang our pans to celebrate that fact. To celebrate the men and women who go out to face danger on the wards. The World War was fought mostly overseas but still affected us here in our local communities, and the same is true for Coronavirus. The fight takes place in individual homes, on hospital wards and care homes but I think will affect us all in the long run.

I wonder what God might see as important to change in the months and years ahead? What will be the legacy of this time? Perhaps the enthusiasm for helping out in our neighbourhoods? Most charities are currently inundated with volunteers, and we are setting up neighbourhood networks in Hambleton, Carlton and surrounding villages, which we hope might last. Will we use our cars less, will we continue to work and learn more at home?

My hope for you personally is that the Holy Spirit walks among you this week. As we will hear on Sunday, this was the legacy Jesus left for us after his crucifixion. He didn't die for nothing, he died for us to be free, to live with his Spirit among us, and to allow that to work within us. What tools does that give us? Well one is to forgive. I'm sure there will be plenty of things that are aggravating us right now, but we have God's power within us to set ourselves free from other people's misjudgements, other people's mistakes, and other people's cruelty.

### Prayer:

Help us to focus on the little things that give us life, to praise your name, and all the good that is in this world. Help us to forgive the problems and difficulties we are facing. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our communities and bless us at this time. In the name of the risen Christ, Amen.

## Resources to help us at this time

Every Wednesday and Sunday, there will be a reflection online at St Mary's Hambleton church website:

Every Friday at 11am we will meet online for prayer. You can dial in or use a laptop to share in this. Email [rev.becky.allright@gmail.com](mailto:rev.becky.allright@gmail.com) for further details

Of for those with Zoom the Meeting ID is 899-9327-0340 and Password 054390 or if you are receiving by email click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89993270340?pwd=cWVYZDR4cVE5ZUpL1RWaFR1VkNIUT09>

## Practical help

It's a great time to support local businesses and voluntary efforts. The local volunteer networks can put you in touch with other people in the local area, if you need a hand with anything, it's worth a call.

Hambleton network is available by telephone:

- o Emma – 07947462121
- o Katie – 07759520227
- o Celia – 228649
- o Jess – 07769266618

Or email to [hihg2020@btinternet.com](mailto:hihg2020@btinternet.com). [Full information about HiHG is available here.](#)

Carlton network is available by emailing [ecncarlton@gmail.com](mailto:ecncarlton@gmail.com) or telephone 07562 267815

Local shops:

Hambleton

Hambleton Village Stores, 01757 229000, have introduced a delivery service; ring them with an order, they will take a card payment over the phone and deliver the goods to your doorstep.

Carlton and Drax:

Shopping can be delivered by Carlton Supermarket. To arrange call the shop on 01405 861076. Initially this has been for elderly in Carlton, however because we have volunteers available, they could extend this to surrounding area for anyone self isolating in protected groups. Carlton DIY and Garden Centre can also deliver plants, food boxes, and DIY supplies. You can order through Silica Lodge website <http://www.silicalodgegardencentre.co.uk> or telephone 01724 282148

Oddfellows, Carlton have set up an online ordering system within a 5 mile radius, and as well as hot food, this includes fresh fruit and veg boxes if you can give 48 hours notice. For further details go to <https://www.orderfrom.co.uk/oddfellows> Oddfellows Carlton, High Street, Carlton, Goole, DN149LY or 01405 861 667 between 12-2 or 5-7pm