

**All Saints Hale Barns with Ringway**

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## Services

- **Sunday Mornings:** Service at 10am on the All Saints Facebook page or email Mother Clair for YouTube link. A recording will be on the web page from the following Tuesday.
- **Sunday Evenings:** Evening Prayer at 6.30pm. Email Mother Clair for the Zoom link.
- **Tuesdays at 9.30am:** Eucharist will start again when churches are open.

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# The to-do list

It's been described as a battle. We've been encouraged to stay at home, to stay alert, to fight. But this virus adversary is invisible and takes no account of national borders. The task to make things right again these days has not been about fighting an enemy out to destroy our freedom. People though, as in war time, have risen to the occasion: clapping for carers, socially distanced parties and on line quizzes and get-togethers. I've heard about street discos and witnessed bingo sessions. People have sat outside and passed the time of day with people they might not



otherwise have spoken to. Musicians have given concerts in their gardens. All Saints has hosted after church tea and coffee on line after Sunday worship and essential meetings have been Zoomed. Christians have worshipped remotely, sharing worship together livestreamed or watching a recorded reflection together. People have cared for neighbours and those who are alone.

We've travelled about less and used less fuel. The air has been cleaner and the sky has seemed bluer. Or maybe we've just noticed it more. We've managed to keep our bird-feeders supplied in the garden and noticed some different visitors who've become bolder during lockdown. Magpies have worked out how to get to the food we put out for the blue

tits. Crows have used the bird bath to soften lumps of bread, but have failed to dislodge the bird feeder from its hooks. They know which battles to pick.

Birds have continued with their nesting and feeding of young. We've seen



them in their bright plumage – and then get more and more dishevelled as they put all their energies into feeding their nestlings. One visiting blue tit seems to have lost nearly all his or her feathers as it fills every waking moment feeding its children.

Some have had time – to observe and think and reflect. Sometimes it has been hectic: taking on teaching children at home, concerned for neighbours or older people. Sometimes it's been very stressful: grieving for those who have died and sad that those who mourn can't be comforted



in ways we want, the worry of illness and pain. Others have found time to make art or garden or learn a new skill.

Now, things are beginning to ease. That brings different pressures and responsibilities for ourselves and for others. 'What did you do in the Great War, Daddy?' was a propaganda poster that's been parodied recently. Maybe you and I will think about what we did during the COVID-19 pandemic one day. Some have been able to do some very practical things to help their family and their community.

Others have worn themselves out living life differently and working on the front line (another war image that has been used, rightly or wrongly). Others may have learned the guitar or the piano or cleared their minds with 1000 piece jigsaws. People have done what they can, and for some, that has meant 'not doing' things. People have nonetheless done what they can and no propaganda should make them feel guilty.

Everyone's life will have been different; taken away from the usual routine and time spread differently across our days. Maybe this will be the moment for everyone to see with new eyes what kind of a world we want to live in, or sustain or rebuild: a world of service to each other regardless of faith or political belief, a natural world that is precious, a world to cherish and yes, a world that is risky and dangerous but where, I believe, God promises that in the end love triumphs.

***Clair Jaquiss***



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# Martin Goddard

In this magazine we will be featuring pictures painted by Martin Goddard, and some of his students who attend his art classes in the Church Hall.



## ***Best Friends***

*Our best friends may not always be with us but the memories of them will always stay. Capture them now in a stunning watercolour portrait by professional artist Martin Goddard BA. Pet Portraits from £200. Telephone: 0797 242432.*

*You can see more of Martin's work on the website [www.goddardart.co.uk](http://www.goddardart.co.uk)*

# Chapter and Verse

I must apologise in advance, because my text doesn't exactly match the title of the article, "Chapter and Verse!" But I hope you will forgive me, because it was actually brought to mind by reading Luke chapter 18, verse 38, where Jesus is nearing Jericho and the blind man cries out,

v 38, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

From time to time I hear people say, "I don't know how to pray...what to say...I can't find the sort of words to use in a prayer." Of course, what they forget is that you don't *need* fine words, or Shakespearean prose to address God. Often, the simple words, straight from our heart is quite sufficient.

For instance, a year or two ago, I needed to undergo some medical investigations which involved an MRI scan and, kindly, the doctors arranged for me to be 'fast-tracked' at Wythenshawe. I had previously had an MRI scan some years ago and once again my anxiety level rocketed up, me being claustrophobic.

However, come the day, I presented myself at the appointed time, to be directed to the back of the building where I would find a lorry(!) in which I would be tested.

Nervously, I made my way to the lorry only to discover, on entering, that the scanning tunnel was even narrower than the one I had previously endured. A moment of extreme panic, thinking I might run away, despite being reassured by the kindly nurse.

I kid you not, but, as the bed slid me into that tunnel, my shoulders grazing the edges, I could easily have bumped my head, had I attempted to raise it even an inch, but, now terrified, I just closed my eyes and remembered the Jesus Prayer:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner."

Simple and direct; no fancy words. Over and over again I repeated the words in my mind and the panic slowly faded as the machine clanged and banged, the bed shifting jerkily under me. Eyes closed, body still and

those words, “Lord Jesus Christ....” until suddenly, the noise stopped, the bed slid slowly out of the tunnel, the warmth dissipated, and the door opened to allow the nurse back in with a cheery, “Finished! See, that wasn’t too bad, was it?” I meekly agreed.

Today, as we endure the effects of the Coronavirus, when some are in fear for their lives, in these, some say, the darkest hours since the War, I thought of that prayer, those simple, straightforward words, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner.” I hope they may help you as they certainly helped me.

***Tim Gordon***







# PRAYER DIARY June 2020

Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>	that we commit ourselves to praise God in caring for the poor, feeding the hungry and lifting up the lowly.
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	for the protection of those who preach and live the Gospel in hostile situations
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	for people striving for fairer world trading relationships
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	rejoice in the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit and give thanks
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Boniface, bishop, martyr, 754</i>	for the building of friendship, respect and co-operation between the countries of Europe.
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945</i>	for the Melanesian Brotherhood in their ministry to follow Christ's example of prayer, mission and service in a direct and simple way.
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	give thanks for the different ways we understand God in our midst and beyond
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Thomas Ken, non-juror, hymn writer</i>	for those whose words inspire and challenge through the arts
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Columba, 597</i>	for the blessings of the religious life and on those living in community
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	praise to God, the father, God the Son and God, the Holy Spirit, Three in One
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Corpus Christi</i>	give thanks for the body and blood of Christ and strength for those who must fast from the sacrament.
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Barnabus, apostle</i>	for friends and work colleagues who bring out the best in us and who forgive our faults
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	give thanks for our local churches and pray for a deepening of faith
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Trinity 1</b>	for the church worldwide and for its unity
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	for all faith communities in Hale Barns that they work together to promote understanding and respect

Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Richard, bishop 1253</i>	that we may know our Lord more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	for all who labour to produce food for us. For the safety of those who work on the land
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	for families in their great variety and for those having difficulties at this time
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	for all whose faith is wavering, that it be strengthened
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	for local schools and those planning their future in work, training or further education
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Trinity 2</b>	for all who are in dark places in their lives, that they feel the guidance and love of our Lord
Monday, 22nd <i>Alban, martyr c250</i>	for tolerance and friendship within our local community
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	for all who administer the law, for our local police force
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>	that our hearts and minds have the courage to turn away from evil and towards all that is good
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	for those who preach God's word and open our hearts to the Gospel
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	for those called to ministry in the world and in the Church, for hearts that listen to God
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Cyril, bishop, teacher of the Faith.</i>	for all who pass through the area, for the safety of the travellers and for the Airport chaplains
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Trinity 3</b>	give thanks for the beauty of God's creation, pray for its flourishing
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Peter &amp; Paul, apostles</i>	praise God and give thanks for the work of the apostles; pray for a deeper understanding of the Holy Scriptures
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	that God's light shines out in the world and that we reflect God's love

**Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will now be taking place (hopefully) later in 2020.**

**Details in due course.**



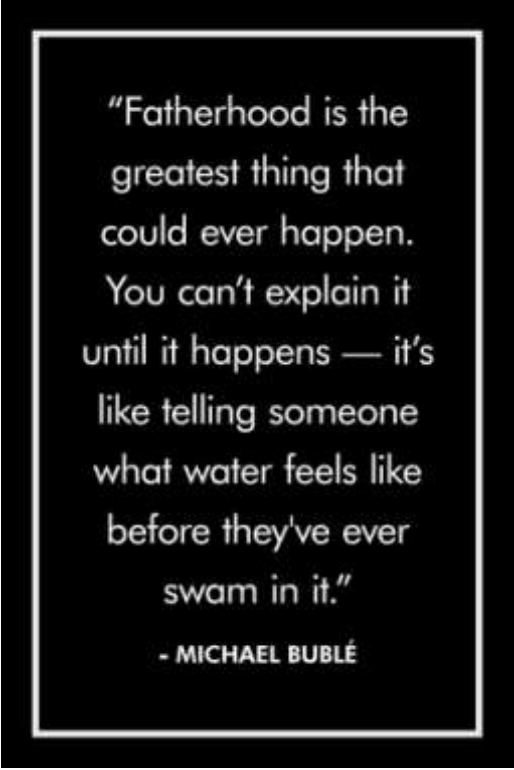
# In honour of Father's Day...

Here are some quotes from a few men, some famous, some not so...Happy Fathers Day to all the dads amongst our readers!

*with thanks to Pinterest and its Contributors*

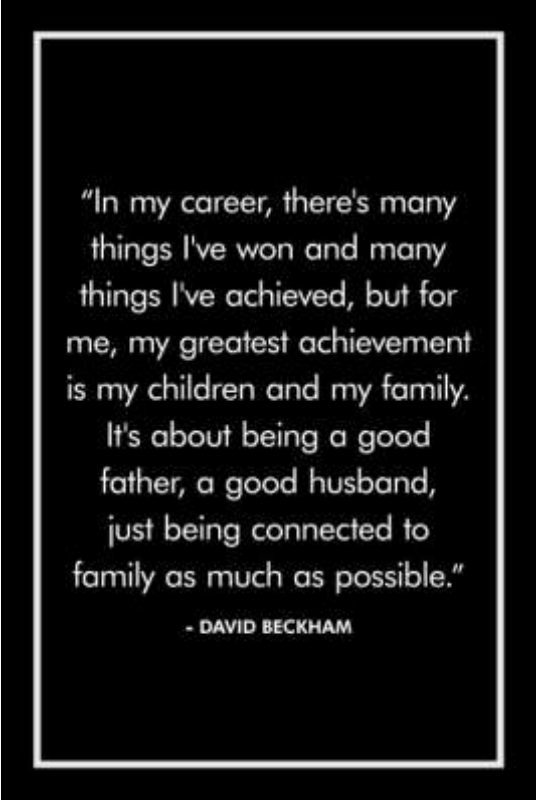
## JOHN WILMOT

"Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now, I have six children and no theories."



"Fatherhood is the greatest thing that could ever happen. You can't explain it until it happens — it's like telling someone what water feels like before they've ever swam in it."

- MICHAEL BUBLÉ



"In my career, there's many things I've won and many things I've achieved, but for me, my greatest achievement is my children and my family. It's about being a good father, a good husband, just being connected to family as much as possible."

- DAVID BECKHAM

## BILLY GRAHAM

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

## UMBERTO ECO

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by the little scraps of wisdom."

"Any fool can have a child. That doesn't make you a father. It's the courage to raise a child that makes you a father."

- BARACK OBAMA

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

- MARK TWAIN

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong."

- CHARLES WADSWORTH

"[Fatherhood] is the most insanely amazing, most beautiful, unbelievable thing that can ever happen to you."

- JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

"One father is  
more than a hundred  
schoolmasters."

- GEORGE HERBERT

"A father carries  
pictures where his  
money used to be."

- STEVE MARTIN

BEAU  
BRIDGES

"My father was  
my teacher. But  
most  
importantly he  
was a great  
dad."

"You just have this little  
human that's a product of  
yours and your partner's  
love. And I think that's  
really incredible to see  
ourselves reflected in our  
little child that we get to  
raise and teach and  
nurture, and I'm excited  
to do that."

- JOHN LEGEND

GREGORY  
E. LANG

"A daughter  
needs a dad to  
be the standard  
against which  
she will judge all  
men."

*Compiled by Tim Gordon*





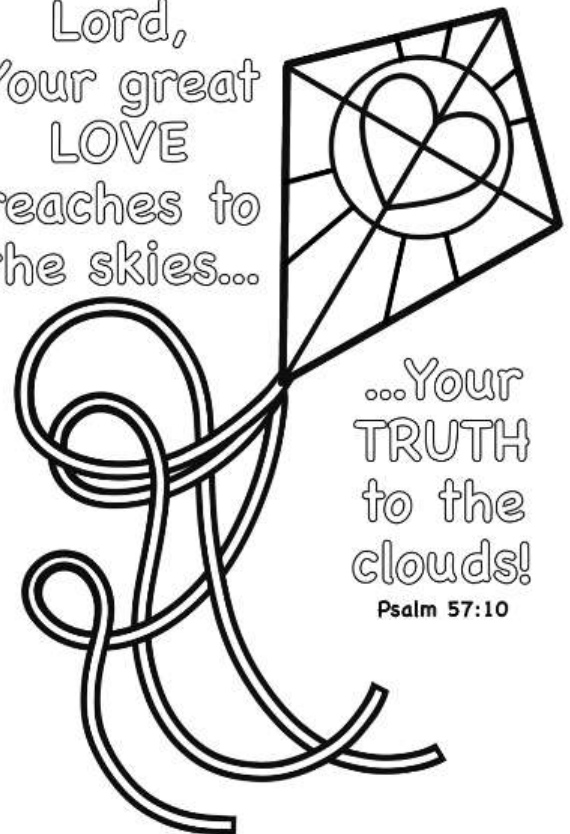


*They were trying to remember  
when they had last left the house.*

Lord,  
Your great  
LOVE  
reaches to  
the skies...

...Your  
TRUTH  
to the  
clouds!

Psalm 57:10







# During these troubled and distressing times we pray...

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.*

**Amen**

***And finally***



# NHS