

The3churches 2nd Sunday of Easter bulletin for Croston, Bretherton & Mawdesley w Bispham



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We learned a couple of days ago as widely expected that the current lockdown has been extended for a further three weeks, in order to restrain the spread of Coronavirus, protect the staff in the NHS and our care homes and save lives. In this first phase of this lockdown we will have all found ways of living with these restrictions and managing our time and no doubt many of us will both understand why we need to do this but we may also be frustrated by the restrictions imposed on our freedoms. I expect like me you have been deeply moved by the truly heroic effort of Captain Tom Moore who decided he would try and complete 100 laps of his garden before his 100th Birthday and so he set out to raise £1000 for the NHS charities. Well thanks to the generosity of people throughout the land and even across the world Tom completed his challenge on Friday but he has kept going and when I checked on Saturday his just giving total was over £20million! Captain Toms heroic effort and charming personality have captivated the nation - well done. As a church we have tried new ways of engaging with one another using modern ways of communications and I have had messages from people expressing their thanks and some have come from far afield. For the first few weeks we had the focus of Lent, Holy Week and Easter to keep us going now we are entering a more consistent time and this will bring its own challenges. We also still have to function as a Church community, we still

Facebook Pages

There will be a **Worship Video on Sunday mornings at 10 am** and during the week there will be worship every day at 7 pm using the night prayer resource on the Church of England Website at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Or you can download the 'Daily Prayer' App to your phone or tablet.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-John-the-Baptist-Church-Bretherton-439088266487676/>

<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelAllAngelsChurchCroston/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Mawdesley-w-Bispham-442669382795886/?ref=bookmarks>

Please continue to support the Food Banks

We need tinned & packet food, Tea, coffee, cereals.

We urgently need long-life (UHT) milk.

Specially needed is 'instant' food

- items that can be mixed with boiling water to make a meal.

(mashed potato, couscous, noodles, packet soups etc)

Many people cannot afford to pay for fuel & dare only to boil a kettle.

In Croston - please bring items to 19, Highfield Rd or 32, Westhead Rd.

The next run to the Food Bank is early morning - Monday 20th.

In Bretherton - The box will remain at the gate, 154 South Road.

Thank you to everyone for your support to date!

Resources - Easter

Attached to this email are:

- 1) *The 3 readings for Easter Sunday that we would have on our normal pewsheets.*

#EasterPilgrim - *This should continue through Easter (it might get renamed)*

Daily reflections / resources will continue to be posted on Facebook.