

The Parish of Halas

Together in Christ

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Dear Friends

Can you believe how quickly time seems to be passing this year? Or is that just for those who are older and having too much fun?

For some of us though, time isn't passing quickly at all. For those who have relatives or friends in hospital, or needing treatment, time is something that we may want to freeze for a short while, just so we can catch our breath.

As a team, we hope you were able to join in with some sort of worship over Holy Week and Easter. It was a challenge to us to put together, but we hope it gave some sort of parish feel to it. We continue each Sunday now with our set Bible readings and a spiritual communion service live on Facebook then placed onto our webpage.

This time that we weren't expecting to have or realised that it was there in the first place, has given us time to stop, think and pray. Jesus took time to stop, think and pray too.

"Father forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)

"My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46, Mark 15:34)

"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46)

These prayers from our Holy Week journey may feel so real to us at this time. May God forgive us for all those things we've done wrong or said this week, especially if they were done out of frustration, loss or anger.

When we look at the word 'forsaken', it could provide an explanation of how we might feel abandoned or deserted at the moment. However, "a journey into forgotten and forsaken places" fits as well. Know that God is with us through this journey, but please don't go on any trips!

And if we truly believe, to simply follow Jesus' words of 'into thy hands I commit my spirit', we can't go too wrong.

Jesus was a real man of prayer. He would take himself off to a quiet place just to be with his father. We have an opportunity to do the same now. The only battle may be finding the strength to rest our over-busy minds.

Know we hold you all in prayer and ask that you do the same for us.

Time can be a gift of regeneration, refreshment and resource.

Bless you all.....

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Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4.6-7

St Kenelm's, Romsley.

Here is forgiveness, and with forgiveness peace

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