

The Parish of Halas

Together in Christ

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Dear Friends

We wonder if you were able to join in the Christian Aid Quiz last night. Sally Spencer was our host with Jonathan being her tech supporter. Thank you to them both for all they did in preparation and presentation. We certainly enjoyed it.

Earlier this week, I took part in my first Webinar - a seminar but over the web. From the content via CPAS (the Church Pastoral Aid Society), it gave me some thinking time not just about the crisis now, but for the future.

We may feel that we're still stuck in our crisis. Many of us still are; those who are sick, those who have lost someone close to them, those who 'just can't do this anymore'. We have either been through these times or certainly know someone who is struggling.

I wonder if you've thought or said this - 'I'm running myself to the ground' and 'If you ask me how I am, I think I might cry'.

It's no wonder that we are feeling the way we do as we're in this flux of continuous change, zig zagging from one thing to another and not really sure where we're going next. It's tough to keep focussed.

We as a team would love to know how you really are, and especially the story of how you help others and how they have helped you. With this in mind, we'd value your reflections on how Holy Week and Easter was for you. What was good about it, how different did it feel hearing the familiar story this year?

We would love to hear from you and if you'd like to email or write a note and pop it in the post, we can share our Covid 19 Easter reflections with others and our hope is that this will be useful as we ponder as a Parish.

This week brings us once again to the season for Ascension Day and a celebration of the Dedication Anniversary at St Peter's in Lapal. On Thursday, we will bring you Morning/Evening Prayer, a reading and a sermon followed by an act of Spiritual Communion at 7pm. We then have nine days of reflection prior to the huge celebration of Pentecost.

In all of this we join with others in 'Thy Kingdom Come' where we are encouraged to care for those you are praying for, pray for those you are caring for.

During these difficult and trying times, we believe that now more than ever, presents an incredible opportunity for the Church worldwide, to unite in prayer so that our family, friends and neighbours will come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ for themselves. One of the key themes for Thy Kingdom Come is prayer and care. As we are praying for those we love to come to know the hope and love of Christ we also are encouraging all to see how they can show God's love towards them.

We ask that you keep in contact with us and each other. Make a phone call, send an email, letter or card letting those that you are praying for, that you are praying for them.

The Halas Parish would not be 'The Halas Parish' if it weren't for you. We are in this together.

Every blessing for this week.

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