

Message from Rev Iain Lothian

Dear all

At the present time Sunday services will be from home via Zoom for if we can reduce the risk of infection in any way it helps the common good.

This Sunday's service will be themed around 'Poverty' following the lead of 'Church Action for Poverty'.

Join us by Zoom: Click on [this link](#).

The Meeting ID: **951 3096 4519** and the Passcode: **service**.

Join us by phone: Dial **0330 088 5830** followed by the Meeting ID: **951 3096 4519** and Passcode: **7647720**

Dial-a-Sermon: You can also hear the sermon via the number **0114 4782335**. Calls cost the same as a local call.

The recording of last week's Service (14th February): If you were not able to join us for last Sunday's service on Zoom, you can watch by [clicking this link](#):

Unfortunately, our Churches are no longer open for our Monday and Wednesday Morning Prayer and for Private Prayer on a Thursday, I hope you understand that this decision has been made with public safety in mind.

Please keep looking after yourselves and keep contacting one another. If you have any prayer requests then please let me know and I will let our prayer group know.

Night Prayer: To join the night prayer which follows the usual compline pattern, [click here](#). It provides a lovely peaceful ending of the day for me and I hope it might do the same for some of you.

With Warmest Wishes

Iain x



Please send any news or notices for the notice sheet by Lunchtime on Wednesdays.

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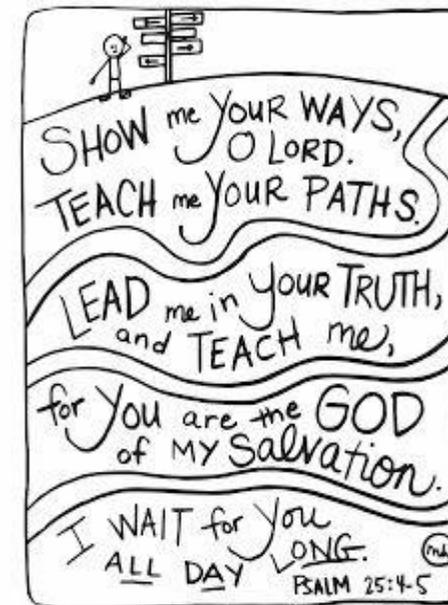
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Sunday, 21st February 2021



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Lectionary readings for today

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Pastoral.

We continue to pray for all the members of our Church families and the community who are unwell or have special needs at this very difficult time. Please continue to let Maureen Owen or George Wild know of anyone who should be included in our prayers.

Each week we pray for all the community in Crosspool and this week especially for the residents of Barnfield Close and Drive.

Food Bank

Some members of the congregation have been graciously giving cheques to the FirVale foodbank but there have been some concerns regarding long delays in cashing these.

They are still gratefully accepting cash and cheques but due to lockdown the St Cuthbert's Treasurer is not always able to get to the bank - hence the delays cashing the cheques. If it is easier, you can give on line at <https://localgiving.org/charity/firvalefoodbank/>, Please remember that any donations of cash and cheques should be placed in an envelope marked "Food Bank" and posted in St Columba Church mail box. Cheques should be made out to St Cuthbert's Church PCC and endorsed "food bank" on the back. Please, no money or cheques in the Food Bank box.

Donations of food, toiletries and baby products are very welcome and much appreciated and can be left in/by the collection box at St Columba's under the canopy by the door or, if the premises are open for Covid injections, just inside the porch and under the bell tower stairs.

Today is "International Mother Language Day"

International Mother Language Day seeks to promote linguistic and cultural diversity as well as multilingualism. This day aims to support quality education, unity, diversity, and international understanding. Language is the most effective way that humans communicate. It serves as a powerful instrument in the preservation and development of cultures and ethnicities.

International Mother Language Day was established in 1999 by UNESCO. It is observed annually on February 21st. It serves as a commemoration for a group of university students who were killed by the Pakistani Police in Bangladesh for using their mother language.

Quiz

For any who didn't receive one, a copy of last week's Film Quiz is attached. Next week we will send you the answers and a new quiz. If you have any quizzes or puzzles we can use in the Grapevine, please send them to Bob Townrow, at TowniesRM@TalkTalk.net.

Reminder: Fair Trade Fortnight is 22nd Feb to 7th March.

Harbour

When it's all over and hopefully it will be over,
I'll probably look back and miss
this strange web of our togetherness -

The impromptu arias at windows
and balconies, the orchestras of pots
and pans and hands beating a metronome

Of gratitude to keep airborne
the spirits of our nurses, doctors,
all our care-workers -

The live streaming of ballet dancers
prouetting trickily around their children,
now like everyone at home -

All the WhatsApp calls and video links
from friends and relatives, my daughters' faces
surfacing on the small sky of my mobile -

Yes, the virtual world can console.
But watch how easily I'll trade it -
for the simple harbour of a hug.

Grace Nichols: Lewes, Sussex: 13th May 2020

Grace Nichols was born in Guyana in 1950, and worked there as a teacher and journalist before moving to the UK in 1977. Her work is influenced by the history and culture of her homeland, in particular the oral story-telling tradition with its fantastic folk tales, the landscape and its rural tasks and the history of enslavement (particularly relating to women). Much of her poetry offers social commentary, especially with regard to women's issues and immigration, but she maintains a light-hearted approach and is committed to her poetic craft. She combines standard English and Creole to explore themes of alienation, separation, connection and spirituality. She also writes for children and has produced poetry and entertaining short stories for a younger audience.