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Church Chimes 15th May 2020

Parishes Helpline 01206 322025

170 deliveries to date!



Join in with a global wave of prayer from 21-31st May

Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday

Can you join in by taking a prayer walk along the roads and streets of our benefice sometime between 21st and 31st May? Have a look at the attached list of roads and streets and email me with what you can do. Also attached are ways you can pray as you walk.



Julian of Norwich lived in Norwich in the Middle Ages. She wrote the earliest surviving book in the English language written by a woman, Revelations of Divine Love.

She lived practically her whole life in the English city of Norwich, an important centre for commerce that also had a vibrant religious life. During her lifetime, the city suffered the devastating effects of the Black Death of 1348–50. In 1373, aged thirty and so seriously ill she thought she was on her deathbed, Julian received a series of visions or "shewings" of the Passion of Christ. She recovered from her illness and wrote two versions of her experiences, the earlier one being completed soon after her recovery, and a much longer version, today known as the *Long Text*, being written many years later.

She is often quoted as having said **"All Shall be Well!"** It is perhaps the most famous passage from her *Revelations of Divine Love*. However, when you read the *Revelations* themselves — the passage occurs in Chapter 27 — what you discover is that in the first instance it was not Julian who said this, but God who said it to Julian. Furthermore, Julian then goes on to argue with God for a full 13 chapters about how all things could not possibly turn out well!

Julian presents God with the suffering of the world, as well as apparent evil, and even the Church's teaching regarding hell. How could all things be well once we take into account all this suffering and pain? Responding to Julian's repeated challenges, God assures her that God will in the mysterious action of divine love and power and wisdom make all things well. God even presents Julian with examples of how suffering has been made well, and sin into glory. But still Julian presses on, wanting to know *how* all things could be made well. Ultimately, God does not explain *how* things could be made well, but invites Julian to trust in that future of wellness.

For us today this is really important. First, knowing that Julian argued with God is helpful to us who find it hard to believe that all could ever be made well. Taking on the saying "all shall be well" is not a simplistic devotion or a mental mind game; it is an invitation to live more trustingly. It is a profound invitation to notice how condemning we are of reality in ordinary life, and to *experiment with letting go* of these condemnations, to live in a way without the protection such condemnations offer.

This might seem at first quite scary, but if we reflect on this, what we usually discover is that our condemning judgements actually serve to hold certain things at arm's length, so that we don't really have to feel their reality or they threat they represent, and that letting go of these condemnations actually puts us more in touch with reality and so more able to engage it creatively and actively for the good.

All shall be well is radical, but not as a simple slogan. It invites us to a different way of being in daily life, our condemnations suspended, ourselves more sensitively in touch with what is, and so more creatively engaged (for more read <http://juliancentre.org>)

Take care Reverend Antony



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subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtpxpLp854CdAKzTdnbWuQw>

Orders of service are available

https://www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/Groups/337938/Service_Resources.aspx

Worship Sunday 17th May

8am Holy Communion BCP – *live stream*

Holy Communion – *recorded - available Sunday morning*

Readings Ruth chapter 2, John 14. 15-21

If you can't join in on line Sue Browne will be hosting a Conferoo call on Sunday at 11am where you can listen to the recorded service. Just call 03332 666 999 and when asked put in PIN186 982

Monday to Friday Morning and Evening Prayer live stream at 9am and 5pm

Early Morning Pray for Ascension Day at 7.30am Thursday 21st May

Daily Hope 0800 804 8044 – free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayer

Praying together....

Gather to pray - Wednesdays at 12 noon

join us each week to pray by Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/769925276>

pwd=Mno4QmFWcIZKOXNpMjh5d2xNbXNVUT09

Meeting ID: 769 925 276

Password: 550867

Prayers for the Coronavirus:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/de](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%202%20April_0.pdf)

[fault/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%202%20April_0.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%202%20April_0.pdf)

Resources for families and children



Presentations for all ages on the theme of **Hope** – do check out this assembly from Antony on our youtube channel

Hope in a hard place - hear the story of an ordinary girl who becomes Queen

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtpxpLp854CdAKzTdnbWuQw>

Resources including new prayers in lockdown idea

https://www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/Groups/302115/Children_and_Families.aspx

Giving - ways to give while the churches are closed.... **Thank you!**

1. Setting up a standing order - is the easiest way for us to receive money – if you would like to set up a SO please download a form <https://www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/Groups/285370/Giving.aspx>

2. Post a cheque *while out for your daily exercise* to The Parishes Office, Assembly Rooms, High Street, Dedham CO7 6HJ – payable to Dedham Parochial Church Council or Ardleigh Parochial Church Council

3. Make a payment on line

Dedham Church:

Dedham Parish Church

Sort code: 20-22-67

A/C no: 00297879

Ardleigh Church:

Ardleigh Parochial Church Council

Sort Code: 20-22-67

Account Number: 20073466

Ways to show you care locally and globally

Remember the rest of the world

and especially poorer countries who do not have our health care systems.

You can give to the Tearfund appeal.

<https://www.tearfund.org/>



Food for our Carers – the Chaplaincy at Colchester Hospital are collecting for the staff chill- out area individually wrapped biscuits, (such as penguins etc) choc bars, cereal bars, all wrapped individually, small individual bottles of water, juice etc. *You can drop these into the collection box at the Coop*

Help identify the next Bishop of Chelmsford

Have your say in our consultation

www.chelmsford.anglican.org/our-next-bishop

On 12 April 2020 Bishop Stephen Cottrell left his role of Bishop of Chelmsford after nearly a decade in post. Later this year he will become the Archbishop of York.

We thank him for his huge contribution to our diocese and we will be praying for him and his wife Rebecca as they embark on a new chapter in their ministry.

The process is now underway to discern who God is calling to be the next Bishop of Chelmsford and as part of that process we want to hear what you think.

The process includes a diocesan consultation that will run until 4 July.

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/our-next-bishop>

Finally - If I can be of any help to you do get in touch

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The Parish Office team are working remotely and checking messages left on the ansa-machine and post from time to time stmaryda@gmail.com