



**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**THIS WEEK**

Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

**NEXT WEEK**

1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-39; **Matthew 13.31-33,44-52**

**“I HAVE ENGRAVED YOUR NAME ON THE PALM OF MY HAND”**

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts.... **Gladys, Ethel, Trevor & Alison, Ann Watson, Roy and Diane, Phil & Bridget, Jenny and Bill, Margaret and John, Claire ...** and others who are known to us alone.

Think of the families of Diane Russell (Mick’s sister-in-law), Mary Sharrod and Nancy Wilkinson, whose funerals will take place in the coming weeks.

We continue to remember all those suffering and bereaved; NHS and other key workers. Pray for our society as the lockdown is further eased, especially for local authorities and police forces that they would work sensitively and achieve the right balance.

We ask for wisdom for local and national church leaders as they address the complex issues involved in safely reopening churches.

Give thanks for all those agencies working to support the vulnerable in our society and pray especially for the work of Derby City Mission.

Pray for our Annexe project as tenders for the construction work are invited; particularly that prices submitted will be within our budget.

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**Waymarkers and Milestones**



The feet of Christ walk before us,  
God of our journeying, show the way.

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Please send items for next week’s news-sheet to Ingrid  
[Ingrid66@btinternet.com](mailto:Ingrid66@btinternet.com) by Tuesday 21st July

## **WELLspring**

Last week I received a leaflet from Derby City Mission providing an update on their work and explaining how they are adapting to face the challenges of continuing to reach those in need during this health pandemic. They are getting ready, and say, 'Together, we must stop the devastating impact of Covid-19 on the most vulnerable, which is immediate but will also be felt for many years to come.' A staggering 180% increase in demand is reported for their Foodbank and Debt & Benefit Advice services. This is set to increase in the foreseeable future as more people become unemployed and budgets already under strain are pushed to breaking point, leading to crippling debt, eviction and homelessness. Add in the detrimental impact upon physical and mental health, the trauma of isolation and disruption of normal life as we knew it, and it is clear why we must try to grasp the big picture. If and when this virus becomes contained (and we pray it does) the people amongst whom we live and work will continue to suffer.

But God knows, and chose to come alongside all in our suffering at the Cross. We who are Christ's people are to be channels through which this compassion may flow. For our fellowship at Wellspring this is encapsulated in our name and logo - a splash of water rippling outwards... refreshing... cleansing... invigorating. Let's not forget this as we emerge from these 'strange times.' It may help us reshape our focus as a church that reaches out to bring wellness to those around us, and we need to be ready.

**Go well**  
**Kevin**

### **WHAT'S ON**

This week there will be a service of guided reflection on our website [www.wellspringchurchwirksworth.co.uk](http://www.wellspringchurchwirksworth.co.uk) from Saturday evening and it would be good if as many as possible could share in this at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday – click the **This Week Online** button. For those who are not online a CD is enclosed and a song sheet is included for all (please see attachment).

Our **Prayer Zone** meeting this Tuesday will be a socially distanced **Prayer Walk** and next week on 28<sup>th</sup> we will meet again online. Those unable to join with us on Tuesday mornings may like to set aside some time at 9.30 a.m. to be with us in prayer.

### **“NOT-THE-SUMMER-PARTY” CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ**

This will be held online at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. The Quiz will be fun and a relaxing evening where you can play as an individual or a household team and you will meet up online with others from the area. The idea is to raise money for our Community Partnership Projects in Lebanon and Iraq, working on educational needs with refugee children & teenagers (Lebanon) and employment skills with young adults & mums (Iraq). To find out more go to our Community Partnership JustGiving page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wirksworth-ca-community-partnership](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wirksworth-ca-community-partnership) where you will also find the link to our registration for the quiz at <https://forms.gle/T226JPf3mPEmVyZCA> (it's essential to register beforehand). More info from David Pankhurst at [david@thepankhursts.co.uk](mailto:david@thepankhursts.co.uk). All welcome - tell your friends!

### **ST MARY'S OPEN FOR PRAYER**

The Lady Chapel at St Mary's has been set aside for private prayer when the church building is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

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