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Spirituality - Prayer – Community – Welcome



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The next edition of Trinity Times will be published on 28th April. All contributions should be submitted by Sunday 21st April.



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Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

At the all age worship and Parade service in March the Guides helped us look back and around at our world and forward to our hopes for the future. It was interesting to hear about society in 1909 and how different it was. I wonder what 2109 will look like? There's plenty to learn from history and it can be fascinating to trawl through church archives and see what occupied people's minds years ago. One of the things I found surprising when I looked at the old magazines of a previous church, was that the copies produced in 1914-18 and 1939-45 had so few references to the terrible wars going on at the time. Worship, bible study groups and church bazaars just carried on regardless. Perhaps the writers couldn't write about the war because they didn't know what was going on or the situation was changing in a way that made it impossible to write anything sensible. Or perhaps these were examples of the great British attitude of 'Keep calm and carry.'

There is little calm in our nation at present as the deepest political crisis since the war unfolds. Parliament and the government are at logger heads, with the nation frustrated and the rest of Europe looking on with bemusement and sorrow. The economic effects of Brexit are already beginning to be felt and people wonder where it will all end. Writing in the middle of March I cannot imagine that all will be sorted by the time you read this in April. So perhaps all I can write is 'Keep calm and carry on' or quote the words of Paul (who faced his own crises many times): 'Have no anxiety 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 your minds in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4.6,7).

We are approaching Holy Week and Easter. Within that story there is betrayal by a friend, a weak politician, a fickle crowd, cruelty and hatred. Yet in the midst of it all, stands a Saviour who gives his life for friend and enemy alike. His integrity and courage and compassion shine through all the darkness that surrounds him. And shines a light for us to receive and to follow today.

As we pray for our nation and the rest of Europe, for our world with all its wonders and terrors, and for our planet crying out for protection, may that light of the crucified and risen Christ shine in our hearts and our world. And may we proclaim with confidence: 'the Lord is risen; he is risen indeed!'



News of the Church Family

Congratulations!

We sent our congratulations to Tom Hinks and his girlfriend Helena on their engagement. They are to be married in April next year.



Prayers for our church family – We continue to pray for those suffering from ill-health, especially **Aurelia Awuku, Michelle Butler, Glyn Evans, Marianne & John Hillson, Andrew Lewis, Abigail Lokko, Marian Mole, Janet Roake, Olive Shepherd, John Standfield, Joy Standfield, and Pauline Starck.**

If you have any good news to share within the fellowship, do let me know!

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate".

Church Secretary

This month we would like to wish
A Happy Birthday to

Harry B (1st)

Lesley B (5th)

Tina W (6th)

Norma G (9th)

Rebekah S (15th)

Erin L (21st)

and Best Wishes to

Linda & Grant C (20th)

on celebrating their

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

with love from all at Trinity

Worship at Trinity

Sunday Worship at 10.30 am (with activities for children):

- 7 April Worship and Communion led by Terry Hinks
- 14 April Palm Sunday Worship led by Bryan Long
- 21 April Easter Worship led by Terry Hinks
- 28 April Worship led by Beryl Taylor

Worship is followed by refreshments to which all are welcome.

Keep praying

Our Prayer Ministry is available after worship each Sunday morning. For more information please speak to Marian Mole or the minister.

Midweek Prayers at 9.30 am on Weds 3 and 17 April in church (just 20 minutes in Lent followed by Lent discussion at 10 am).

The Prayer Circle is committed to pray regularly for people in need. If you would like to join the group (or have prayer requests) contact Terry Hinks or Kate Yates. The group next meets on 14 July at 4 pm.

24/7 Prayer for High Wycombe is shared by all the churches. Trinity is well involved, taking part in days of prayer from time to time and using the 24/7 monthly prayer sheet. If you would to receive this sheet contact Marian Mole.

We need YOUR help!

For those of you who are not at work and are able to, we'd appreciate some help to Spring Clean and do any small DIY jobs to prepare Trinity for celebrating Easter. If you can help please sign up on the sheet in The Meeting Place or let me know.



Marian M

When? Monday 1st April 10am – Noon

What's on this month . . .

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| Mon 1st | DIY morning - anybody welcome to help! | 10am - Noon |
| Tues 2nd | Trinity Elders meeting | 7.45pm - 9.30pm |
| Wed 3rd | Trinity prayers | 9.30am - 10am |
| | Lent study group Focus on One Can | 10.15am - |
| | Trust & Community Fridge (coffee 10 am) | 11.15am |
| | Trinity Bookworms offsite | 2pm - 3pm |
| Thurs 4th | Prayer Walk at Daws Hill, praying for the community developing there, the provision of community facilities and the church's witness and service alongside and among the residents | 11am - 11.45am |
| Sat 6th | Church open for prayer reflections | 12.30pm - 3.30pm |
| Wed 10th | NO LENT GROUP MEETING (space for family and friends) | 10am - 11am |
| | Wycombe Homeless Connection | 7.30pm |
| | Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' Church | |
| Sun 14th | Traidcraft | Noon - 12.30pm |
| Tues 16th | The Tuesday Meeting and simple communion | 2.30pm - 4.30pm |
| Wed 17th | Trinity Prayers | 9.30am - 10am |
| | Lent prayers for Holy Week | 10am - 10.30am |

. . . and later

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2019

Sunday 19 May – Chiltern Local Area Group Annual Meeting at Beaconsfield URC at 3 pm

Tuesday 21 May – church meeting at 8 pm

What's on . . . this month

Trinity Bookworms

Trinity Bookworms will be meeting on Wednesday 3 April at 2pm at 21 Fremantle Road, High Wycombe. We will be discussing 'The Player of Games' by Iain Banks.

Coffee & Chat

No date has yet been fixed for a meeting in April. Listen out for announcements in church.

Tuesday Meeting

All meetings in The Meeting Place at 2.30pm unless stated otherwise

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| Tuesday April 2 nd | Spring Quiz |
| Tuesday April 9 th | Peter the Apostle |
| Tuesday April 16 th | Communion Service in the Sanctuary led by Revd Terry Hinks. All Welcome. Refreshments after. |
| Tuesday April 23 rd | NO MEETING |
| Tuesday April 30 th | William Shakespeare. |

Good Friday

This year the joint Good Friday service will be held at Wesley Methodist Church at 10 am, instead of at Union Baptist Church.

There will not be a Walk of Witness this year.

Regular events

- Every Sunday where possible – prayer ministry after the service
- Movers & Shakers Chinese Style group every Tuesday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Tuesday Meeting every Tuesday, 2.30 pm to 4 pm
- Trinity Prayers first and third Wednesday of every month, 9:30 am to 10:00 am
- Trinity Guides every Thursday, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm (term time)
- Movers & Shakers Caribbean Style every Friday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Trinity Rainbows every Friday 5:15-6:15 pm (term time)
- Trinity Brownies every Friday 6:15-7:30 pm (term time)
- Saturday Café the first Saturday of the month only 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

To find out more about any activities held at Trinity, please talk to Revd Terry Hinks or Kate Yates (Church Secretary)



CORES END QUIZ NIGHT

on Saturday 27 April

at Cores End Church Hall

6 pm Light Supper (followed by quiz at 7 pm)

Cost - £8.00 (profits in aid of Cores End building refurbishment)

Why not come along to another enjoyable evening of food and quizzing? Talk to others to form a team.

Limited numbers – so sign up asap. We need to know numbers by 20 April (for catering purposes).

More details from Muriel Wilson (01628 523622) or Terry and Elizabeth Hinks (01628 525076)



Cores End Church

Next Children's Craft Day

The date of the next craft day for 27 children aged between 5 and 11 is on 6 April. Children linked to Trinity would be very welcome to come to this (speak to Terry Hinks if you want to know more).

Exploring Holy Habits

Like Trinity, Cores End has been focussing on 'Holy Habits' during Lent, with Sunday worship taking one habit at a time and three evening discussions exploring these further. The church will continue to explore this after Easter.

Holy Week and Easter

The church holds a Simple Communion and lunch at 12.30 pm on Maundy Thursday (18 April). Members of Trinity are very welcome to join in this; speak to Terry if you would like to come. Then on Good Friday there will be a service reflecting on the reality and message of the cross at 11.30 am. Easter Day sees the outside cross decorated with flowers as the church gathers for worship and communion to celebrate Christ risen.

Change of elders and church secretary

Cores End's AGM is to be held on 10 June and the church will be seeking a number of new elders, as well as church secretary and church book keeper. We would appreciate your prayers that people may be found to take up this work.



Save The Date

Trinity Guides will be celebrating their 100th Birthday on Sunday 17th November 2019. If you know of any ex Guides or Leaders, please let them know. More details to follow.



"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." - Jeremiah 29:12

- We thank God for our army of dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time during the shelter months, as well as those who volunteer all year round.

- We pray for the Wycombe Winter Night Shelter, which runs from the beginning of January until the end of March in seven different church venues. We pray for smooth operation and that we succeed in

helping guests find suitable accommodation.

- We pray for our support centre, which is open every working day to provide advice and support to those facing homelessness. We pray that our guests are filled with hope and blessed with God's love, that they may move forward with their lives.
- We pray for our Legal Drop-In sessions, which take place twice a month for anyone facing eviction and/or needing legal guidance. We thank God for our country's justice system and pray that everyone gets the help they are entitled to.
- We pray for our counselling sessions, which take place once a week. We pray that the burdens of our guests are lifted up to God, that they may feel at peace.

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." - Ephesians 4:16

- Wycombe Homeless Connection's annual service of thanks to God is taking place on 10th April 2019 at All Saints' Church, High Wycombe. All are welcome, and we would be delighted to have you attend.

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Thank you ever so much for your continued prayers for and support of Wycombe Homeless Connection; it is thanks to God and his church community that we are able to do this vital work to tackle homelessness.

With blessings,

Sam Martin

Communications Officer

Wycombe Homeless Connection

Car park charges - on Sundays

We now know that the car park charges intimated in last month's Trinity Times come into effect at the beginning of April. (The Council have been rather secretive about these changes!)



The major change to affect worshippers is that there is now a £1 charge for parking on Sundays - and remember, payment **has to be made by card.** Cash is not an option.



As we come to the end of our season of helping to provide shelter for some of the local homeless, the following poem seems appropriate. (Be sure to read it to the end.)

REFUGEES

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not OK to say
These are people just like us
A place should belong to those who were born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way.

Now read it again - but this time from the bottom up.

The author's website is at <https://brianbilston.com>

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Church name change

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith which worships at Trinity on a Sunday evening have changed their name as from 1 March.

They are now known as *First Church of our Lord Jesus Christ Inc.* under the guidance of Pastor Gino Jennings in Philadelphia, USA, although they have a local correspondence address.



Keeping your personal belongings secure at church

By and large we're a trusting bunch of people so it's easy to forget that our church building isn't always a safe place to leave our valuables in.

I recently met someone who visited a church in the Chilterns with her sister, and during the service a person unknown to the congregation came into the church building, sat down, and surreptitiously stole her handbag. Fortunately the worshipper realised quite quickly what had happened, the thief was chased, and eventually most of her belongings were retrieved although the thief got away. I was surprised at the thief's audaciousness.

From a bit of internet research, it's clear that this sort of crime is becoming much more common – there's even a CCTV video clip of a man stealing a woman's purse while she's praying – so it's a timely reminder to make sure you look after your valuables when at church!



Christian Aid Week: ‘All mums should live’

Sierra Leone is the world’s most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it’s not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh’s sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.



Jebbeh told us: ‘My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.’



This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world’s poorest mums a chance to live.

Christian Aid update on Kerala floods

More than 5 months since the floods ravaged Kerala in 2018. With the generous gifts of our supporters we could reach out to the neediest people in the most marginalized communities.



Christian Aid has responded in the 3 most affected districts in Kerala - Wayanad, Idduki and Allepey - by providing means of safe drinking water, hygiene kits, non-food items and unconditional cash support to the most vulnerable families in the affected areas.

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1 year. 1,194 people released from debt bondage in India. 7,311 children in Senegal no longer forced to beg and given an education instead. Furniture giant Ikea no longer sourcing cotton produced with forced labour from Turkmenistan.

In 2017, we supported 81,000 people affected by slavery. All thanks to people like you. For every £1 donated to us, 84p goes directly to bringing freedom to people living in slavery.

We can eradicate slavery, even if we have to do it one case at a time. [But we can't do it without you.](#)

Please make a donation today and help us to free more people from slavery. Because for every Grace, Fatimata, Puspal and Raju, there are millions of people who find themselves trapped in slavery they can't escape from. [At least not without your help.](#)

[Please donate now](#) and help more people than ever before in the next year.

With thanks,
Debbie,
Head of Programme and Advocacy
Anti-Slavery International

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With your help, we were able to provide:

- 3790 households with relief kits
- 15 Community Water Filters
- 1350 Household Level Water Filters
- Hygiene and Shelter kits to 700 families
- Rs. 10,000 each to 1200 families who did not receive immediate cash grants from the government



Christian aid will continue its support in Kerala through the water distribution, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities, as well as focusing recovery programmes to build the livelihood sources of the most poor and vulnerable communities.



**Chiltern Area Group
Thames North Synod**

**All
Invited!**

An Invitation to the:

**The Annual Service
Sunday 19 May 2019
Beaconsfield URC, HP9 1LW**

*The Annual General Meeting is from 3.00 to 4.30pm.
Everyone connected with the churches in the group is
invited to come to the AGM, for tea and cake and to the
service or to part of the afternoon gathering as you are able.*

4.30pm Tea and Fellowship

5.00pm Shared Worship
led by Revd Nigel Douglas with
preacher Revd Dr Andrew Prasad,
Moderator, Thames North Synod.

**Come
and
join us!**

RSVP to the Group Secretary, Revd Bridget Powell

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in HIGH WYCOMBE TOWN CENTRE



Lent Groups continue to meet on Wednesdays in the morning and evening bringing together people from a variety of town centre churches to explore issues of justice and compassion and to pray for our local community, nation and world inspired by Isaiah 58:6-7 (the kind of fasting God wants).

We are meeting to explore each week's theme, to reflect and pray together:

Wednesday 3 April 10 am at Trinity URC and 7.30 pm at All Saint's (speakers from One Can and the Community Fridge Project)
Wednesday 10 April NO MEETING (space for family and friends)
Wednesday 17 April Closing time of prayer
10 am at Trinity URC and 7.30 pm at All Saint's

If you can't make any of the meetings, don't worry! Just know that however you take part, you are joining in with others across the town.

<http://www.allsaintshighwycombe.org/cthw>

Can you be entertaining?

We would like to provide an evening of entertainment towards the end of the year. Unlike recent efforts, the idea is that individuals (or small groups) prepare an item - or two! - in their own time so that full rehearsals are kept to a minimum. There is no minimum "stage time". It can be anything from card tricks to recitations, singing or any other type of performing.

There are no definite plans yet, so you can't say that you will be away that day! Think about it. More on this next month.



Cycle Idai Devastates

Eastern Zimbabwe March 2019

At least 89 people have died in Zimbabwe after Cyclone Idai tore across the eastern and southern parts of the country. Idai has deepened the suffering of a nation already grappling with economic and ecological woes.

The scale of destruction is unprecedented. Chimanimani has been cut off. Torrential rains and 170km winds swept away roads, homes, bridges and knocked out power and communication lines.

Nick Mangwana, the secretary for ministry of information, confirms 89 deaths. Most affected areas are not yet accessible, with high winds and dense clouds hampering rescue flights. Two pupils and a worker at a secondary school in Chimanimani were among those killed. A boulder crashed into their dormitory. Soldiers helped rescue the surviving 200 pupils and staff trapped at the school.

Zimbabwe, a country of 15 million people, is already suffering. The UN estimates that 5.3 million people will require food aid. Christian Aid is well positioned to compassionately respond to crises such as this.

We wish our partners every blessing as they work to address this latest environmental catastrophe. Support the Christian Aid Cyclone Adai appeal at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/cyclone-idai-appeal>

Prayer for Zimbabwe

*Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Rapha, Jehovah-Shalom,
God of liberty and righteousness, God of peace and truth, you feed your
people on the mountains, by the watercourses, and in the plains.*

*Where there is hunger in Zimbabwe bring prosperity; where the
economy has been ravaged, bring restoration and recovery. Let there
be abundance in Zimbabwe and may all the people flourish. Amen.*



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Traidcraft trading update

- Significant sales activity from October to end December – thanks to all who supported!
- Almost in line with recovery plan.
- Able to pay all suppliers on time and pay for painful restructuring.
- Huge admiration and gratitude to the 60 members of staff to whom they said goodbye – everyone continued to work with 100% commitment until the day they left.
- Survival plan required an enormous amount of work and support – difficult and painful process.

And now there is “Traidcraft 2”

- Restructured and reduced company of 12 staff, an outsourced warehouse (hopefully in July) and a reduced stock offering. New warehouse has agreed to start paying a Living Wage to its staff as part of their negotiations with us, instead of the current Minimum Wage.
- Handicrafts sadly no longer a sensible business position – difficult to deal with demise of long-term relationships with some producer groups.
- First two months of 2019 trading have been strong but full year result from losses in April 2018 to March 2019 will be very poor.
- Things looking more positive – in the last six months of 2018 an extremely generous loan from a Traidcraft shareholder was offered without charge and against no security. Without this Traidcraft would probably not have survived.

Summary: Thames North Synod meeting - 16 March 2019

1. **Synod staff** – Nneoma Chima has been appointed as Administrator.
2. **Visions of the future** – Alan Yates presented his two visions of the future for the URC, similar to the talk Alan gave at church meeting in January:
 - a) a “burning platform” where change will be drastic, urgent and limited, based on a membership decline of over 5% per annum, reducing Synods to between one and four, with average church membership of 24 – many lower – and ministers having 7 churches to look after, resulting in everyone becoming frustrated;
 - b) where the funds from the 14 URC Trusts are combined and we create a URC “**back office**” function doing many things that Synods and churches currently do, e.g. IT, HR, property management, legal compliance stuff, finance, at centralised – but not “London-ised” – hubs around the three nations, and Synods and churches focusing on “**front office**” things, such as mission and community action.

This could result in the URC spending 5% of its wealth annually to provide around 300-400 additional mission-focused people and freeing local churches from much bureaucracy. And it’s possible that the return on investment would be significant.
3. **Discipleship** – focus on *Walking the Way*, *Holy Habits*, *Stepwise* and *Learning Hubs*. Some rites of passage training available in Autumn (baptisms, weddings, funerals). Simon Peters, Walking the Way Project Officer, is capturing good news stories.
4. **Children & Youth Work** – Children & Youth Development Officer (CYDO) vacancy to be advertised soon; Soo Webster, Regional Pilots Officer, is moving away so is standing down.
5. **Youth Assembly** – had 17 Synod participants looking at three ways difference can be celebrated and embraced.
6. **Finance highlights 2018** – Good news: Synod has been spending more on people & discipleship (65%), as opposed to property 35%. A large proportion of Synod-funded mission projects are focused on youth and family. The Synod Treasurer encouraged applications for funding for things that build up the body, e.g. participating in *Stepwise*.

7. **Grant applications** – these should be discussed in outline with the Discipleship Committee well before being developed, and submitted to the Local Area Group for support before being sent to the Resources Committee for consideration. Future applications will only be considered at the Resources Committee meetings of March/June/November each year.
8. **Bullying** – everyone needs to be aware of preventing/reporting bullying (part of safeguarding).
9. **News from the churches** – Bricket Wood & Chiswell Green URCs amalgamated. St Andrew's Iver will be closing at the end of April.
10. **Fact-finding trip to Israel and Palestine** - Synod has a rep going to this in September this year.
11. **New Pilots programme** – physical and practical package available, designed to help churches engage with Pilots.
12. **Thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS)** – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Concerns/queries can be raised via their helpline, or through the Synod Safeguarding Officer. If anyone wants safeguarding training that can be arranged. DBS checks in the URC last for five years and should then be renewed.
13. **Review of M&M formula** – vote carried to amend this: Membership element to be removed & percentage on other income to increase to 47%.
14. **Resolutions on Climate Change** – Synod Exec will consider removing investments in fossil fuel companies and report back to October Synod meeting. Mission Council will be asked to do the same re. the national URC Trust. However, recognise that having a shareholder's voice can influence companies.

Kate Yates

The truth is like surgery. It hurts, but cures.

Lies are like pain killers. They give you instant relief but have many side effects

World Council of Churches condemns terror attacks

It was with deep shock and indignation that World Council of Churches (WCC) received the news that 49 people had been killed and dozens wounded in terrorist attacks at the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch and at the mosque in the suburb of Linwood in New Zealand (on Friday 15 March)

Revd Ray Coster, WCC Central Committee member from Aotearoa New Zealand said, 'We share with sisters and brothers in the wider ecumenical family our pain and grief in one of New Zealand's darkest hours and crave their prayers for the many Muslim families grieving at this time. Some of these families may be migrants or refugees. They are part of us. Many came seeking refuge and safety as Aotearoa New Zealand is perceived as a safe place. As a nation we value compassion, kindness and tolerance. What we have seen today has no place in our culture.'

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the WCC, stated: 'This terrible crime against women, men and children at the time of their prayers is an attack on all believers and an assault on the bonds of shared humanity and peaceful coexistence which unite us all. The WCC stands in solidarity with all Muslims at this time, especially the Muslims of Aotearoa New Zealand, and expresses the strongest possible condemnation of these actions and of the hateful and dangerous ideologies that stand behind them.' He went on to express his deep condolences to the Muslim community, and all the people of Aotearoa New Zealand, for this massacre is an attack on the whole nation and its values of inclusion and respect for all its citizens. He added: 'We pray that all the communities of Aotearoa New Zealand will come together to support those who have suffered so dreadfully and to reaffirm the nation's commitment to the safety and flourishing of all its people'.

Olav concluded: 'At this time the WCC reiterates its long-standing commitment to dialogue and harmony with the Muslim communities of the world. We affirm to all our Muslim friends and partners that we utterly reject such actions and call on all Christian people to follow in the way of Jesus Christ by seeking to live in peace and respect with all our neighbours, and especially committing ourselves to the protection of vulnerable minorities.'

Prayers were offered at worship on 17 March and Guides lit candles for the people of New Zealand.

Prayers for April

Praise the Lord, the Creator of Light
Praise the Lord, the Giver of Life
Praise the Lord as Spring returns
Praise the Lord for raising his Son.
Christ is risen; Christ is with us.
Alleluia!

As we enjoy the longer days and look forward to the summer, Lord our Creator and Father, we remember all those in our troubled world who have lost everything in flood, fire earthquake, storm, war and other disasters national or personal. Forgive us if even unconsciously we have been responsible for harm which has come to the defenceless and innocent. Thank you for those who are willing to risk their own comfort and welfare to bring help and relief to the suffering. We pray for greater understanding between people and between nations. Grant wisdom and compassion to the leaders of the world, including our own, at this difficult time. We pray in the Name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Be with us, Lord, in our lives from day to day. They often seem humdrum and ordinary and so:
For little acts of kindness
 We thank you, Lord;
For kind words gently spoken
 We thank you, Lord;
For shy smiles of friendship
 We thank you, Lord.
For selfish grumbles and petty grievances
 Forgive us, Lord;
For neglectful days and carefree indulgences
 Forgive us, Lord;
For shallow thoughts and easy sympathy
 Forgive us, Lord.
When we are down and despondent lift us up as your Resurrection people.
Alleluia Jesus is risen. Jesus is Lord. *Amen.*

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