

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Blackburn Diocesan Prayer

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ **Amen**

Please remember also in your prayers

Churches Together- Pauline Embley is our participant.
Anyone serving in the Armed Forces
Our partner parish of Ohlendorf-Mahner in Germany

Those who live on...

Edward Street Elm Street Fielding Lane
Franklin Ainsworth House Game Street

Those who have asked for our prayers.....

Andrew, Rosemary Smith Stuart Jackson Julie
Sheila Ward Malou Morton Ann Coates Jamie
Jean Sue Penfold Norma Roe

Those who need our continuing prayers.....

Hazel Burks Chris Baron Wilf Walker
Graham Paul & Claire Nedwell Peter Edge

For those who are in care or housebound.....

Vera Grimes Sylvia Henderson Hilda Nuttall
Mabel Heap Andrew Baird Noleen Walker
Joan Taylor Joan Bartram

For the recently bereaved family of.....

David Chadwick

From the Book of Remembrance

John Dixon Marian Caldwell Ruth Wilson
Brian Cornthwaite

Parish of Great Harwood St Bartholomew and St John Working within *Great Harwood Ecumenical Partnership*

2nd May 2021

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday 2nd May 10.00am
Holy Communion**

**Wednesday 5th 10.00am
Quiet Communion**

***FACE COVERING MUST BE WORN IN
CHURCH , exceptions for medical
conditions***

Thursday 6th May 1.00pm in church

Funeral of the late David Chadwick.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Old Testament	Acts	8	26-end
New Testament	1 John	4	7-end
Gospel	John	15	1-8

RACHEL'S REFLECTIONS

Good morning everyone. Here's Rachel's reflections ☺ for today. I woke early today just as the sun was rising. I wasn't sure whether to go for a walk or not, but, I got ready and after a quick coffee I went out the door. As I set out, I was in awe of the sound of birdsong. The dawn chorus that greeted me was in absolute surround sound!

I'm really not great at identifying the different songs made by different birds but I do recognise the distinctive song from the robin. I felt so comforted by the birdsong especially the little robin. It often is there just in the hedgerow beside me, reminds me of my Grandad.



I continued up the hill and the birdsong became louder and more magnificent. Maybe I was just listening more.

Made me think, just as you aren't sure about your day ahead, whether you can get out of bed, get dressed and even venture out the door, there's a whole world out there ready to greet you. A little nod from God that you can face the day.

I'm often looking for answers, of what the day will bring, maybe we can learn from the birds.

God Bless



Rachel

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS SICK

At home or in hospital please ring

Rev Graham Tel: 01254 801374 or

Margaret Ogden Tel: 01254 883134

FOR ANYONE NEEDING PRAYER

or wishing to put themselves, or others, on the Prayer for Healing & Wholeness list, would you please contact **Margaret Ogden Tel: 01254 883134**

SIDEPERSON'S PCC AND CHURCH WARDEN

At the back of church are the lists for the Sideperson's and PCC nominations. Also there is a form for being a Church Warden. If you are wanting to be part of these teams please enter your name on the lists, and get someone to second you.

THE CHURCH'S WEB SITE

We are now updating the website with more information. Why don't you have a browse. The site is: www.stbartschurch.org.uk

You will find on the website a weekly video reflection from the Vicar each Sunday and on Wednesday there will be a weekly video Service of Morning Prayer, with readings, prayers and intercessions.

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