

Much love and continued prayers from the Rectory at St Mary's Newick.

Few issues this morning, well done to Josh and Ash for your patience and perseverance, so we will move Zoom cafe to 11:55

<https://vimeo.com/419527689>

To begin at the beginning: It is Spring, moonless night in the small town, starless and bible-black time passes. Listen. Time passes. come closer now. . . .

Thank you to Andy Rees for our beautiful Sunset Prayer by Reverend Eli Jenkins from Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood.

Times certainly passes

It was 34 years ago this May that I was studying Under Milk Wood for my English A Level. It brought back many happy memories of studying and inspiring a lifelong love of Dylan Thomas' works, so loved that Ella's middle name is Caitlin after Thomas' long suffering wife. It also gives me yet another excuse to impart more poetry upon you, but thou I know, wilt be the first to see my best side, not my worst.

Perhaps time is not passing quickly enough for some of us at the moment but I do hope you are managing to find something to bring you joy.

Talking to some of you this week I have been inspired to hear all the things you have been doing, working from home, cautiously returning to work, continuing to care for those in need.

Others have been, home schooling, bread making, painting, decorating, sewing & knitting, online singing lessons, picking up a long dusty guitar or violin and of course exercising.

Many of you have also been praying like crazy and this is the most important activity we can do not only for our own wellbeing but for that of our world

This week is the start of Thy Kingdom Come and I invite you to join us in a daily reflection from Ascension to Pentecost but what better way to start than by using the three days before Ascension to check out our Rogation service on our website so that you can be praying for our community either at home or during your daily exercise

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this week's service, and there are a few treats in store today, Evie's beautiful signed Summary of The Law, the Riviera of our Reading from Acts makes us feel as though we could be in Athens with Paul, as a mother hen gathers her chicks so we are guided through our Gospel Reading, and our Lord's prayer is really rather special, I shall say no more.

Thank you to Josh, Evie, Mandy, Rich, Sue, Ian, the Bailey's, Ali & Owls Club, Jeremy, James and of course a huge bravo to Josh for putting it all together.

Sunset Prayer by Reverend Eli Jenkins

Every morning when I wake,
Dear Lord, a little prayer I make,
O please do keep Thy lovely eye
On all poor creatures born to die

And every evening at sun-down
I ask a blessing on the town,
For whether we last the night or no
I'm sure is always touch-and-go.

We are not wholly bad or good
Who live our lives under Milk Wood,
And Thou, I know, wilt be the first
To see our best side, not our worst.

O let us see another day!
Bless us all this night, I pray,
And to the sun we all will bow
And say, good-bye – but just for now!

If this isn't enough for you here is a link to the legendary Richard Burton and the cast of Under Milk Wood

<https://youtu.be/WJtzOD3KbLM>

If anyone would be interested in recording a reading or intercessions please let me know by emailing church.newick@gmail.com and I will draw up a rota for the coming weeks.

Tune into Ali at 10am this morning with more stories and fun and crafty ideas for this Sunday

Our service this morning is available on the Church website under services

<https://newickchurch.org/services-2/> <https://vimeo.com/419527689>

or here by clicking on the Vimeo link below

<https://vimeo.com/419527689>

(you don't have to download Vimeo to open the link) just click on here:

Facebook Link:

[St Mary's Newick Sunday service](#)

Our online service from Newick will be at 10.30 followed by a Zoom Café at 11.15

Paul Mundy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Cafe Church

Time: May 17, 2020 11:31 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83554057661?pwd=M1h6V3hTVFhPQnRHemZ3Um9vaVhuUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 5405 7661

Password: 514321

Our services have been prepared for you to use at home, as due to the current situation we are unable enter our Church building together, either here in Newick or in our neighbouring parishes, but the life of the church continues in the community, in our homes, in our prayer and pastoral ministry. If you are a joining us from further away, welcome, and if you would like to message us, we would love to be praying for you via church.newick@gmail.com

or through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarysnewick/>

We will keep everyone up to date, broadcast services and times of prayer, on our Church Facebook page and continue to build a sense of community during this time of isolation through the Newick Community Resource

Page https://www.facebook.com/groups/798875173939553/?ref=group_header

Much love to you all, stay in touch, stay safe, stay well

& where possible stay at home.

Paul x