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## **Knutsford COVID-19 Local Support Group**

### **WE ARE KNUTSFORD**

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**or to find out more about volunteering:**

**tel: 0800 118 1692 (freephone)**

**tel: 01565 817 444**

**Web: [www.weareknutsford.org](http://www.weareknutsford.org)**

*To access the Audio Services from St Cross*

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*To find out more about taking part in prayers by telephone  
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A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers



## **St Cross Newsletter May 2020**

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### ***The Vicar writes.....***

It is always nice to receive a pleasant surprise. An unexpected phone call, a birthday card or a surprise gift. As I recovered from Coronavirus, I received two gifts. One of these was from our sons and their wives / partners who had clubbed together to buy three things for me. One is still to arrive, but the other two gifts were an autobiography and bags of Maltesers. I also received a gift of an 'Airfix' Mini car from my sister-in-law and her husband. Laura owns a Mini-Cooper so I think she felt diversification from aircraft modelling might be helpful to me.

As I reflected on their kindness, and then the actual gifts, I thought back to my younger days. I still like Maltesers as much as ever, but I seem to have lost the taste for Mars Bars which I used to carry in my rucksack for every hike I did. Perhaps you remember the slogan, 'a Mars a day helps you work, rest and play'? It seems the gifts I have received are to help me 'work, rest, and play'. Like a three-legged stool: take one of these away and the balance of life does not seem right. Three is a good number when we think of stability and balance, and when we think of

God, our understanding leads us to think of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In these times of restrictions, many people, but not all, I hasten to add, are discovering a more balanced life. It is a good thing when we are in a position to 'work, rest and play'. I want to suggest that we could redesign our stool of life to have four legs, and why not? In the book 'The Shack' by William Paul Young, God is depicted as Father, Son, Holy Spirit and Wisdom – so our four-legged stool could be 'work, rest, play and pray'. There has never been a better chance for many of us to deepen our prayer life.

So in this time, if the opportunity allows, can you find more time to spend time reading the Bible or having a time of reflection and prayer each day? I wonder too, in this time, what new skills any of us have learned. I could not have imagined just over a month ago I would be recording services, or participating in 'Zoom' meetings to assist my ministry. The Church building is closed, but the word of God is still proclaimed to a wider, unseen audience beyond our St. Cross family. If you are worshipping by listening to these services, and gaining some spiritual benefit or growing in your faith through this, could you share this? Is there anyone you know who might enjoy this too?

Stay safe, everyone, you are all in my prayers,

*Yours, in Christ*

*Paul*



### Readings for Audio Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

	Morning	Evening
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Easter 4</b>	John 10.1-10	Ephesians 2.11-end
<b>6th May</b>	Acts 12.24—13.5	n/a
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter 5</b>	Acts 7.55-end	Revelation 21.1-14
<b>13th May</b>	John 15.1-8	n/a
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter 6</b>	Acts 17.22-31	John 21.1-14
<b>20th May</b>	Luke 7.1-10	n/a
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Ascension Day</b>	Acts 1.1-11	n/a
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter 7</b>	1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11	Mark 16.14-end
<b>27th May</b>	John 17.11-19 or Acts 20.28-end	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	Acts 2.1-8b, 12-21	John 20.19-23