

MONDAY
25 MAY
Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:1-6
John 16:29-end

TUESDAY
26 MAY
Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:9-10.
18-19
John 17:1-11

WEDNESDAY
27 MAY
Acts 20:28-end
Psalm 68:27-28.
32-end
John 17:11-19

THURSDAY
28 MAY
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Psalm 16:1. 5-end
John 17:20-end

FRIDAY
29 MAY
Acts 25:13-21
Psalm 103:1-2. 11-12. 19-20
John 21:15-19

SATURDAY
30 MAY
Acts 28:16-20.
30-end
Psalm 11:4-end
John 21:20-end

REFLECTION

Following the Gospel of John as it draws to a close this week gives us the sense that this is Jesus' "last will and testament". He has nothing to leave his disciples in physical terms – no house or possessions such as those we might want to give to our children or friends – but he bequeaths courage. Then he prays that they may be given God's protection; that they may be sanctified – that is, made holy – and that they may be made one, just as Jesus and the Father are one.

These "gifts" are strange. They are not magic spells for protection, but powerful blessings to inspire and encourage. Finally the two disciples closest to Jesus – Simon Peter and John the Beloved – are mentioned. This ties up the loose ends in the Gospel of John and also opens it up to us who come after.

This last will and testament hands the compelling story of Jesus, his Father and the disciples over to us to live its peace and love, to enact its abiding and including mandate, to share its hope and promise and to find in it the words of life for this age. That's a very big task indeed.

PRAYER

God of our future,
 when it looks as though we will destroy ourselves
 and our planetary home,
 hold us as you held that fragile community of John's Gospel.
 Grant us grace and courage not to give in to despair
 or infighting,
 but give us open eyes, hearts, minds and hands,
 to do the work of your kingdom of justice and joy.



CLIMBING KILIMANJARO

PART I – THE DECISION TO GO

Kilimanjaro is 5,895 metres high – a huge mass of volcanic rock thrusting out of the plains of Tanzania and Kenya to form the "roof of Africa" – and the world's highest freestanding mountain.

I first thought of climbing Kili when I was turning fifty – it was one of those things to do, a bit of an adventure, something of a dream. I remember wandering into a trekking company's office in Keswick while we were on a rainy holiday in the Lake District and opening conversation with the staff. In the end it was another ten years before I stood on Uhuru Peak.

My day job is as Dean of Coventry – a demanding role which takes me around the UK and further afield, sharing stories of peace and reconciliation, especially with partners in places like Dresden and Berlin, but also in South Africa, New Zealand and the USA. In 2019 I was granted a three-month sabbatical, which happened to coincide with my sixtieth birthday. Some of it was to be spent in libraries, exploring how God invites us into the universal work of reconciliation achieved through Christ. But it was also about physical refreshment. I love to walk – so what better way of marking a transition into a new decade than taking on a long-held dream?

Planning to climb Kilimanjaro was a spiritual as well as a practical challenge. How was I going to negotiate the inward journey, the spiritual discipline of maintaining my own personal life of prayer while I was on the mountain? What journey might God lead me on as I was walking and spending eight nights on my own in my tent? This was a real journey into the unknown. But, like jumping off a diving board, once I'd committed there was no turning back.

John is responsible for Coventry Cathedral, with its international ministry of reconciliation. He leads a large and varied team of staff and volunteers, each playing their part in the life and work of the cathedral. He is married to Ricarda, a hospital chaplain in Nuneaton.

LIVE the WORD

SUSTAINING YOU THROUGH THE WEEK

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The Very Revd John Witcombe – image used courtesy of Coventry Cathedral

Seventh week of Easter

Monday 25 May to
 Saturday 30 May
 2020

WEEK

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The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York Weekly Pew Sheet (24 to 30 May)

The church building is closed, and there are no acts of public worship at the moment due to the coronavirus outbreak. During this time, we have two ways you can join in prayer services from home or work – see below. For those at home, the weekly pew sheet and service book will be posted to you. If you have internet access, [both are available online](#). You can join from 5 minutes before the start time.

To join by calling from your telephone

Please see the details under each service. Dial the number and when asked to, enter the meeting ID.

To join if you have internet access

Join via clicking the Zoom link (under each service below) or go to our Facebook page [Holy Trinity York](#) and watch the video.

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Sunday 24 May – Morning Prayer at 11am

Readings: Psalm 104: 26-35; Isaiah 65: 17-end; Revelation 21: 1-8
Hymns: Alleluia Sing to Jesus; Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
Preacher: Rev'd Stephen Griffith MBE
Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196
Meeting ID: 234 796 177
[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

Thy Kingdom Come 2020 – Compline

This year Thy Kingdom Come looks different under lockdown. Join us at 7.00pm each night Monday 25 to Saturday 30 May.
[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 823 5135 2899

It is the same dial-in and meeting number for each night.

Readings (each night will also have two Taizé chants):

Monday: Psalm 4; Isaiah 49: 5-6

Tuesday: Psalm 31: 1-6; Micah 4: 2-3

Wednesday: Psalm 91; Acts 17: 30-31

Thursday: Psalm 134; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-17

Friday: Psalm 4; Matthew 5: 13-16

Saturday: Psalm 31: 1-6; Matthew 28: 16-end

Wednesday 27 May – Coffee morning 10am-11am

As we are all in our homes, our coffee morning is now on Zoom and telephone. Come along and catch up with everyone.

[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 788 838 668

Wednesday 27 May – Midday Prayer at 12.15pm

Readings: Psalm 29; Joel 2: 28, 29

Music: Taizé chant and Great is thy faithfulness

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 159 391 586

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