

Resources and Contacts

www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch is for updates and an online discussion forum where we can all join the conversation

www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch to see video messages from our church – you can see these without joining Facebook

Church of England Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer and Prayer during the Day – loaded for each specific day:

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer

An Ordinary Office

<http://anordinaryoffice.org.uk/> Very accessible short prayers – easy to pray if you're unwell or very tired, including 'Nocturne' for sleepless nights

The Northumbria Community

<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/how-to-use-daily-office/>

Short but poetic forms of daily prayer in the "Celtic" style.

Broadcast Services

Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am Sundays

Radio 4 Long Wave Daily Service 9.45am weekdays

Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3pm Sundays and 3.30pm Wednesdays

Help and chat

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Prayers at home

How can we respond to the Covid 19 pandemic in a Christ-like way? We should bear in mind that taking sensible precautions is not principally an act of self-protection, but primarily an action designed to protect others who are at risk in our congregation and our community. And we should continue to be open-hearted and attentive to the lonely, the vulnerable and the anxious, both within the church and beyond.

Above all, we will face the future (which is always uncertain) with courage and faith in God.

Clean hands, open hearts!

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Morning Prayer during Lent

O Lord, open our lips **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love **according to your judgment give us life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 121 (or any Psalm)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Bible Reading (or any section of the Bible)

The Lord's true love is surely not spent, nor has his compassion failed, they are new every morning, so great is his constancy. The Lord, I say, is all that I have; therefore I will wait for him patiently. The Lord is good to those who look for him, to all who seek him. *(Lamentations 3.22–25)*

Benedictus

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel: for he has come to his people and set them free.

2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David.

3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old: that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.

4. He promised to show mercy to our fathers: and to remember his holy covenant.

5. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6. free to worship him without fear: holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7. You my child shall be called the prophet of the most high: for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8. to give his people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9. In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10. to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayers

We keep silence or pray in our own words for the church, the world, those we care for, and those in need.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Collect

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we might know comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**