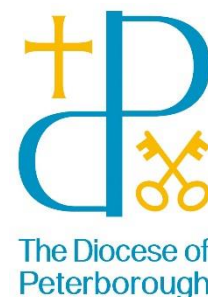


BISHOP'S BULLETIN No 35

To the Licensed Clergy of Peterborough Diocese

17 January 2021



Dear friends

Lent Course on Hebrews

My seven half-hour talks on Hebrews are now available, and you can download them from the table below. If you need help with that, e-mail [Joanne Gibson](mailto:Joanne.Gibson@peterboroughdiocese.org). These are designed as the basis of a Lent course, but could also be used as a replacement for the cancelled Bible Days. The study guide will be ready before the start of Lent.

1. Jesus - greater than religion (ch 1-3)	Download session 1 video files
(This first session includes a brief introductory video)	Download session 1 audio files
2. Jesus - a great high priest (ch 4-5)	Download session 2 video files
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3. Jesus - made perfect (ch 6-7)	Download session 3 video files
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4. Jesus - mediator of a new covenant (ch 8-9)	Download session 4 video files
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5. Jesus - a finished work (ch 10)	Download session 5 video files
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6. Something better - by faith (ch 11)	Download session 6 video files
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7. Looking to Jesus (ch 12-13)	Download session 7 video files
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Entire Series	Download all video files
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Preaching

My pre-recorded sermons on the Gospel reading for each Sunday continue to be available several weeks in advance, for any who want to make use of them. Please request any you would like from Rachel Lomas, my Office Secretary, by [e-mail](mailto:Rachel.Lomas@peterboroughdiocese.org).

My weekly Psalm reflections continue to appear on the [diocesan website](#) every Tuesday lunchtime. Back numbers of all the sermons and Psalms since the first lockdown are also available on my [YouTube channel](#).

I am available and willing to join in live-streamed worship and to preach, live but remotely, if you have the technology for this. If you are interested, please discuss it with my PA [Joanne Gibson](#), who can advise on the technicalities and book a date.

Lambeth Conference

The (normally) ten-yearly conference of Anglican Bishops from round the world was postponed last year to 2022, but plans are now afoot. Bishop John and I plan to be there in late July and early August next year. But this is not just for bishops. Dioceses will be encouraged to take part, partly hosting overseas bishops for a week or so before the conference, but also in various programmes and projects to strengthen our international bonds, starting very soon and probably running to the end of 2023. Alex Tolley, as my Projects Manager, will be heading up our involvement in all this, and you can expect to hear from her in the spring and summer. In the meantime, anyone interested can see what is being planned, and start praying along these lines, on the website: <https://www.lambethconference.org/>.

Bishop John

I am glad to report that John seems to be on the mend, albeit slowly. He is planning a phased return to work, with the hope and prayer that this will get his energy levels back. Next Sunday he will institute one of our curates to an incumbency, then will return to the role of working with Steve Benoy, our DDO, and Carys Walsh, our Curate Training Officer, in the discernment, care, and formation, of candidates for ministry, ordinands, and curates. That is important work, both stimulating and draining, but largely behind the scenes. Hopefully, he will be able to pick up his other responsibilities, including public-facing ministry, by Holy Week. Please keep him in your prayers, and please note that he will not be available for other areas of ministry for the time being.

New Dean

Congratulations to Canon Ian Black, who has been appointed Dean of Newport (Diocese of Monmouth, Church in Wales). He is likely to start there around Easter.

With love in Christ

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