

# Diocesan Update

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## I. Sing!

One of the sad things about not meeting together each week is not being able to sing together.

One of the great opportunities of feeling bereft of opportunities to gather is that folk are more likely to give some singing at home a try.

Canon Ian Howarth has written another hymn that is just right for our times. I love it because I can sing it (not something to sneeze at!) and because the last 2 lines draw me back to Jesus who has faced the worst of trials and conquered for me ... and you.

Your congregations may like an email or letter with these words and an invitation to sing it at the same time during the week. Folk could sing it down the phone with each other, or simply know that at (say) 10am next Sunday you will be singing it too.

### **WE COME HERE TO PRAY IN TROUBLE-FILLED DAYS**

Tune: PADERBORN (TiS 470) or HANOVER (TiS 188)

1. We come here to pray in trouble filled-days,  
to gather as one and present in ways  
though physically distant we may be in place  
Christ fills our hearts clearly, with bountiful grace.

2. Some will not fare well, as sickness takes hold  
it's worry and strain to trouble the soul.  
Yet darkness and suffering will not be the end,  
through God's word and giving, eternally mend.

3. Some come to partake in Sacrament here,  
whilst others at home, are praying it's clear,  
wherever you may be, entrust to the One,  
whose dying and rising, new life has been won.

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NB- Paderborn is the tune for 'Ye servants of God', and Hanover is the tune for 'O worship the King'

If you need a hand to get started <https://hymnary.org> has a great bank of tunes to sing from just search the tune name.

Thanks Ian!

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## 2. Online worship this Sunday

A Sunday service for this Sunday, 29 March is available to watch on the diocesan website by going to [Your Church > Online worship](#). This is also accessible via our [YouTube channel](#).

This will be updated weekly in time for Sunday, but can be viewed at anytime. Links to previous Sunday services will also stay on the website for anyone needing to catch up.

## 3. The Spirit – Easter worship at home resources

A special Easter supplement of The Spirit will be prepared with Worship at Home resources for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Day. The fantastic Zan, George, Heather and Tracey have collaborated to make this happen and David Thorne has turned around the layout so it can get into our hands in time. Praise God for their work.

This will be prepared for distribution next week.

## 4. Life FM Bendigo – 105.1 fm

Life FM is a Christian community radio station based in Bendigo. Bishop Matt will be featuring on Life FM Bendigo **each Friday from 3pm – 4pm** for those who may like to tune in.

## 5. Ridley Bible Overview

Ridley College is conducting a [Bible Overview online](#) over six lessons that participants can enroll in for free.

Bible Overview covers the whole message of the Bible in a single subject. It has been designed and presented by Mike Raiter, a popular and esteemed Bible teacher. It will help you grasp of the big story of the Bible, and to make more sense of the different Bible readings you may hear at church or read in your own devotions. It also will help you get a sense of how the Bible relates to the world around us.

## 6. Registry Office

A reminder that meetings with Registry staff are by appointment only, with phone and video conferencing facilities available.

## 7. Events

The following events have been postponed due to COVID-19

- Ordination – rescheduled for 28 November 2020
- Safe Church Workshops for 28 March and 18 April
- General Synod – rescheduled for 30 May – 4 June 2021
- Lambeth Conference – rescheduled for 2021

