



**South Downs
Gateway
Churches**

Morestead, Owslebury,
Twyford & Colden Common
Learning, Praying, Serving, Caring

A Reflective Service: for worship in isolation

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

Keep a short silence, still your heart.

As God's people we have gathered;
Let us worship God now together,
Across the miles yet joined

Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the light of Jesus,
let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Keep a short silence, leave your sins at the cross

Confession: Father, we have sinned against heaven and
against you. We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again, have mercy on us, bring us back to
yourself as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution: May the Father forgive us by the death of the
Son, and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**



*Find the bible reading for today on a Bible website such as <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/churches/daily-bible-readings>
Or read through the New Testament in 40 days (See back page)*

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

We intercede for others in the quiet of our hearts.
Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.

Silence for prayer is kept:

*Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you
Pray for others in their loneliness / our country / for the world*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept

Faithful God,
may we who have shared in this time of worship,
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation and hope, who reigns as Lord now and forever.
Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;
And as you have fed us with your presence,
so make us one in heart and mind,
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord,
thanks be to God.

If you want to live out your faith in your isolation,
why not telephone someone, to let them know that they are
not alone.

If you are lonely, telephone Revd Damon on 01962 711216

“For God has said, ‘I will not leave you or forsake you’ so we
can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear’.”
(Hebrews 13:5-6)

“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he
will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be dismayed.”
(Deuteronomy 31:8)

*Please God, we can meet together in
church again, soon.*

Reading the New Testament in 40 Days

There are many possible ways of reading the whole New Testament; here is a plan that intersperses the four Gospels with the Epistles and other books of the New Testament.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Biblical Texts</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Biblical Texts</u>
1	Mark 1-4	21	Luke 8-11
2	Mark 5-8	22	Luke 12-16
3	Mark 9-12	23	Luke 17-21
4	Mark 13-16	24	Luke 22-24
5	1 & 2 Thessalonians	25	Acts 1-6
6	Galatians	26	Acts 7-10
7	Philippians & Colossians	27	Acts 11-16
8	Philemon & Ephesians	28	Acts 17-22
9	Matthew 1-7	29	Acts 23-28
10	Matthew 8-12	30	1 & 2 Timothy & Titus
11	Matthew 13-18	31	Hebrews 1-10
12	Matthew 19-24	32	Hebrews 11-13 & James
13	Matthew 25-28	33	John 1-5
14	1 Corinthians 1-9	34	John 6-10
15	1 Corinthians 10-16	35	John 11-16
16	2 Corinthians 1-13	36	John 17-21
17	Romans 1-8	37	1 & 2 & 3 John & Jude
18	Romans 9-16	38	1 & 2 Peter
19	Luke 1-3	39	Revelation 1-11
20	Luke 4-7	40	Revelation 12-22

Notes:

- Each day includes about 200 verses of the NT.
- Most daily selections can be read in about 20-30 minutes.
- The readings are a guide. Split them up as works best for you.
- Take time to reflect on what you have read, on its meaning and application for you.