

Vicar and Curate's Musings

*and any other information we found interesting,
funny or a need to share!*

Vicar's Musings

It's been an interesting week at the vicarage this week—our cat Bella needed to be spayed because she was on heat and never seemed to be off heat poor thing. Now Bella never did like being held but now she loves it and has become a permanent fixture either on one of our laps or curled around our necks.

Pets bring and give so much to us when we need a hug or someone to listen to and I love the humour at the moment going around about what our pets would say or do if they could speak to us. I'm sure many of us think they understand us and others disagree. Now it doesn't matter whether you are a dog or cat lover in this household - my slogan has always been love me love my pet! When I met James I had a Labrador called Poppy who whenever she saw water would rush to swim in it and when we met on a date by a canal she had to be rescued by James as she couldn't get out of the canal! —surprisingly Rosie is the total opposite and hates getting wet! (I wonder what would have happened if I'd met James with Rosie and not Poppy—things could be so different!)

I've been thinking about how circumstances change us and what we go through—a lot of people are desperate to 'get back to normal' whatever normal may be. I've always had a problem with the word 'normal' because it always depends on your perspective—my sister was profoundly disabled and her normal wasn't mine and people would say she wasn't 'normal' - but that leads me back to what is normal?

If normal is rushing around and not having the time to talk to people and getting stressed and putting money first—is that a normal we really want to rush back to?

What parts of this enforced isolation would you wish to keep?

Are there any parts you'd wish to keep?

What parts of church life have we been surprised we can do without or are desperate to get back to? And why?

I find there are more and more questions to be raised when we are released than there are answers at the moment.

I'm going to leave you with a poem I was shown by my mother when she worked in a school for people with disabilities. It was written by a child there expressing how what we do and say impacts on them and how it makes them feel. How many others whether or not they are disabled feel unheard and ill-equipped in our society? Do we really want to rush back to a world like that?

Labelled Disabled

*I live in a body labelled: 'handicapped'
stunted legs and arms askew
I live in a body I wouldn't have chosen
but then few of us do.*

*People say I'm brave
as though bravery were a choice
I learned early not to scream
for mine is an unheard voice*

*The world is competitive
and I'm ill-equipped to compete
but I'm no less a person
because I'm not complete*

*I live in a body labelled: 'second rate'
but I feel second to none
when society knows the difference
then my battle is won.*

by Anonymous.



The funeral service for David Folkes takes place Saturday 16th May 2020.

There is to be a procession through Broadway starting at St Michael's Church, Broadway 11.20am and up Broadway High Street. The hearse will then drive down Leamington Road and onto The Vale Crematorium for a 12pm service.

***Please remember if you are on the High Street
to maintain 2m social distancing.***

You can find an order of service attached with this mailing and musings.

You can also watch over webcast here: www.obitus.com

Username: the8854

Password: 461811

Service viewing time: 11:56am – 1:05pm

Please note: People will be able to login to Obitus website at any time to view a Test Webcast which is recommend that they do in plenty of time before the service, during the service window they will be automatically redirected to the Live Webcast of the service.

Once the viewing window has passed the Live Webcast will then automatically close and a message will appear saying "This funeral service has now finished". Obitus will aim to get the watch again Webcast back online on Friday 22nd May, where it will be available to view until Monday 20th July using the same Login Information.

Our thanks to [Merstow Green Funeral Home](#) for helping to organise this.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gill, Caroline and Christine and the family.

Fire At Sheffield Cathedral

May 14, 2020



We report with sadness that this evening, Sheffield Cathedral has suffered damage due to a fire.

We do not yet know the full extent of the damage but the fire is out. It is particularly sad and difficult as the fire has affected the part of the Cathedral where the Cathedral Archer Project work from and meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable people in our City. No one was hurt in the incident. The cause of the fire is being investigated by South Yorkshire Police and the Fire and Rescue Service.

Investigation launched after Sheffield Cathedral 'targeted' in arson attack

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/crime/investigation-launched-after-sheffield-cathedral-targeted-arson-attack-2854221>

by Steve Jones

Police have launched an investigation after a suspected arson attack on the oldest building in Sheffield following a break-in.

Fire crews were called to Sheffield Cathedral on Church Street at around 6pm on Thursday after a 40-year-old woman allegedly set fire to the Domino Hall after smashing a window to gain entrance.

The suspect, from Sheffield, was arrested close to the scene on suspicion of arson and burglary after police arrived at around 6.30pm. She remains in custody today (May 15). Police confirmed nobody was injured in the incident.

Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus took around 40 minutes to extinguish the blaze and prevent it spreading further. They remained on the scene to clear smoke from the building until around 10pm. The fire service is now assisting police with their investigation.

Sheffield Cathedral is one of only five Grade I Listed Building in the city. The Domino Hall is the largest room in the 900-year-old building and is used as an event space for up to 150 people.

Reverend Keith Farrow from Sheffield Cathedral said: "The fire started in the Domino Hall and it doesn't look like there's been huge, extensive damage. "There's been quite a lot of smoke and smoke damage in that area."

The Cathedral is currently closed to the public because of coronavirus but the Cathedral Archer Project, which is based at the rear of the building on Campo lane, has remained open throughout lockdown.

The Cathedral Archer Project works with homeless and vulnerable people in Sheffield to help them find ways out of homelessness and exclusion. Last month it put out an emergency appeal for donations to allow them to continue their work.

Reverend Farrow added: "Everyone seems to be safe, nobody is injured. But clearly it's affected the very heart of the Cathedral Archer Project.

"We want to pray for the work that might be affected in the Cathedral Archer Project at this particularly difficult time."

The cost of the damage is not yet known. The Star has contacted the Cathedral Archer Project for comment.

A spokesperson for South Yorkshire Police said: "An investigation is underway after a suspected arson attack at Sheffield cathedral last night (May 14).

"It's understood that someone had gained access to the cathedral through breaking a window, and set fire to one of the rooms.

"A 40-year-old woman from Sheffield was arrested nearby on suspicion of arson and burglary. She remains in police custody.

"Nobody was injured in the incident."

A South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue spokesperson added: "Firefighters from Central and Rivelin were called to a fire at the Sheffield Cathedral, on Church Street in the city centre, at 6pm yesterday (May 14).

"Upon arrival they found smoke issuing from a community room that is connected to the cathedral. Breathing apparatus wearers immediately gained access and had extinguished the fire itself by 6.41pm – preventing any further spread.

"The crews remained on scene for some time after the fire was out clearing smoke from the building. There are no reports of any injuries and firefighters eventually left the scene at around 10pm.

"A joint investigation between the police and fire service is now underway."

BBC website—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-52673913>

Sheffield Cathedral has been damaged in a suspected arson attack.

The fire broke out on Thursday night in a part of the building used by the Cathedral Archer Project homelessness charity.

A cathedral spokesperson said no-one was hurt and the extent of the damage was not yet known although it is thought a window was broken to gain entry.

A 40-year-old woman has been arrested on suspicion of arson and burglary. The charity said it was a "huge blow" because it delivers meals to people in need.

It said in the current pandemic it had been delivering more than 180 meals daily.

The charity said it was hoping to resume work "as soon as is safe and possible to do so".

The Very Reverend Peter Bradley, Dean of Sheffield Cathedral, said: "It really feels like an attack on some of the poorest people in our community.

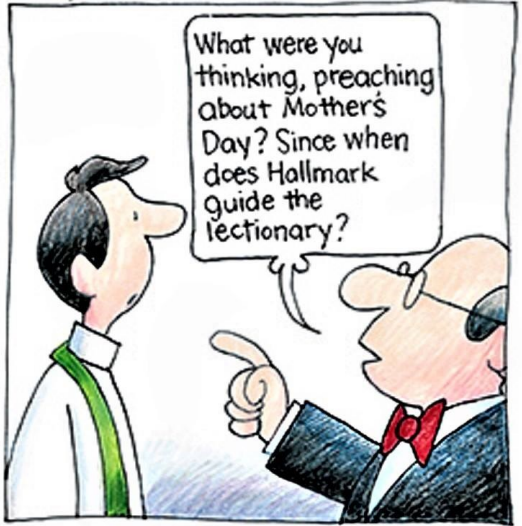
"The Archer project is open every day and we are going to try and keep it open from next week. It has never been more important at helping people get through this crisis."

More than £200 has so far been donated by people to help the centre get back up and running.

PREACHING ON MOTHERS DAY 2016...



A YEAR LATER...

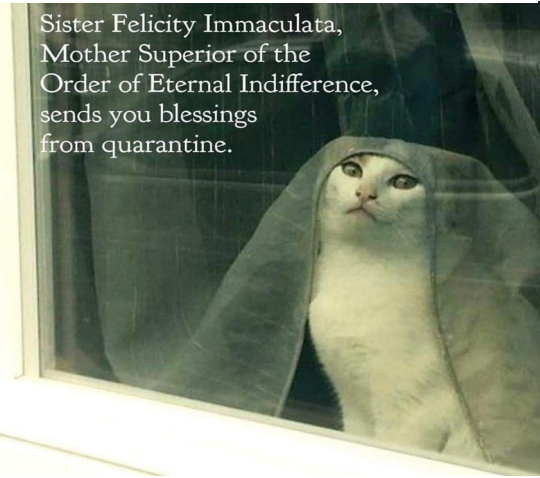


Margaret, do you take Ryan to be your husband? If so, hit the "Control" button.



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Sister Felicity Immaculata, Mother Superior of the Order of Eternal Indifference, sends you blessings from quarantine.



Live Streaming Church



The more things change, the more they remain the same!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN EASTER IS OVER?



We Can't Go Back...to Being In Control

by the Very Revd Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's, Member of General Synod and Vice-Chair of the Ozanne Foundation



<https://viamedia.news/2020/05/08/we-cant-go-back-to-being-in-control/>

Posted on May 8, 2020 by Jayne Ozanne

Are you old enough to remember this?

A woman is kneeling on the kitchen floor caressing her new fan oven in her lovely large kitchen, while the birthday party behind her descends into chaos abetted by a greedy dog and a very messy set of children's menu choices. As half the table collapses and spills the carefully prepared food onto the floor, she simply turns away from it all and sighs sweetly, 'Don't you just love being in control?' while making a thumbs-up sign – and a blue flame bursts weirdly out of the top of her thumb.

The thirty-year old advert was for a well-known British gas company. The presumption behind the marketing was that we all want to be in control of our lives, and we will pay good money for it. The underlying (unintended?) message was that our ability to control life is very limited, and we're only a short step away from the chaos around us which we prefer to pretend isn't happening.

People with resources – and that probably includes the readers of this blog, because we have access to the internet – may know in theory that we can't control everything, but that doesn't stop us trying most of the time to live as though we could manage our way through life. Our phone's map app that takes us (and hundreds of other drivers) down a quiet road to avoid a traffic hold-up; the carefully planned holiday and child care; the good insurance cover and sufficient savings, and even the spiritual assurance of eternal life, will all see us through.

Till when? Till the unprepared-for comes along, whether a coronavirus or another disease or a relationship breakdown or the loss of income or a natural disaster or terrorism or the combination of Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough speaking out about the environment – and we realise that we're not in control in the way that we thought we were.

But not being in control is the everyday experience of nearly all of humanity,

past and present. A farmer friend of mine said to me many years ago with reference to food supplies, 'We're only three days away from anarchy.' Chronic insecurity has always been our human lot, and history teaches us that the pride of those in control always goes before their fall.

The United Nations estimates that 8% of the world's population could be pushed into destitution by the end of this year, largely because of the pandemic. It's not only because of the direct effects of the disease, which the International Rescue Committee fears could kill several million people in countries with poor health systems and large numbers of vulnerable refugees. It's also the effect of the collapse of distribution systems and export markets.

From flower growers in Ethiopia to Bangladeshi garment makers, the International Labour Organisation has warned that over 1.5 billion people are in danger of losing their livelihoods, and therefore food and security for their families. All through no fault of their own.

COVID-19 as an immediate issue is reminding our society of how vulnerable we *all* are: not only those who live in the UK, but all of us across the world, bound together in complete dependence on one another. This pandemic is a shared global experience which invites us all to face the unsustainability of the world's complex systems of control, which the global warming crisis underlies; and it's a challenge to change, to do something about it.

The key to this is relationship. From a Christian perspective, everything depends upon relationship with God, the maker and redeemer of all. The love of God seen in Jesus Christ draws us into relationship with God as our Father and Lord, and changes – or should change – our perspective, from us being in control of our own life to living for the sake of God and others.

If God has made the world and it is good, then we *must* care for it. Not only for its own sake, but also to enable it to sustain the lives of ourselves and every other person God has made and loves. And if God has made us, and sent Jesus to suffer and die (and so letting go of control), and Jesus has been raised not to exercise power over others but to be good news for each and all of us, then we must care for one another and not make use of or forget anyone.

The pandemic reminds us that our lives are fragile and valuable, all of them. And also that, whatever hopes we might have had for the future, and the sorrow we feel when those we love die or when facing our own death, what matters at the end isn't being in control, but being in relationship: held in love, in life and in death.

'Don't you just love being in control?'

Yes, we do!

But we need the burning love of God above all, and thereby love for our neighbours as ourselves. Which means being those who live in love – and not being those who have to control our lives or the lives of others.

So let's get over it, and get on with it!

We Can't Go Back... to Being Focused on Our Own Significance

by the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford



Posted on May 15, 2020 by Jayne Ozanne

<https://viamedia.news/2020/05/15/we-cant-go-back-to-being-focused-on-our-own-significance/>

“...let me be employed for you or laid aside for you” – John Wesley.

John Wesley's covenant prayer is one of the finest pieces of Christian writing in English. And one of the most devastating. I do not want to be “laid aside”, even for God. I do not want to confront the vulnerabilities that this might reveal. Like Bob the Builder, my life is built around agency, the capacity to act. “Can we do it? Yes! We can!”

So, the experience of exile – from our church buildings, our normal patterns, our capacity – is a fascinating and unsettling journey, an unusual Easter season of fasting. Even as the different elements are changing, I am keenly aware that we are journeying towards an unknown future. Kierkegaard's great line “we have to live life forwards but only understand it backwards” (which I am sure he said in far more elegant Danish) illustrates something important about the unknowability of the destination. This should be familiar territory – we pray daily “Thy kingdom come...” with little idea what the kingdom is going to look like.

Reflecting on the last two months there are many things I have learned. I am

delighted to discover, heaven forbid, that many congregations can exercise exemplary pastoral care for one another without clerical intervention. I am excited and daunted by the apparent success of our live-streamed worship and teaching. And as someone who normally receives communion daily, I have been surprised how easy it has been to let that go, and to rest simply in the robust rhythm of the daily prayer.

The things I do not want to go back to have little to do with the details of Cathedral or church life. Number one is homelessness. It is extremely moving to see one of our most extreme local heroin addicts in her right mind because she is now receiving proper accommodation, assessment and care. St Mungo's charity challenges us to embrace this once in a lifetime opportunity to revolutionize care for rough sleepers. No going back.

But what I really want the Church to learn from Covid-19 is to let go of our sense of our significance. We desperately need to shed this and its shabby outcomes. Robert Warren, former Evangelism Officer for the Church of England, put it most simply in his comment: "the Church of England – a minority community with a majority complex". Just as in personal ministry wreckage occurs when the ego intrudes, so it is when the corporate ego of the Church intrudes. As Dean David Ison suggested last week, the more anxious we become about our own significance and our need to control, something quite different from the joy, simplicity and mercy of the Gospel emerges.

The New Testament scholar Larry Hurtado urges us to recognise that Christian faith is "different, odd, and even objectionable....". A Church that has national and diocesan bureaucracies out of proportion to their mission and fails to fund the poorest communities adequately needs to think radically about its priorities. As many dioceses and Cathedrals face extraordinarily challenging financial futures, the present is a fantastic opportunity to do some practical theology in response to discover what "different, odd, and even objectionable" might look like for us.

Over the last seven weeks, praying the daily office alone for the first time in 32 years has made me acutely aware of the biblical themes of weakness and vulnerability, and of how we hide from them. Our success narratives make weakness and vulnerability difficult to notice. Why, for instance, does even the NRSV translate the word "slave" as "servant"? It happens again and again on the lips of Mary, on the lips of Jesus, on the lips of Paul. In the same way we happily sing "God of power and might" at the Eucharist when the words "power" and "might" do not actually figure in the original text. The traditional "Lord God of hosts" is both suitably vague and more accurate.

The word that has struck me most is "almighty". It trips off the tongue effortlessly again and again in prayer. But "almighty" hardly ever occurs in the Bible. The Hellenistic Jewish translators of the Hebrew Bible chose it for their Greek version of "El Shaddai". But that is a Hebrew name for God of completely

uncertain meaning. Apart from its appearance in one Old Testament quotation in Paul (2 Corinthians 6.18), the word “almighty” only occurs in a single New Testament book: Revelation.

It is the omnipresence of “almighty” in non-biblical prayers, hymns and worship songs that has given it pre-eminence as a name for God way beyond its biblical currency. This suits our self-image, our desire for significance. “Almighty” is exactly the kind of God we would love to believe in at a time like this.

And yet it is the God of weakness and vulnerability who stands at the centre of New Testament faith. Luke 24 and John 20 go out of their way to tell us that the risen Christ is still wounded.

As we approach Ascension Day, it is worth checking out stained glass windows, statues, and paintings for the feast. If Christ is ascending unwounded, then the artist has completely missed the point. Of the many modern works of art in Chelmsford Cathedral, the figure of the blackened, naked, emaciated, risen and ascended Christ tells me everything I need to know about the vulnerability of God.

This is familiar territory, and there is a large body of contemporary writing about weakness and vulnerability. But that itself can contribute to our illusions. John D Caputo’s broadside at much of our rhetoric is worth hearing. Theology, he says “is, on the one hand, the locus of the most divine discourses on the weakness of God, even as, on the other hand, it is too much in love with power, constantly selling its body to the interests of power, constantly sitting down to table with power in a discouraging contradiction of its own good news. The more it talks about weakness, the more we can be sure it has power up its sleeve.” (*The Weakness of God* pp 7-8).

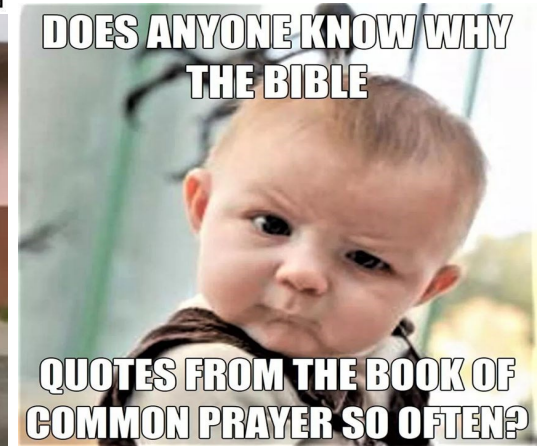
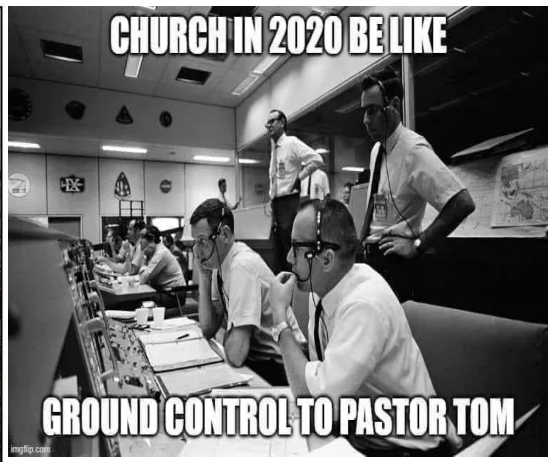
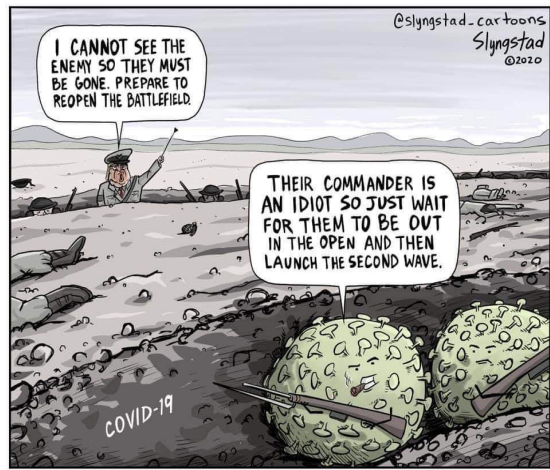
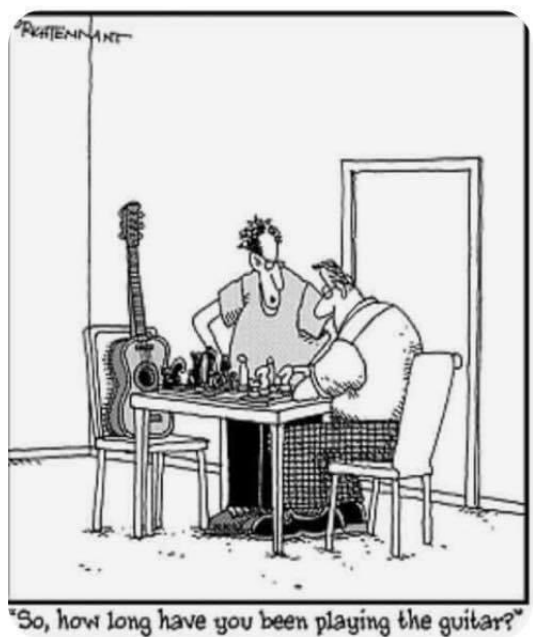
This gap between rhetoric and reality issues us with a startling invitation to let go of our significance, our self-importance. This period of being laid aside as a Church, this time of exile, offers us an extraordinary opportunity to own up, to face ourselves as we really are, and to learn to minister in a genuine way out of our weakness and our vulnerability. Covid -19 invites us to confront our obsession with our own significance; our rhetoric about leadership (another word completely absent from the New Testament); and our obsession with success.



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We should be
lifting each other
up and cheering
each other on,
not trying to
outshine one
another. The sky
would be awfully
dark with just
one star.

Stacie



**OMG where did you
have your hair cut ????**



**I WOKE UP
EARLY**

**THERE WAS
NO WORM**



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MEANWHILE IN FRANCE...



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



*get a human they
said..hardly ever
home they said*

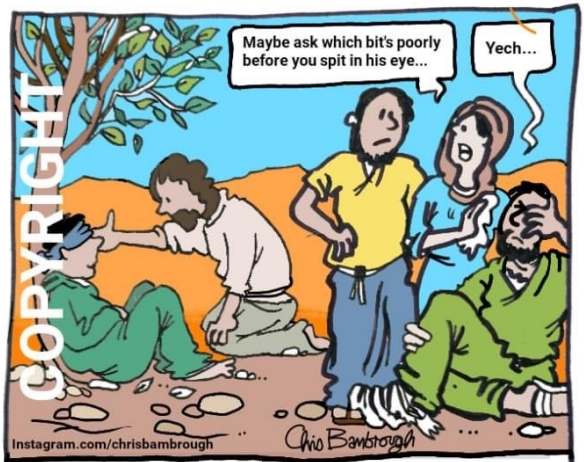




John Cook @johneuelcook · 8m

Replying to [@UnvirtuousAbbey](#)

And our Lord did say "this is my body broken for you. Whenever you see this please assemble it yourselves." The Letter to the Ikeans 4:24



When the disciples started copying Jesus, inevitably there were some mistakes.





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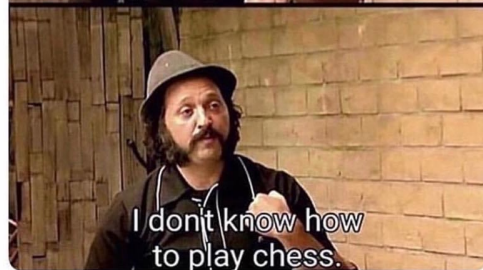
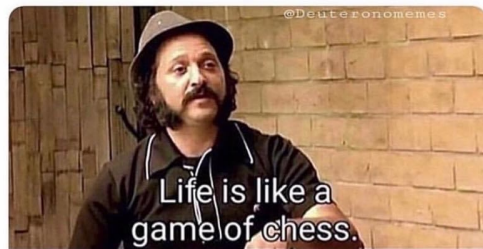


APRIL



MAY

Why I need God



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SIR HUMPHREY We've issued a clarification of the slogan, Prime Minister

JIM HACKER Good. Will we be withdrawing the campaign?

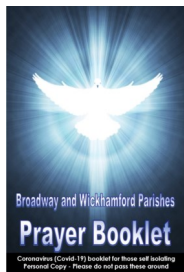
SIR HUMPHREY No, Prime Minister, it's important that the message gets out.

JIM HACKER What, even if people don't understand it?

SIR HUMPHREY Especially if they don't understand it. That way, if the restrictions are too stringent and cause economic problems then we can say our message supported relaxing them, and if they're too lax, and cause a 2nd wave, then we can say our clarification clearly said the rules weren't being relaxed.

JIM HACKER So, the purpose of the clarification is to put us in the clear?

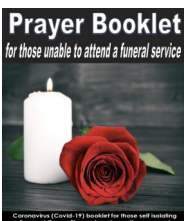
Coronavirus / Covid 19 update



Prayer Booklet

Prayer Booklet for May

www.shelliem.wordpress.com/2020/04/28/prayer-booklet-for-may-during-covid-19/



This prayer booklet is for people unable to attend a funeral

<https://shelliem.wordpress.com/2020/03/29/prayer-booklet-for-those-unable-to-attend-a-funeral/>

Go to church this Sunday (virtually)

You can watch (and rewatch) the Church of England's virtual Sunday services:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Radio 3—Choral Evensong 3pm

Radio 4—Morning worship 8am

BBC radio—Hereford and Worcester—8am

Just to let you know that Churches Together in Broadway are fundraising for Christian Aid week, and they'd really appreciate your support. We cannot go door to door as we usually do so giving online through Just giving page is the way we can donate and help them.

You can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here: [https://](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/broadwayctib?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=broadwayctib&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=eb1f318eb474498a8ce926e25e2b021e)

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/broadwayctib?](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/broadwayctib?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=broadwayctib&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=eb1f318eb474498a8ce926e25e2b021e)

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Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure.

Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Christian Aid, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Thank you,

Shellie



Broadway Coronavirus Support Network

There is a group of people who have formed a group with many volunteers—The Broadway Coronavirus Support Network—
<https://www.facebook.com/broadwaycoronasupportnetwork>

This is updated regularly on Facebook.

(UPDATED 7pm SAT 21/03) To all residents in the Parish of Broadway

We are so far a very small group of villagers working together with the Parish Council as we would like to provide help to our fellow residents during the current Coronavirus pandemic.

We are in the process of setting this page and network up so please bear with us whilst we pull together the relevant parties to assist.

This FREE service is available to residents within the Parish of Broadway who are self-isolating, vulnerable or have underlying health issues that prevent them from going to public places.

Please contact us if you require assistance with local shopping, prescription collections, posting letters or anything else you are struggling with, or if you would simply like a friendly chat over the phone:

Contact:

Tel: Revd Michelle (Shellie)Ward - 07780002565.

E-mail: broadwayvillagenetwork@gmail.com

One of our coordinators will then put you in touch with a helper who lives near to you.

*PLEASE NOTE - we will also aim to provide all of the details on leaflets and posters so that those who do not use online services can easily access the same help.

Please do not feel isolated or that you shouldn't be asking for help. We are all here for each other during this difficult time! Your contact details will only be shared with your designated Broadway Helper. We won't keep records, or publicise your details or ask you for money.

This free service will be available until the British government / W.H.O. has declared that the pandemic is no longer a threat.

*PLEASE NOTE

** We cannot provide medical advice / assistance or lifts to medical appointments or elsewhere. If you require this type of help please contact Cotswold Friends, a local charity:

Telephone 01608 651415 info@cotswoldsfriends.org

We will aim to work with our local stores provide delivery services.
The following Broadway businesses offer local delivery, and you can place your orders over the phone and pay with your bank card: We will add to this list as we go;

UPDATED FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

BROADWAY FOOD / MEALS / SHOPPING DELIVERIES

COLLINS OF BROADWAY BUTCHERS

01386 852061 for any orders big or small.

WAYSIDE FARM SHOP can take orders, payment and deliver to door as well as collection; Wayside also doing roast **01386 830 546**

CO OP - offering food orders online between 10am -1pm on Tues, Weds,Thurs. Call order and pay on **01386 842870** and they will organise the food.

For those self- isolating due to illness, or those vulnerable / elderly you can then call us when you have made payment and we will arrange delivery **07780 002565**.

NISA LOCAL - BIBSWORTH AVENUE

Set up for online payment and delivery. If you wish to place an order please phone **01386 859218** before 2pm.

Also offering a drive through service - phone with order, pull up outside and it goes in the boot.

THE BROADWAY DELI – Call the boys on **07483 404497** for Deli food, letter posting, newspapers ... whatever you need :)

THE BROADWAY WINE COMPANY

Call **01386 852 501** to order your Wine, minimum of 6 bottles for home delivery.

JOHN BARLEYCORN

Selection of quality local beers, ciders, wines, loads of gins & other spirits from small British distilleries, jams, honey etc. Free delivery (on orders over £20) in Broadway and to the local area, up to 5 miles. Any orders outside this area might be subject to a delivery fee. **01386 854938** only between 9am-2pm Tuesday-Saturday with your order.

THE BAKEHOUSE

Offering fresh, daily prepped Bake@Home ready meals delivered to door. Weds – Saturday. Details on website, Telephone **01386 852277**.

www.thebakehousebroadway.co.uk/bakeathome

**** If you need a volunteer to pick up a few urgent essentials for you from the local shops please ensure you have some cash at home or a cheque book. All cash should be placed in an envelope.**

We're here to help!

Other Useful Information **found on Facebook or other places online**

Barn Close Surgery

COVID-19 Coronavirus

1st April 2020 Update

Lockdown continues. Please, for your own safety and for that of others, stay at home.

The NHS is incredibly busy, we are incredibly busy.

If you have your medication dispensed by the surgery, please bear with us, and please be kind and polite to our staff who are working so hard.

Dispensary opening times have changed. We are open 10:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 18:00 Monday to Friday

Please allow 7 working days before collecting your medication.

Thank you

23rd April 2020 Update

There is much confusion regarding "Shielded" patients who are "extremely vulnerable" if exposed to Covid-19. These patients should have received a letter from NHSE informing them of this.

There are other "less" vulnerable patients who do not qualify for this "Shielding" list but who should also be undertaking strict Social Distancing Measures.

There is an excellent FAQ from the NHS regarding this. Please click link below:

(The link from the post is attached with this musings separately.)

Broadway Dental Care

BROADWAY DENTAL UPDATE

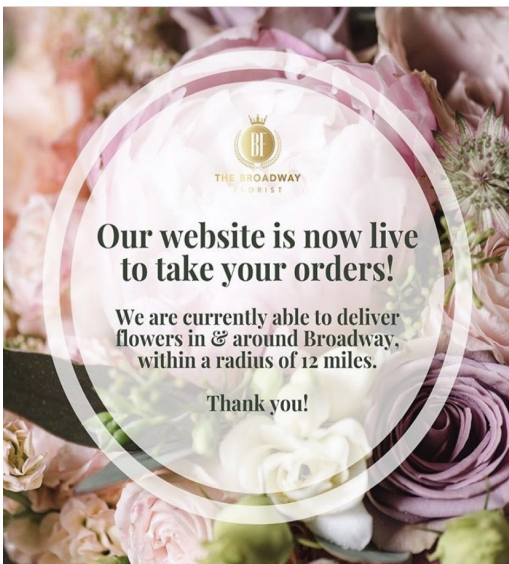
Please read below and Phone Mark Howe, the Dentists in Broadway on 07419 123507 for urgent prescription enquiries.

The Broadway Support Network can collect and deliver as required for those Self isolating due to illness / Vulnerable / Shielding / Elderly.



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Broadway, Worcestershire

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COVID-19 Update

✕ Close

The safety of our patients, team and the wider community is our greatest concern at this time. Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 23/03/2020 and restrictions on the provision of dental care from the Chief Dental Officer England, we are sorry that we must temporarily close and are currently only able to provide remote advice.

If you have a dental emergency please call us on [07419123507](tel:07419123507).

If you have a dental emergency and have developed Covid-19 symptoms you should use the NHS 111 online support service.

All appointments are cancelled until we reopen.

Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.



Delivery Menu

Delivery is £3 for orders in Broadway, Childswickham & Willersey.

Burgers

All Served In Peter Cook's Brioche Buns

No.32 Burger £8

Dry Aged Beef Burger, Streaky Bacon, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Gherkin, Red Onion & Paprika Mayo

Pulled Pork Burger £7

Harissa Spiced Pulled Pork, Cheese, Red Cabbage 'Slaw' & Homemade BBQ Sauce

Bacon Burger £8

Dry Aged Beef Burger, Cheese, Streaky Bacon, Bacon Jam & Baconnaisse

'Imposter' Burger £8

100% Plant Based Burger, Caramelised Red Onion, Grilled Halloumi, Lettuce, Tomato, Gherkin & Garlic Mayo

Pizzas

Margherita £12

Tomato, Mozzarella, Oregano & Basil

Hawaiian £13

Tomato Base, Bacon, Parma Ham, Pineapple & Mozzarella

Pulled Pork £13

Tomato Base, Harissa Spiced Pulled Pork, Bacon, Jalapenos, Red Onion & Mozzarella

Zeus £13

Tomato Base, Sun Blushed Tomatoes, Olives, Artichoke, Spinach, Red Onion, Halloumi & Mozzarella

Feast of Meat £14

Tomato Base, Pepperoni, Salami, Bacon, Parma Ham, Mozzarella, Rocket & Balsamic

Sides

Skin on Fries £3

Rosemary Salt

Sweet Potato Fries £4

Halloumi Fries £5

Pineapple & Chilli Salsa, Hot Sauce

Red Cabbage 'Slaw' £3

Homemade Sauces

Roast Garlic Mayo £0.5

Smoky BBQ Sauce £0.5

Paprika Mayo £0.5

Baconnaisse £1

Information from the Diocese

Live Streaming of services

You can follow the links to these churches online via the diocesan page: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/2020/03/16/coronavirus-latest-information/>
I have chosen, for now, to offer a WhatsApp group where we can pray, share and communicate as a benefice—if you wish to join the group please send me your mobile number and download the app. There is always the prayer booklet on our churches website and a hard copy is in church.

The following churches will be live streaming. Please do point people to these if you're not able to stream worship yourself.

Worcester Cathedral will be streaming their 8.30am service each morning on the Cathedral Facebook page. (From Sunday 22 March)

All Saints in Worcester are streaming 11am morning prayer and 10pm Compline as well as a Sunday service at 10.30am on YouTube.

Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill will be streaming their Sunday service at 10.45am on You Tube.

Malvern Link with Cowleigh parish will be streaming a 9.45am Eucharist and 11.15am Contemporary Worship on Sundays on their Facebook page.

Christ Church, Lye will be streaming prayers and a sermon at 11am on Sunday morning on their Facebook page.

East Vale and Avon benefice are putting together a series of online services which can be accessed through their website.

Holy Trinity & St Matthew, Ronkswood, Worcester will be live streaming worship via Zoom on Sunday at 10am and 6pm. Details about how to join in are on the parish website.

St Mary, Old Swinford, Stourbridge is live streaming services on Thursdays at 10.30am and Sunday at 10am. More details on the parish website

St Peter, Cradley is live streaming daily morning prayer at 8.30am and Compline in the late afternoon through their Facebook page

Hagley and Clent are offering Sunday worship at 10.30am via Zoom and all are welcome to join them. Contact the Rector, Richard Newton for more details.

Morning Prayer from Worcester Cathedral

Watch Morning Prayer from Worcester Cathedral. This is one way in which we are linking members of the Cathedral community as well as the wider public to the Cathedral's daily offering of praise and prayer.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/WorcesterCathedral/>



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Statement on latest Government guidance on coronavirus

Pages



11/05/2020

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: "We note from the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy that churches could be open from July as part of the conditional and phased plan to begin lifting the lockdown. We look forward to the time when we are able to gather again in our church buildings.

"We are examining what steps we will need to take to do so safely and are actively planning ahead in preparation. We strongly support the Government's approach of continuing to suppress the transmission of the virus and accordingly, we recognise that at this time public worship cannot return in the interests of public health and safety."

The Breath Prayer

Written by Sheridan Voysey

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit

I receive your *love* & release my *insecurity*

I receive your *joy* & release my *unhappiness*

I receive your *peace* & release my *anxiety*

I receive your *patience* & release my *impulsiveness*

I receive your *kindness* & release my *indifference*

I receive your *goodness* & release my *ungodliness*

I receive your *faithfulness* & release my *disloyalty*

I receive your *gentleness* & release my *severity*

I receive your *self-control* & release my *self-indulgence*

Artwork by @jodie888

For those suffering **domestic abuse**, isolation will be a terrifying prospect and **significantly increase the risk of harm**.

If you, or anyone you know is **in need of help**, please reach out to Women's Aid, us, a trusted friend or family member and consider using a code word to communicate safely.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: **0808 2000 247**



www.fb.com/groups/wearethemotherload

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
(24hrs)

National Domestic
Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247
(24hrs free)

Mind
0300 123 3393
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Victim Support
0808 168 9111
(24hrs)

Cruse Bereavement
0800 808 1677
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

ChildLine
0800 1111
(24hrs)

Action on Elder Abuse
0808 808 8141
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Respect - Men's Advice Line
0808 801 0327
(Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic
Violence
0207 186 8270



Mental health

The Church of England has produced some mental health reflections to help you in this time of uncertainty. You can access them at: cofe.io/MentalHealth.

The Mental Health Foundation has also produced some useful resources, which can be found at: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

You can find a host of other mental health resources from a variety of different organisations and charities. <https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/toolkit/coronavirus-and-isolation-supporting-yourself-and-your-colleagues/>

Some helpful books and resources are also available from Sacristy Press at <https://www.sacristy.co.uk/books/coronavirus-church-resources#>



Evesham & District Mental Health Support
Services

1 hr · 🌐

Friday - 😊 lets keep going and appreciate we are still here to live our life 😊
COVID-19 helpline 07495896695 (9am-9pm 7 days a week)



Evesham & District Mental Health Support
Services

37 mins · 🌐

Mental health awareness week , starting on Monday , the theme is **#kindness** , so look out on this page every day next week :)



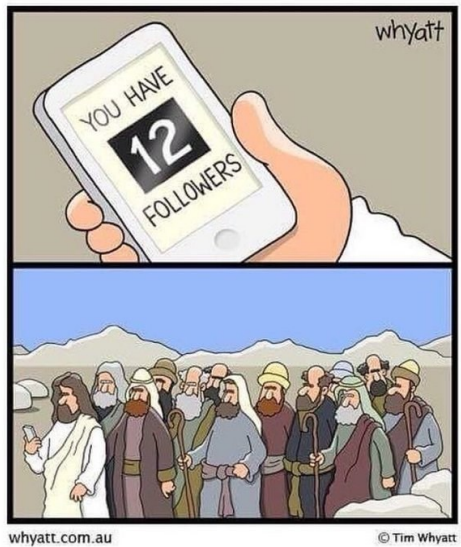
Tweet



Mark Oakley
@CanonOakley

Well, this made me stop this morning.
Praise by RS Thomas #APoemADay

I praise you because
you are artist and scientist
in one. When I am somewhat
fearful of your power,
your ability to work miracles
with a set-square, I hear
you murmuring to yourself
in a notation Beethoven
dreamed of but never achieved.
You run off your scales of
rain water and sea water, play
the chords of the morning
and evening light, sculpture
with shadow, join together leaf
by leaf, when spring
comes, the stanzas of
an immense poem. You speak
all languages and none,
answering our most complex
prayers with the simplicity
of a flower, confronting
us, when we would domesticate you
to our uses, with the rioting
viruses under our lens.



London and Sydney decided to travel to Australia on March 27. On arrival all passengers were taken to hotels in Sydney for two weeks. The army was on hand to get them through customs and on to coaches. Food was delivered to their hotel rooms. Their home was near by but they were not allowed to leave the hotel. They were tested at

Sir, Mark Osborne believes (see May 8) that it is unrealistic to suggest that the football season should only be completed if the safety of all concerned can be "guaranteed". He cites other sections of the workforce — the NHS and social care staff, as

Role of the church in coronavirus crisis

Sir, Your rather mean-spirited leading article ("Open Up", May 9) accused the Church of England of being "shockingly absent". The decision to close buildings for public worship was made by the government, not the church. Far from being absent, the Church of England, like other denominations, is finding new and imaginative ways of being present. Of course we yearn to return to our buildings and when it is deemed safe we will. But two million people listened to the Archbishop of Canterbury's Easter service and 600,000 joined online. Many churches report large numbers of people joining streamed worship. Foodbanks, online schools ministry, telephone visiting and helplines have sprung up in an outpouring of service to our nation. Many funerals are being taken. Healthcare chaplains are in the front line. Not being able to recognise things as they are, nor see where God is at work, is a common theme at Easter. It is still happening today. I wonder if *The Times*, like the first followers of Jesus on the first Easter Day, has been looking in the wrong places.

The Right Rev Stephen Cottrell
Bishop of Chelmsford

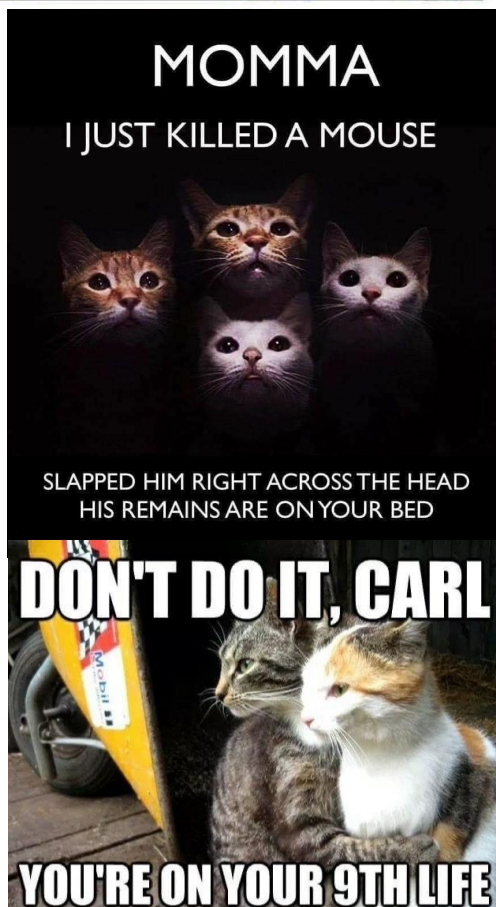
Sir, Your leading article criticising the Archbishop of Canterbury was a little harsh. My husband has recently been in St Thomas' Hospital with a sudden terminal cancer diagnosis. One evening the hospital chaplain brought a visitor to his bedside. The masked visitor was the archbishop, who chatted to him and prayed for him. He also visited my husband's room-mate and when he heard that this man's wife was very distressed because of the lockdown, he took out his phone, contacted her and comforted her.

Elizabeth Griffiths
Jevington, E Sussex

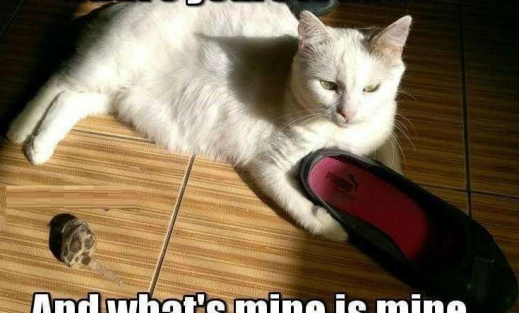
Sir, While I agree with the sentiments of your leading article, I fear that, Quakers aside, the prospect of going back to church but not being allowed to sing is not one that will hold much appeal. My research suggests that not only are hymns the element of worship that is most enjoyed but that for many churchgoers they are the only part remembered long after the sermon and prayers are forgotten. The prospect of hymnless worship is grim.

Ian Bradley

Emeritus professor of cultural and spiritual history, St Andrews



What's yours is mine



And what's mine is mine.

I HAVEN'T SEEN THE CAT.



**So what you're
saying is I'm NOT
the boss of you?
Really?
Which one of us
cleans out the
litter box?**

When someone is going through
a rough timejust sit with them.
No preaching, no advice. Just be
there

**I think I just interrupted a meeting I wasn't
supposed to know about**



I saw this on the Leedons Park Facebook Group page and asked if I could share it.....

Isolation: Another Wednesday

by Bryn Richards

By this stage into Lockdown were all familiar with the practicalities of living in isolation but where do some of these words come from. Here's a guide:

QUARANTINE: In early 17th Century France Count Emile D'Quarentin was a well known scientist who discovered many of the sub-compounds of sulphur and various noxious gasses. He was also unfortunately a terrible cook who loved garlic and strong cheeses. He in fact developed the soft cheese La Fromage Souffle de Vieux Chien which was banned by international convention in 1907. The Count never married and spent most of his time alone.

ISOLATION: Another scientific term which means covering yourself with sticky black tape so you can approach electrical installations without fear. Some people believe that white tissue can take the place of the tape which led to a shortage of toilet paper.

VACCINATION: We have to delve into our history books for this one. The Vacci were an ancient British tribe who held their lands prior to the Roman invasion. They are believed to have joined with the Iceni and the Baccii in an attempt to overthrow Roman rule. Little is known of the nation of the Vacci but several Roman historians, notably Callidus Diccus, mentions them always trying to stick sharp things in people.

PANDEMIC: many older residents will remember this Greek singer, Dimitros Pandemic, from the early 60's and his hit single, "Kleidóste me mónoi sas"

CONTAGIOUS & INFECTIOUS: Two very important terms that it is vital we all understand completely. It could be a matter of life and death. One may be spread between humans whilst the other is more likely to be spread another way. Or is it the other way round. Maybe its both. No, its what I said first, I think.

Isolation Day: Ish. Thursday

Animal rescue centres have had contrasting experiences over the current crisis. Some have reported animals being dumped on them by folk who have the mistaken belief that they may catch something from their pet. Others have had people wanting companion animals to help them through isolation.

Dogs and cats are the obvious choices but less not forget the range of more exotic wildlife who could share our lives at the moment.

Snakes; far from being slimy reptiles, snakes love nothing better than to cuddle up late at night whilst watching TV or lying in bed. They can help deal with any rodent problem and generally don't take up much space. Snakes can be quiet pets and difficult to find if they stray in the house. Some are available with a rattle to help overcome this.

Many of us have common house spiders as company but why not rescue something a little larger and more exotic. I'm sure we can all imagine the shrieks of joy and excitement the first time we let a tarantula out of its cage and watch it scurry across the floor. The Goliath Birdeater could also help deal with the pigeon problem on the park.

TIP: Why not have a couple of snakes, several different spiders and imagine you're living in Australia?

I'm a bit hesitant with my third recommendation of the stick insect.

They're friendly creatures and easy to look after but the barbecue season is upon us and I fear for their safety.

Isolation Competition day. Friday

One suggestion for enabling testing and tracing is to have a "bubble" of friends and family you could associate with whilst retaining an element of safety.

Lets assume you're going select some family members and then use a bit of fantasy and magic.

Choose 4 characters to fit into your bubble. They can be living or dead, real or fantasy well known or otherwise. But they may NOT live on the park.

My 4 would be,

Bobby Moore (England World Cup captain, childhood hero)

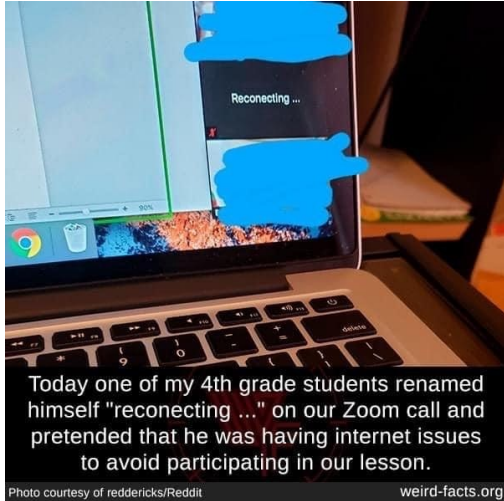
Uncle Bob Exford (family hero, killed in France in 1917)

Martin Richards (No relation - but probably the cleverest, most gentle man I've ever met.

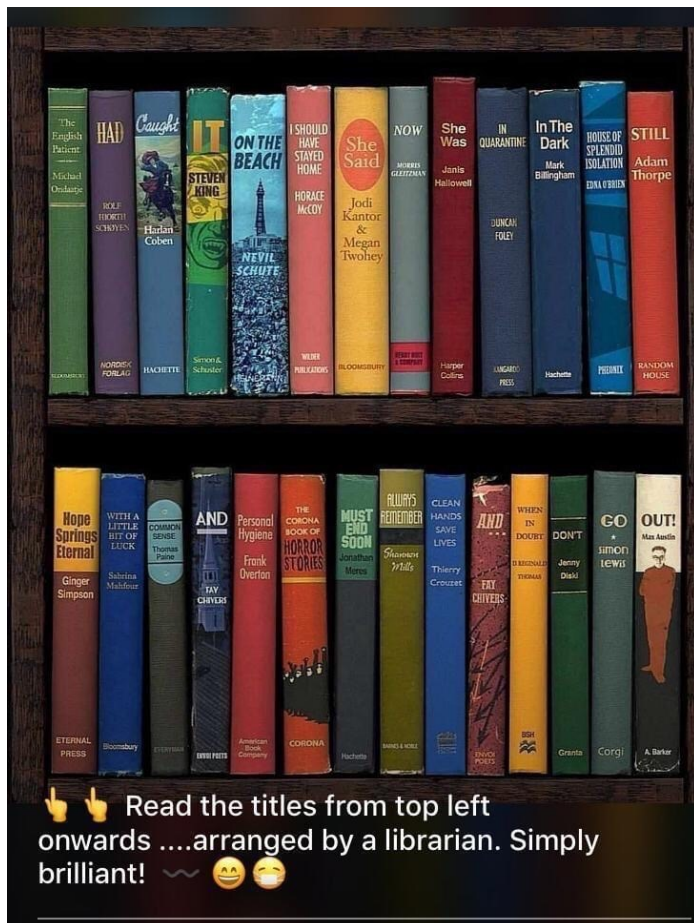
He died far too young)

Gandalf, (He'll supply the fireworks)

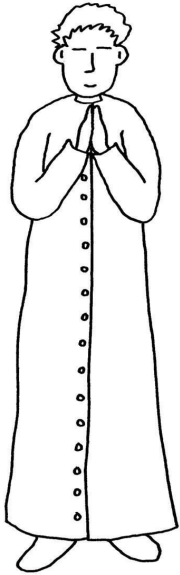
No prizes for this one, but the chance to see the secret dreams of your neighbours!



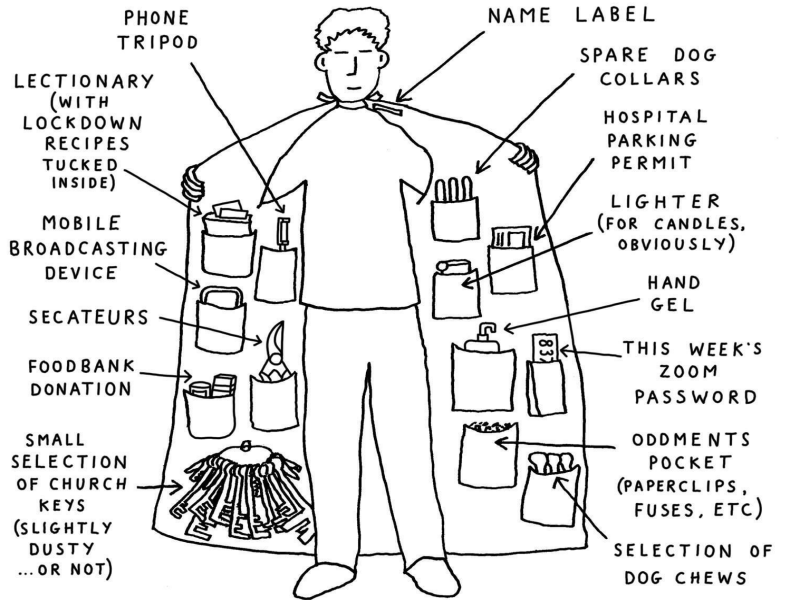
"Those who don't study history are doomed to repeat it. Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by helplessly while everyone else repeats it."



THE CASSOCK



THE OUTWARD
APPEARANCE



THE INWARD
REALITY

CartoonChurch.com

AT MY LOWEST: GOD
IS MY HOPE

AT MY DARKEST: GOD
IS MY LIGHT

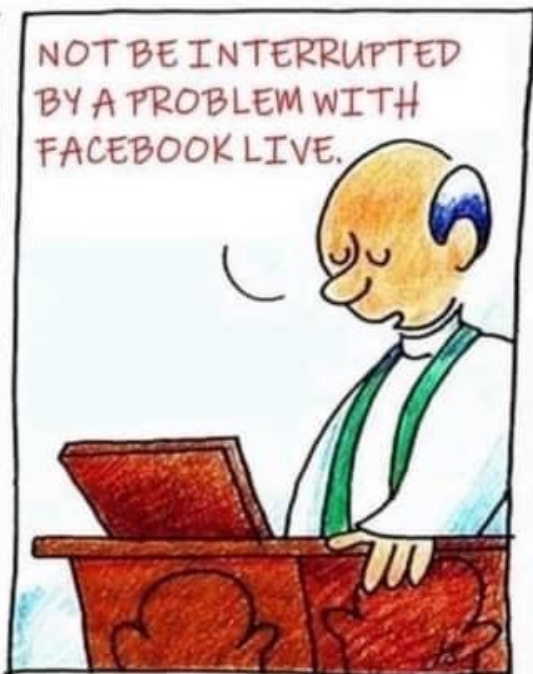
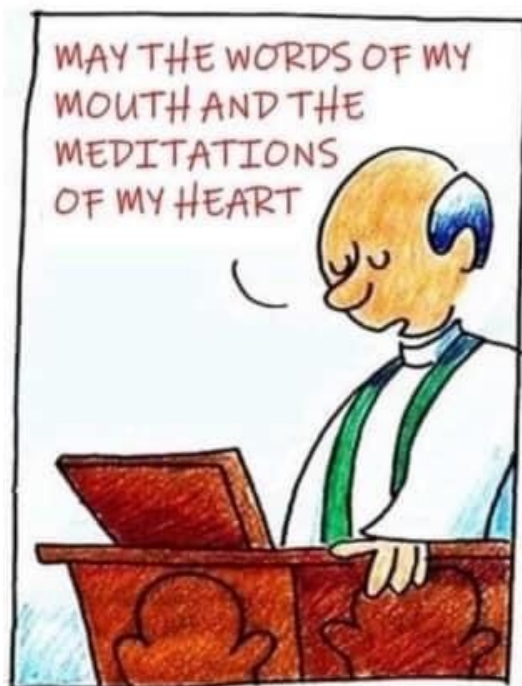
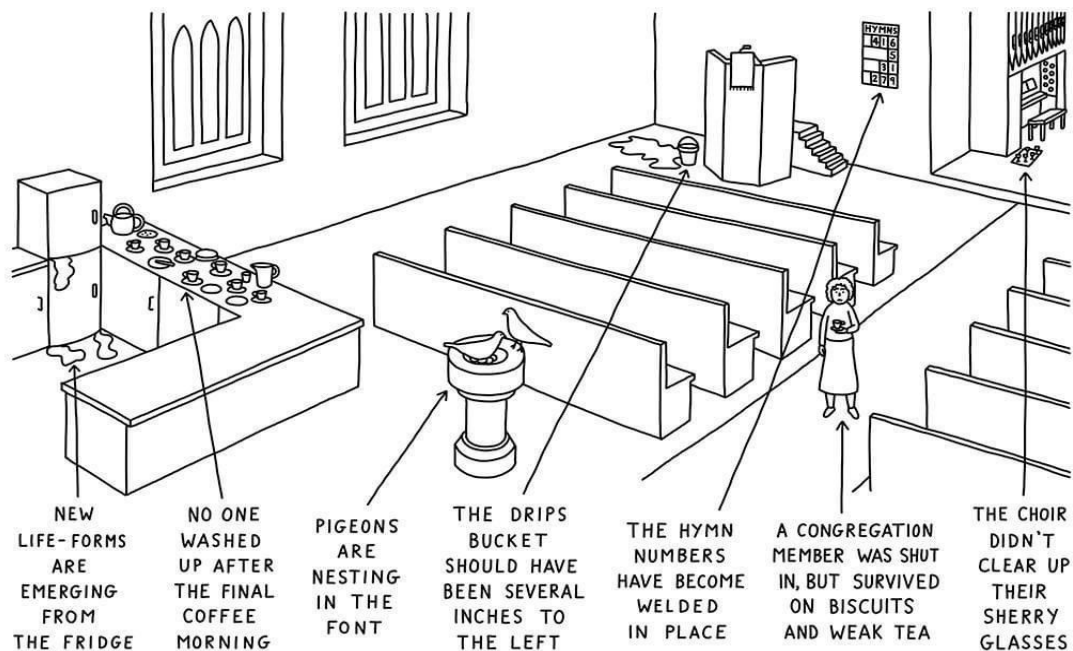
AT MY WEAKEST: GOD
IS MY STRENGTH

AT MY SADDEST: GOD
IS MY COMFORTER



DISCOVERIES

MADE UPON RETURNING TO THE CHURCH BUILDING





The Church of England

1 hr · 🌐

We stand with Pope Francis and every religion in praying for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today we Pray For Humanity.

World Day of Prayer for Humanity

Merciful God,
hear the prayer we offer for all your people.
Remember in your mercy those for whom we pray;
heal the sick, strengthen the fainthearted
and enfold in your love the fearful
and those who have no hope.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



THE CHURCH
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The Church of England

12 mins · 🌐

Join us in prayer, on the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth and International Nurses Day.

O God, the Father of lights, from you comes every good and perfect gift: we thank you for Florence Nightingale and for her vision, courage, and compassion. Kindle our hearts, we pray, by the fire of your Holy Spirit, so that we may shine for you in the darkness of human suffering and sorrow; through him who is the light of the world, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Florence Nightingale Prayer

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Amen.



THE CHURCH
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To the delivery people,
the shelf stackers
and shop
keepers,



Thank
you
x

Charlie



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To all teachers
Coping with teaching



online. Thank you





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To the
Bin Collectors



Thank you
x

To the
Bus drivers who
risk their lives



Thank you x



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To the
NHS
Staff.
Thank you
x

4500 retired
doctors and nurses



sign up to rejoin
the NHS
♥
Thank you