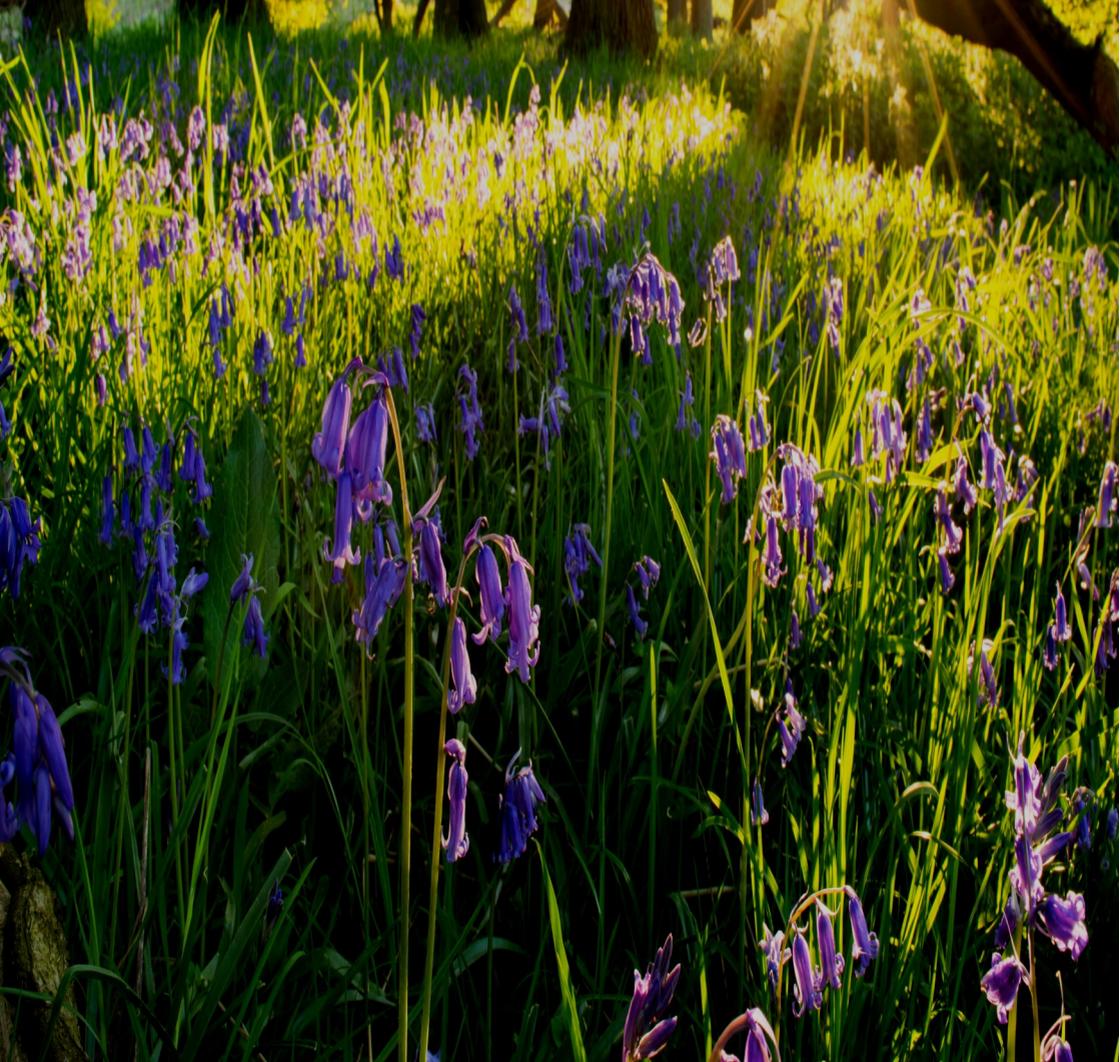


Broadway with Wickhamford

The Grapevine

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Deadline for the next Grapevine is:

10th May 2020

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!



Revd Michelle (Shellie) writes...

Hi

Today is the wettest day we've seen in a while and seems grey. I'm always surprised when our moods seem to reflect the weather outside so whilst I welcome the rain for the garden I look forward to seeing the sunshine again.

This month has been really different and I've enjoyed talking to many different people through the Broadway Coronavirus Support Group. The admin group have done an amazing job in trying to keep people informed on the food deliveries etc in Broadway and other pieces of information you may need. You can get in touch by phoning my number below or emailing broadwayvillagenetwork@gmail.com We're really thankful to the many people who have offered to help (98 in total) in many ways—chatting on the phone, leafletting the village, delivering medication and food and even lawn mowing for a few people!

As a church we have enjoyed communicating via the mailing list and those on WhatsApp on their mobile phones pray daily together for the world, and village as well as enjoying youtube clips of favourite hymns!

You may have noticed that whilst the website address www.stmichaelsbroadway.org has remained the same we've updated it and added as much information as we can at the moment. More previous event photos will be on there shortly. If you wish to be added as a local link do let me know and your website address and I'll update that page too!

It's been busy here helping with the support group and trying to keep in touch and I hope you feel we have—I definitely pray for you all at this time.

Sadly we've also held very different funerals for John Hincks and will be for David Folkes much loved members of our congregations.

David's funeral will be complying with the restrictions in place at this time for Covid 19. So to honour him and all he's done for the village and our churches we're meeting the hearse outside St Michael's Church and processing from there up the High Street at 11.20am on 16th May 2020. He will be accompanied by a standard from Broadway British Legion and the cross he carried as crucifer and verger in St Michael's Church.

Please continue to honour all our NHS and key workers do for us by staying at home and staying safe. Let us at the Support Group and the volunteers in the village help you at this time.

Your in Christ

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Useful Information

Sermon podcast:

Our diocesan website:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/>

BBC H&W Thought for the Week at 7.40am

(possibility of a Sunday service on the radio being looked into)

BBC Radio 2

- Sundays from 6am - Reverend Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad present uplifting stories about life, love and modern spirituality, alongside a great soundtrack for your Sunday morning.
- Each weekday morning there is Pause for Thought—www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p015nm0y/clips

BBC Radio 4

- 8.10am Sunday worship
- 9.45 Daily Service
- Thought for the day—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00szxv6>

Heart Felt Buddies..... <https://www.facebook.com/HeartFeltTips>

Testing times ahead. Here's how your children can also help: Lets pair-up elderly people with a local buddies who's jobs over the next few months will be to write them letters, do little outside jobs, and leave them little parcels on their door steps. *Pen-pals who do a bit more*. I've already 'match-made' two juniors with two seniors in their village and it took just two phone calls. Think about your elderly neighbours or enquire if anyone needs help on your local Facebook page, perhaps ask in the church, put a note in the local shop or if you have a care home near you, give them a call. Heart Felt Buddies - go forth and sprinkle some magic!

Pam Ayres Poem:

*At last, we have a cure for all!
Ailments large and ailments small,
Good health is not beyond my reach,
If I inject myself with bleach.
Radiant, I'll prance along,
Every trace of limescale gone,
With disinfectant as my friend,
Like him,
I'm clean around the bend.*

A letter from the Bishop of Dudley

These are strange times. I'm the new Bishop of Dudley, and should be living in that area, but I'm writing this letter from under 'lockdown' in our old house in Oxford, unable to move.



It feels as though everything is disrupted and where nothing can be taken for granted. Our church buildings have been closed, and just when we want to gather together and encourage one another, we cannot.

We live in a world filled with fear, attacked by a virus we cannot cure. We can fear death and disease, poverty and unemployment; we can fear for loved ones isolated and far away. We can feel powerless and alone.

When Jesus was taken to be crucified most of his friends ran away, fearing for their lives, afraid that they would be next. But others stayed, mostly women like Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome. And then at the foot of the cross, James, the disciple whom Jesus loved, and Mary, Jesus' own mother. They must have been filled with grief and fear, but their love for Jesus was stronger still. Their love was stronger than their fear. They just had to be present with him.

I thank God for shop workers, health workers, cleaners, carers, foodbank drivers and everyone else who set out to be present for others during this crisis. All those whose love for humanity proves stronger than their fear.

This is the Easter season when we celebrate Jesus risen from the dead. The fear and isolation of Holy Week is past and a new age has begun. In these days between Easter and Pentecost we stand confidently in the warm sunlight of the resurrection, knowing that suffering and death will never have the last word; that God's love is real and unshakeable and in the end will prevail. The bible says, 'Underneath are the Everlasting Arms' and that is true for us as Christians, both in this life and, I believe, when we die.

As we move towards Pentecost we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to bless and inspire us for the road ahead. We pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' not with big gatherings and events this year, but online, in prayer, alone

or in family groups. We pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it already is in heaven. A kingdom of love, compassion, justice and freedom. Where the people we all depend on in these days: health and care workers, shop staff, drivers and crop pickers, cleaners and refuse collectors and all the rest will no longer be seen as menial or unskilled, but celebrated members of our society on whom we all depend. We need to find a new way of living in tune with the earth and creation, where global riches can be shared and where all can be fed.

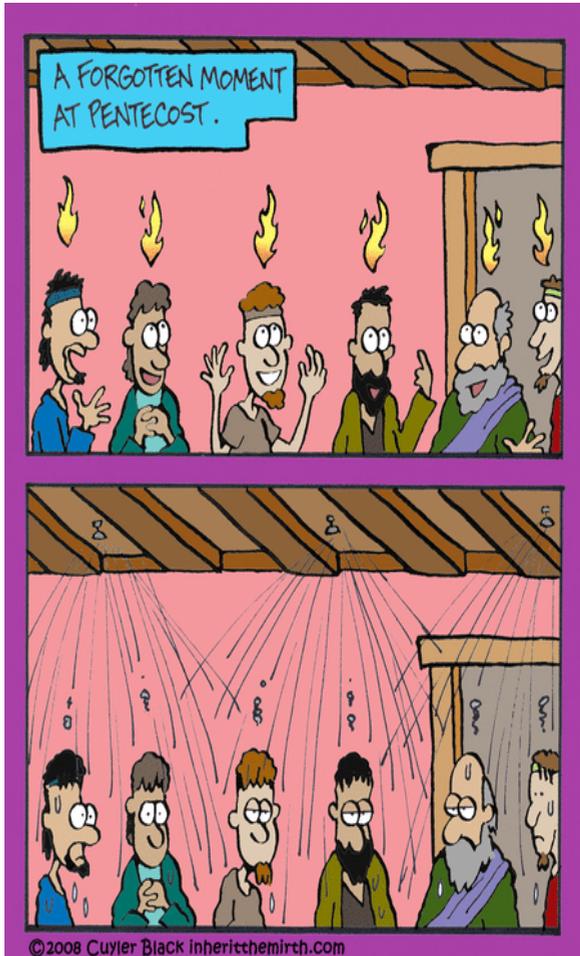
I am living through the only global pandemic I have ever known. Its effects are tragic for some, and far reaching for us all. When all this is over we will need to build a better future. And that is something we can all be part of.

Bishop Martin Gorick

Top Ten Silliest Questions asked on a Cruise Ship

– Paul Grayson, Cruise Director for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

- Do these steps go up or down?
- What do you do with the beautiful ice carvings after they melt?
- Which elevator do I take to get to the front of the ship?
- Does the crew sleep on the ship?
- Is this island completely surrounded by water?
- Does the ship make its own electricity?
- Is it salt-water in the toilets?
- What elevation are we at?
- There's a photographer on board who takes photos and displays them the next day... the question was asked: 'If the pictures aren't marked, how will I know which ones are mine?'
- What time is the Midnight Buffet being served?



Archbishop of Canterbury launches free dial-in worship phone line during coronavirus lockdown

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, which is available from today, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

Although thousands of churches across the country are now running services and prayer groups online while public worship remains suspended, many people – especially older people – do not have access to the internet.

The line also recognises the impact of social distancing restrictions and self-isolation measures on those suffering from loneliness.

Statistics from Age UK suggest that 49% of older people believe the TV or a pet to be their daily source of comfort and interaction. While many organisations are encouraging people to use better use of technology, [ONS figures also state](#) that 2.5 million people aged 75 and above have never used the internet.

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer, updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group

Archbishop Justin said:

"With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are.

"The Daily Hope service will allow people to hear hymns, prayers and words that offer comfort and hope, especially in this Easter season.

"I want to urge people to spread the news about this service. If there is someone you know who is particularly struggling, give them a call and let them know about the Daily Hope. I'm going to phone a friend; will you join me?"

Carl Knightly, chief executive of Faith in Later Life, added:

"The Church must be those who offer hope to our nation at this time, and I am delighted that Faith in Later Life is able to be part of this project.

"We know as an organisation of the challenges for older people in our society in normal times and these are not those, so I want to add our voice to that of the Archbishop and get people sharing this number with whoever they know who would most benefit."

Pippa Cramer, founder of Connections, said:

"At Connections we have found that well-loved hymns are a source of comfort and hope to our seniors. Hymns we Love has proved to be an accessible and popular way to explore the story and meaning behind some of our favourite hymns."

A letter from the Broadway URC minister Richard Becher

I'm getting left behind

I got off to a fast start and was pleased to be well ahead of the rest, but I didn't realise it was a marathon not a sprint. Now I'm lagging behind at the back of the field and I don't think I will ever catch up in the great technology race.

I am observing with interest the increasing opportunities of the internet and feeling left behind as I remember that about twelve years ago I seemed to be running ahead of the rest. Communication is like a marathon though and some of us can sprint away to a fast start, but find ourselves overtaken with the passing of time. I'm exhausted!

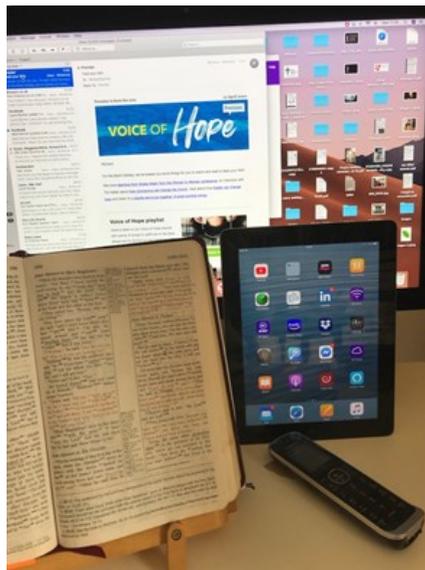
Twelve years ago part of my ministry was editing a website that was like a magazine through which readers could scroll from page to page to find articles, sermons, prayers and general information. It was a form of outreach and was being read by about 500 people a month in many different countries. Not bad for a small local church in Birmingham!

I am now noticing the multitude of skills that enable a Church to "Zoom" in on a community, have quality "Face Time" with their members and read lots of "texts" — more on a mobile phone than from the bible!

The art of communication is becoming more complex and challenging, but is fundamental to everything we do and the evidence of that has never been more in evidence than at this moment in time.

Everyone wants to communicate with the people who normally come into the buildings that are now empty. So we have live streaming of services from kitchens and dining rooms or empty churches or services recorded on YouTube and Face Book so everyone can see the preacher. Or we can just listen to the United Reformed Church Daily Devotions and wonderful Sunday services with a difference. All good, but can there be too much of a good thing?

We can go to Church from our armchairs and as wonderful as that is in the present day circumstances I hope it doesn't encourage too many people to the comfortable style of stay at home worship! It is a wonderful way for Jesus to come to where we are rather than us having to find him somewhere else.



With all this amazing technology Jesus is also breaking through locked doors and into people's homes where traditional doubters are hiding and the busy are resting. Doubters are coming face to face with Jesus in their own front room and that has to be good. And busy people who can't find time to get to 'church' on a Sunday morning find that it is coming to them. All good, so what's my problem — other than being left behind in the race?

A church member went to their minister and proudly said that he was giving his monthly offering to a Christian radio station because it was such an important outreach. "So who are you going to for help if you have a problem?" asked the minister. "Oh, I'll always come to you for my personal stuff," said the church member who was giving his offering to a radio station.

Church is about relationships with each other and seeing Christ in each other. It is relationships built on a love between each other and that love is communicated through grace and compassion in our coming together, not just in prayer and praise during a service but in friendships formed. The power of that love is in the face to face contact or the voice to voice conversations of concern in times of need.

It is wonderful that we have so many opportunities to reach into homes and touch hearts of people who don't come to church, but are we preparing ourselves to communicate with them when they need more than a face on You Tube or a voice on the radio?

Our faith isn't just a religion through which we tell people how to live. It's a relationship with God in which we live what we believe so are we preparing to communicate by showing WHO we are not just WHAT we are? We can show the world WHAT we are by advertising our self like merchandise on television, but WHO we are can only be found inside the tin!

We can make people hungry for worship and praise so that they tune in, log in or link up through computers and tv in their home or we can make them thirsty for a relationship with Jesus which is found through people.

Maybe I'm not left behind in the multi-media race, but will be ahead of the field when they all turn round to meet humanity face to face rather than eventually coming eye to eye with robots who will never need a funeral, a visitor at a sick bed or a wedding because of love.

I'm trying You Tube, but it won't replace the old fashioned personal phone call that shows how we really care!

God Bless, Richard

Broadway Coronavirus Support Network

<https://www.facebook.com/broadwaycoronasupportnetwork>

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.

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.

** 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!



Local Directory

*what is on offer / available from our local businesses during lockdown
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Please be aware that we will be closing at 3pm until further notice, this is so we are able to deliver all of our customers orders in a prompt manor. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but thank you for your understanding

Just a quick reminder that the shop will be closed a week on Friday, that being the 8th of May due to it being the early May bank holiday

We are only allowing 2 customers into the shop at a time, this is not only for our own safety but also the safety of our customers. If you do require anything at all please do contact us on 01386 852061 or message us on our Facebook page and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we possibly can. We thank you for your patience and understanding during these worrying times for us all.





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CAKES

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CHOCOLATE FUDGE LOAF **£10**

CARROT CAKE LOAF **£8**

VEGAN

CHOCOLATE & ORANGE MUFFINS **£12**

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QUICHE

CARAMALISED BALSAMIC ONION & BRIE **£3.50** SLICE/ ½ TRAY (6 GENEROUS PORTIONS) **£14**/

FULL TRAY (12 GENEROUS PORTIONS) **£25**

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MARS BAR BROWNIES 4 STACK **£8**/ ½ TRAY (8PORTION) **£15**/ FULL TRAY (16PORTION) **£25**

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- 1 TUB OF STRAWBERRY JAM
- 1 TUB OF CLOTTED CREAM
- 1 SLICE OF VIC SPONGE
- 1 SLICE LEMON DRIZZLE
- 1 BROWNIE FINGER
- A TWINNINGS EVERYDAY TEABAG

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- 2 SCONES (CHOICE OF PLAIN/FRUIT OR 1 OF EACH)
- 2 TUBS OF JAM
- 2 TUBS OF CREAM
- 2 SLICES OF VIC SPONGE
- 2 SLICES OF LEMON DRIZZLE
- 2 BROWNIE FINGERS
- 2 TWINNINGS EVERYDAY TEABAGS

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WEDGE OF CHEDDAR CHEESE

8-10 MAY 2020



In the current times we cannot guarantee we will have all of these all of the time but we are doing our best and at present have no issues with supply.

Vegetables

Asparagus	Old potatoes
Baking potatoes	Washed mids
Courgettes	Mallorcan scrapers
Bunched beets	White cabbage
Pre packed beetroot	Red cabbage
Cauliflower	Parsnips
Calabrese	Onions
Purple sprouting	Fennel
Local cabbage	Garlic/Smoked garlic
Spring greens	Salad
Mushrooms	Avocado
Leeks	Spring onion
Carrot	Cucumber
Bunched carrots	Piccolo tomato
Aubergine	Vine tomato
Celeriac	Celery
Swede	Little gem/Oakleaf
Butternut squash	Red, yellow, green peps
Sweet potato	Baby spinach

Fruit

Rhubarb
Conference pears
Pink lady
Braeburn apples
Cox apples
Braeburn apples
Bananas
Seedless grapes
Lemons
Limes
Pink grapefruit
Nordicot orange
Large orange

Alcohol

Wine
Local beers/ciders
Wayside ciders/Perry

Chilled

Milk
Cream
Butter
Yoghurts
Quiche (made by us)
Pies – cooking and picnic
Cheese
Pate
Bacon
Sausages (made by us)
Coleslaw
Parma ham
Chorizo
Salami
Chicken
Beef mince
Steaks
Pork/lamb chops

General goods

Eggs
Rice - white/brown
Cous cous
Pasta
Dried Lentils – red or green
Chickpeas
Dried beans – haricot, black eyed, kidney
Canned cannellini
Canned chickpeas
Canned Bean
Passata
Tinned tomato
Tomato puree jar
Bolognese sauce
Garlic pasta sauce
Flour – self raising/plain/bread
Bread – bloomers/seeded white sliced/granary

Salt
Rapeseed oil
Chilli sauces
Jams (made by us)
Chutneys (made by us)
Honey
Cheese Biscuits
Willy's apple cider vinegar
Cakes
Biscuits
Traybakes (made by us)
Nuts
Selection of Mrs Darlington's condiments
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Radish, Honey & Soy Dressing, Side of New Potatoes £11

(Russell's Steak Box)

28 Day Aged Thick Cut Scotch Sirloin Steak, Hand Cut Chips, Roasted Tomato
& Mushroom, Homemade Peppercorn Sauce £16

Saturday 2nd May

Red Thai Chicken & Vegetable Curry, Rice, Thai Roti Bread £13

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28 Day Aged Thick Cut Scotch Sirloin Steak, Hand Cut Chips, Roasted Tomato
& Mushroom, Homemade Peppercorn Sauce £16

Sunday Lunch 3rd May

Roast Sirloin of Beef, Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese Yorky Pud, Local
Vegetables, Jus

Chocolate & Raspberry Mousse

2 Course Lunch £17

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where people can place orders online.

Not everyone does the internet so they can also call 01386853555
daily from 11am-4pm to order.

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Sundays

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on 01386 842870. *For those over 70 and/or self*

isolating call the Broadway Coronavirus Support Group and we will pick the order up once it's ready and deliver to your door—07780002565.



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We are now open Friday and
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Elementos Shiraz Malbec	Argentina	£ 6.75
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Sierra Alta Malbec	Argentina	£ 6.99
Made in Mendoza Malbec	Argentina	£ 6.99
La Girouette Merlot	France	£ 6.99
La Girouette Syrah	France	£ 6.99
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Coronavirus Update April

Lockdown continues.

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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



Gordon Russell Design Museum

Museum from Home <https://mailchi.mp/b80571091e35/museum-from-home>



Station Garage Petrol Station

Just to help keep you all informed Station Garage Petrol Station will remain open but with new reduced hours as of today and they are; **Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm**

Saturday 8am to 4pm

Sunday 8am to 2pm

We are doing our best to support key workers including NHS, care workers and the farming community by staying open but ask all our customers to please be mindful of the 2 meter rule when in the shop.

Stay safe x

Abbey Green Vets

March 24th



As vets, our jobs have always been about protecting animal health and welfare. We now find ourselves in a position where it also our duty to do everything we can to protect human health.

Because of this we have reached the decision to stop face to face routine work. We will now operate our service from the BROADWAY clinic ONLY to allow us to provide the best service while minimising the chance of transmitting corona virus amongst our staff and the general public.

Some of you may be contacted to cancel your appointment. We apologise if you turn up and cannot let you in but hope you understand. We will be in touch shortly to discuss things further with you.

From today, some of our consults will be taking place via telephone or video link. In some cases you may be advised to come to the practice if we feel your pet needs some treatment that we cannot provide over the phone, or to collect medication, which will be done in a 'no contact' manner. Local delivery or postage of medications may also be necessary.

Please phone the practice on arrival. We are no longer allowing clients into the clinic so the vet or nurse will speak to you on the phone, come to collect the pet and bring it into the building for the examination/treatment. They will let you know a treatment plan and deliver your pet and medication back outside to you. Reception will take your payment, by card, over the phone. We will not accept cash payments.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus or are self isolating please make this known on the phone and STAY at HOME. We will try and assist by delivering medication or arranging for someone else to transport your pet to us.

We will not be booking any routine appointments face to face, but please feel free to call us if you need us as we may be able to provide this service by telephone or video link.

Repeat prescriptions and medications can be requested online via our website or by emailing mail@abbeygreenvets.co.uk or by calling 01386 852421 between 10am and 3pm on week days. Please allow 3 days notice while our suppliers deliver every other day rather than daily. We can post some medication out.

Be patient when calling as we may be dealing with an emergency.

Farm Animal Update

We will be providing essential services:

Medicines Orders

please do NOT stockpile supplies – please order normal amounts
Ring all orders into the office.

For medicine collection, please do not enter reception. Please ring the office from the carpark when you arrive, and your order will be placed outside the front door to avoid immediate contact

Farm Visits

We will maintain all essential calls.

If you or anyone on farm is unwell, in advised self-isolation, you MUST make us aware before we arrive on farm so that we can make the best decision to reduce risks for everyone

We will continue to use our usual protective equipment and practice strict hygiene and biosecurity measures such as disinfecting between visits and wearing disposable gloves.

Please always practice social distancing – no hand shaking, passing equipment and stand 2 metres apart from other people.

Abbey Green vets was first opened in 1893 and we survived the Flu pandemic in 1918, WWI and WWII...we will endeavour to continue to provide our service to the local pets and farm population through this very difficult period. Wishing you all our very best and thank you for your support.

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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.

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<https://www.rooftopgroup.org/post/money-worries-we-can-help>

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The World is Closed

They said the world was closed today
So I went to have a look,
I found it with the shutters down
And the phone was off the hook.

So I stood there for a little while
But no one was around,
Then silence came and startled me
With the most alarming sound.

I asked him where the others were,
And why the streets were bare,
He whispered 'Life had ran away
While death was playing there'

'Oh no' I said 'It can't be true
For life is not afraid'
'But no one ever goes' he said
'Where death has ever played.'

I understood and walked away
As Hope was standing there
With Courage in her afterglow
And the sunlight in her hair.

She said 'Go home to those you love
This is no place to be,
For if we walk these streets today
Then no one shall be free'.

She threw her light to lead the way
And showed me where to go,
The very road that life had gone
Where the future flowers grow.

Then death showed me another way
But I didn't want to look,
So I stumbled home in time for tea
And I read another book.

It was called The World is Closed Today And the streets we shouldn't roam,
The first line said 'Just please be safe'
And the ending - 'Stay at Home'

May Crossword

Crossword Clues

Across

1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)

3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)

9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)

10 Group of eight (5)

11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)

12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)

14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)

17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)

19 Attend to (3,2)

22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)

23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)

24 Rule of sovereign (8)

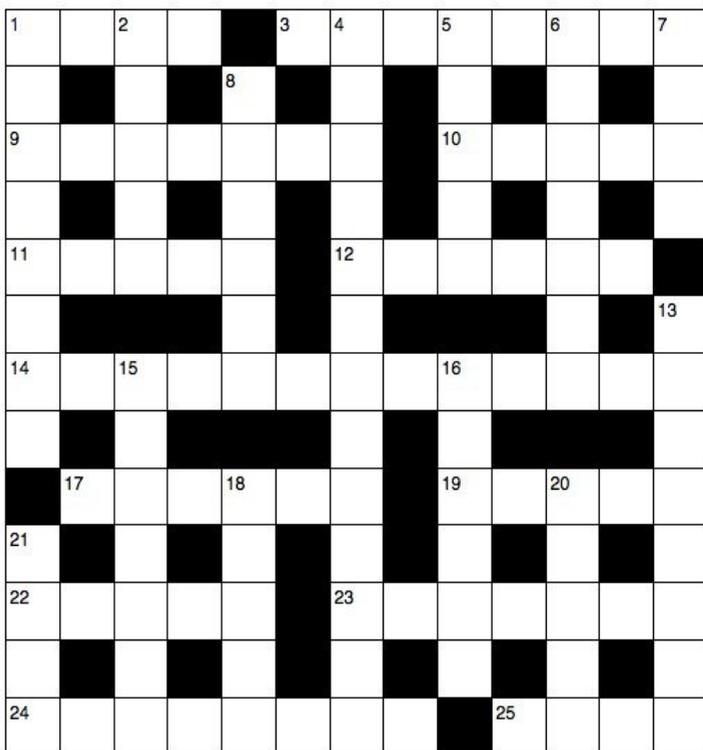
25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)

2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)

4 'We have been saying that —



— was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)

5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)

6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)

7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)

8 Minister of religion (6)

13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)

15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)

16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)

18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)

20 Establish by law (5)

21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

God in the Arts

by the Revd Michael Burgess.

'He gave us eyes to see them': early Persian painting of Jonah and whale

The prophet Jonah is mentioned three times in the Gospels when Jesus refers to 'the sign of Jonah.' In the Old Testament he was swallowed by a large fish, traditionally a whale, and in its belly for three days and three nights. It is easy to see in that sign a reference to the death and resurrection of Jesus, but the book is also a powerful allegory of life.



The prophet runs away from God, only to encounter a storm and possible shipwreck. He is thrown overboard and swallowed by the whale.

We are living through difficult and anxious days with the coronavirus: we seem to be surrounded by fear and danger, like Jonah. Where, we ask, is our hope and safety amid the storm and threat of breakdown? In his distress Jonah prays to the Lord and places his trust in God. The psalm he utters ends with the words, 'Deliverance belongs to the Lord.' As he speaks, the whale spews him on to the safety of dry land.

The story of Jonah is depicted here in this beautiful painting from a 14th century manuscript from Persia. The whale is friendly and smiling, basking in the expanse of blue sea. Jonah is safe: his hope has triumphed, and God has delivered him from danger and possible death.

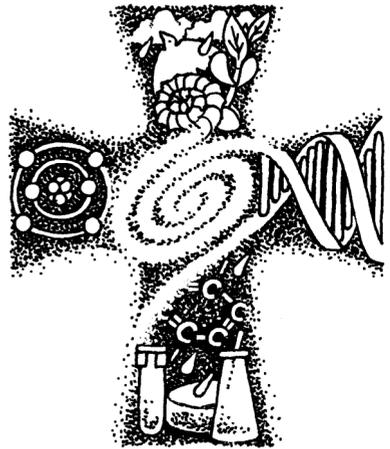
In 1988 Heathcote Williams wrote a long poem called 'Whale Nation' in praise of these mysterious, gifted and intelligent creatures. We hunt them, we plunder the seas for them. But they are also our friends and guides, and it is easy to neglect those truths. The book ends with examples of whales and dolphins guiding ships and saving human lives. So, we, in the midst of all that worries and perplexes us, can give thanks to God our guide and Saviour, and pray that He will bring us safely through life

God in the Sciences

by Dr. Ruth Bancewicz

Can Science Prove God Exists?

To risk sounding like a smart aleck seven-year-old, technically speaking you can only prove things mathematically. If you need to know that one plus one equals two, don't go to a chemistry lab. The natural sciences only deal with things that can be observed and measured. Science has been so successful that it's tempting to get carried away, valuing science above any other kind of knowledge, but there are other ways of knowing that are equally important. For example, art conveys ideas, experiences or emotions that provoke us to think or do something in response.



In fact, to find answers to any of the really important questions about meaning and purpose that affect us throughout our lives, we always have to go beyond science. Some scientific data might help define the question, for example a farmer facing a drought would probably like to know some details about the current weather patterns and the availability of seeds for more hardy crops before she can start asking “What is the point of trying to grow anything at all?” But in the end, she is asking a deeper question – and so are the rest of us when we go through any significant experience in life.

So rather than asking “Can science prove God exists?”, what about: “Are the findings of science compatible with the existence of a purposeful Creator?” For many scientists today, the answer to the second question is yes. They have investigated the Bible’s descriptions of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and found that they make sense. They have discovered that they can interact with God – especially in prayer – and that this faith has changed their lives.

Professor Christine Done, an Astrophysicist at Durham University, writes, “for me the more we know about the vast, yet intricate and beautiful Universe we live in, the bigger and more awe-inspiring is the God who made it all.” (*Thinking About: The Big Bang*, <https://www.cis.org.uk/resources/thinking/>)

Some go even further, making statements like this: “the way the universe exhibits an ordered structure, which is open to science to investigate, points to a mind behind it.” (Revd Dr Rodney Holder, Astrophysicist, in *Longing, Waiting, Believing* (BRF, 2014))

The question “Can Science Prove God Exists?” turns out to be a category error – trying to use science to answer a non-scientific question. On the other hand, many scientists think there is enough evidence from a wide range of sources to warrant belief in God.

Symbols in our churches

Reflected Faith: the Gathered Church

The Rev Dr Jo White begins a new series on symbols in our churches. This will run for the rest of 2020.

Doesn't the simple pleasure of going to church and exchanging the peace at Sunday worship seem long ago now? These days, we are not even allowed into our churches!

But we can take comfort when we think back to the Apostles who were commissioned to build God's Church. After the first Pentecost, what did they do? They didn't rush out and build church buildings. No! Rather the people gathered together, in their own homes.

Clearly, we can't physically 'gather' just now, but we have the technology to 'gather' together, both in real time and at a later time. And it is important to do so. There is something powerful when we pray together rather than alone. Try phoning a friend with the same written prayer and saying it together. How does that feel? Any different from saying it on your own?

So, THE Church, which is alive and well in you and me, will find new ways to be together. After all, the early Christians had the added complication of being persecuted, often to death, for their faith. And yet they persisted.

Perhaps we could each sit at our dining table at a set time, with one or two items before us, such as a small glass of wine, a lit candle, stones, and a cross. Indeed, anything that reminds us of our Risen Saviour. We could then 'share' this time in praying the same prayers and knowing that we are part of an eternal fellowship that is only temporarily divided.

This month: What will you use to reflect and encourage your faith? What items naturally around your home would bring others to your mind, help you to concentrate and allow your spirit to fly with the Holy Spirit? Who will you be connecting with to pray?

"Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:

And people stayed at home
and read books
and listened
and they rested
and did exercises
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped and listened
more deeply
someone meditated, someone prayed
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently
and people healed.
and in the absence of people who
lived in ignorant ways
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
the earth also began to heal
and when the danger ended and
people found themselves
they grieved for the dead
and made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of living
and completely healed the earth
just as they were healed.



Reprinted during Spanish flu Pandemic, 1919"



VE Day anniversary: Queen to lead events 75 years on

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-52465997>

The Queen will commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day with a televised address to the nation.

The message will form part of a series of events on 8 May marking the end of World War Two on the continent.

The monarch's pre-recorded address will be broadcast on the BBC at 21:00 - the exact moment her father, King George VI, gave a radio address 75 years ago.



Other plans include a public sing along of Dame Vera Lynn's *We'll Meet Again*, a song synonymous with World War Two.

It will be the Queen's second televised message during the coronavirus outbreak.

Last month, she echoed the words of the singer known as the Forces' sweetheart when she told those in lockdown "we will meet again" **during a rare speech to the nation.**

'Enormous debt'

The new programme for the commemorations was announced by Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden after the original plans were cancelled because of the coronavirus outbreak.

The government had moved the traditional early May bank holiday from 4 May to 8 May to allow for events to take place.

But social distancing requirements halted those plans, which had included a veterans' procession and street parties.

Mr Dowden said although celebrations will now take place "in our homes and on our doorsteps" he is confident the nation will "come together to mark this historic occasion".

People in lockdown are being urged to show their support for the commemorations by placing a specially-designed image of a Second World War soldier in their windows.

Armed forces charity Royal British Legion Industries has launched its "Tommy in the window" campaign, producing specially-designed figures of soldiers.

A pack with ideas for homemade VE Day bunting, original recipes, games, and educational and creative activities for children has been produced by

the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, so families under lockdown can create their own experiences at home.

Official commemorations will begin at 11:00 with a national moment of remembrance and a two-minute silence, according to details published by DCMS.



Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, will record a special reflection and moment of prayer; and members of the the Royal Family, the prime minister and Mr Dowden will hold video calls with WW2 veterans and those who served on the Home Front.

First Minister of Wales Mark Drakeford will host calls with veterans in Wales. NHS volunteer responders will be deployed to give a number of WW2 veterans a call and provide an opportunity to share their stories.

The BBC will broadcast special programmes to mark the milestone occasion, with the monarch's address to the nation to be aired on BBC One at 21:00 BST.

Presented by Sophie Raworth, an evening programme which will feature Welsh soprano Katherine Jenkins, actor Adrian Lester and singer Beverley Knight, who will be performing some well-known songs from the 1930s and 40s. It will culminate in the nation being invited to sing along to a rendition of We'll Meet Again.

The BBC will also air a pre-recorded video message from Prince Charles, who will read an extract from his grandfather King George VI's diary from VE Day. Extracts of Sir Winston Churchill's famous victory speech to the nation announcing the end of the war in Europe will also be broadcast.

Tony Hall, BBC director general, said: "At a time when many are looking for unity and hope, the BBC will bring households together to remember the past, pay tribute to the Second World War generation and honour our heroes both then and now."

Victory in Europe (VE) Day in 1945 marked the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender by Britain and its Allies following almost six years of WW2.



It saw spontaneous celebrations break out across the country, and the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, ventured out with a group of friends, including her sister Princess Margaret, to experience the excitement in London.

Remembering VE Day

Meanwhile, in spite of coronavirus, major historical anniversaries still happen! This month we celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and nothing should stop that. By David Winter

I was 15 in May 1945, when Britain celebrated VE Day. It stood for Victory in Europe and followed an agreement by the Allied powers following the German surrender. Needless to say, although the war with Japan was not over, it was a noticeable moment. No more bombs, missiles and blitz – and the ‘boys’ would come home!

I have two very clear memories of the day itself. The first was the street party which took place in our road on a housing estate in North London. With official permission, the road was closed off, tables were set up, food and drink were served. We spent the afternoon in races and competitions. Dads, mums, teenagers and children then sang the wartime songs, and ‘Jerusalem’ and ‘God save the King’.

The other memory is an image of a sailor kissing a young woman – surrounded by happy laughing people. This iconic photograph was in one of the papers the next day, then on camera newsfeeds and is in just about every journalistic library. Somehow it captures the mood of the day – freedom, warmth, the good things of everyday life.

VE Day did indeed mark a turning point, though not everything was going to be easy in the post-war years. But the hideous shadow of war had gone and 75 years later it has yet to return to these shores, thank God.

VE Day – the end of World War II in Europe

by Tim Lenton

VE Day (Victory in Europe) – was celebrated 75 years ago this month, on 8th May 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe. It was marked with a public holiday.

The previous day the formal act of military surrender had been signed by Germany, and celebrations broke out when the news was released. Big crowds gathered in London, impromptu parties were held throughout the country, and people danced and sang in the streets. King George VI and his family appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and Churchill made a speech to huge applause. The two princesses Elizabeth and Margaret mingled with the crowds outside.

Many went into churches to give thanks – and to pray for those still involved in the war in the Far East, because the real end of the war, Victory over Japan, would not happen until 15th August. At St Paul’s Cathedral there were ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each attended by thousands of people.

The celebrations masked the fact that so many had lost family and friends, as well as possessions and homes. But for the moment normal social conventions broke down, strangers embraced, and love was in the air.

JOIN US (at home) IN CELEBRATING VE DAY ON 8th MAY 2020

11am

With members of the public unable to attend VE Day events, the Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of activities, including a VE Day webcast, national moments of remembrance and thanksgiving and a learning pack. We are inviting people to join us, at home, in a national moment of reflection and remembrance at 11am as we pause for a two minute silence in honour of the WW2 Generation.



9pm

Join us at 9pm on Friday 8 May for a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of WW2, now more than ever it is important to come together. You can watch and join in on BBC One who will be featuring the sing-a-long as part of their VE Day broadcast.

In addition, The Royal British Legion have produced VE Day Home Learning resources to help families engage with VE Day during these difficult times. Created in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, these power-point presentations and worksheets are aimed at KS2 and KS3 children (7-14 years) and provide activities for children as well as guidance for parents/carers.

These have been circulated to local schools contacts.



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As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, now more than ever it is important to come together and unite.

We need you and as many people as possible to take part in this national moment of thanksgiving and celebration, in honour of our Second World War generation.

You can watch and join in on BBC One who will be featuring the sing-along as part of their VE Day broadcast.

Join us by singing:

We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day

Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies chase
Those dark clouds far away

And I will just say hello
To the folks that you know
Tell them you won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That, as I saw you go
You were singing this song

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31st May – Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples, but He knew they could not do the work themselves. They would need His help.

And so, they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues, to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus. The Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning, proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

Try a little kindness

By the Revd Tony Horsfall of Charis Training. Visit: www.Charistraining.co.uk

When TV presenter and celebrity Carolyn Flack took her life in February 2020 the world was shocked and saddened. How could someone so young, beautiful and successful do such a thing? It seems that the pressure of an impending court case, the vitriol she received online, and her own inner pain had become too much for her.

Shortly before she died, she posted, 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.'

These simple words are a call to our society to become more caring and careful in the way we treat each other. There is too much unkindness about, especially on social media where unkind words are so common and can be so destructive.

Kindness can be defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. It is shown through our words and by our actions, an everyday sort of quality that is not spectacular but which when we encounter it can lift our spirits.

It is above all a Christian virtue that ought to be demonstrated in great measure within Christian communities. It is a fruit of the Spirit, an attitude that is formed within us when the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives (Galatians 5:22).

It is an aspect of love for love is patient, love is kind (1Corinthians 13:4). Yet sadly, the Church is often no different from the world. Congregations can sometimes be anything but friendly, generous and considerate.

Why not try a little kindness this week?

Do something spontaneously to help another person.

Reach out in friendship to someone who seems lonely, if only by phone! Speak some kind words to those around you.

You will feel better yourself, and you will be making the world a better place.



Severed from routine and obliged to fashion new habits

The Ven John Barton looks to history for a parallel of what is happening now.

Imagine a world where everything familiar has gone, the capital city's most famous religious landmark has been destroyed, you have been transported to a foreign country, and have no idea when or if you will be permitted to go home.

That's roughly what happened to the Jewish people in what is called the Babylonian Captivity more than 500 years BC. Jerusalem and its Temple had been obliterated.

In exile, the Jews weren't treated too badly, but they were bereft of the land they believed God had given them and where they felt Him to be present. When their captors, innocently, asked them to sing one of their religious songs, they bristled, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" But their faith matured in the 70-year exile. Scribes consolidated the Scriptures, new kinds of congregations, called synagogues, sprang up where they could worship and teach the faith. Their somewhat provincial view of God actually got bigger – not only did they find Israel's God accessible in their foreign surroundings, but their prophets began to see that God was for all people. Here's part of Isaiah, Chapter 45

*"Turn to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn,
my mouth has uttered in all integrity
a word that will not be revoked:
Before me every knee will bow;
by me every tongue will swear.
They will say of me, 'In the Lord alone
are deliverance and strength.'"*

Finally, and after many of the original exiles had died, the Persians conquered Babylon, and gave the exiles the option to go home, which many did.

There must be a lesson here for many people round the world who, because of Covid-19, suddenly found themselves severed from routine and obliged to fashion new habits for an unspecified period. Regular worshippers were banished from their churches. The observance of Holy Week and Easter had to be in a makeshift fashion. Special events were cancelled.

At the same time, on the first Sunday of this 'exile' the Church of England attracted its largest 'congregation' ever. A recorded service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is estimated to have been seen or heard by around five million people. Nearly 30 per cent of those watching online were under the age of 34.

It's too soon to say what the long-term impact will be. But while we cogitate on that, don't forget to send your usual weekly offering to the Church Treasurer!

Just ponder on this for a minute...

2020 - We just have to stay in for a couple of months.

WW II - You have to leave your loved ones and might never see them again.

2020 - But my kids need some fresh air so we're all going to the park.

WW II - Your kids have to be evacuated and live with random good samaritans for their safety.

2020 - I can only Facetime my family and friends I can't see them.

WW II - I have written letters, I'm hoping they're received and I get a response this year.

2020 - I am trying to order my food shop online, it's taking ages to get to me I need, alcohol, and all the other foods I'm craving.

WW II - Are you coming to queue-up in the line for our rations-potato soup every day of the week?

2020 - The government hasn't said we can't go out, they just said we can but only once to exercise so I'm going to go meet my friends and do what I want.

WW II - I'm not going out just in case a bomb drops so I will stay in listening to some music quietly because the air raid siren might go off.

2020 - Netflix needs to sort the streaming out I can't even watch a series without it crashing.

WW II - We are sitting in the dark around a candle playing cards keeping as much light in as possible so the warplanes don't see us from above.

2020 - Every man for themselves, so I'm going to stock-pile as much as I can because we are more important than anyone else, never mind the elderly that gave us this freedom.

WW II - I'm so grateful for this community, everyone is helping each other out when and where we can, we must stay strong.

This is the perspective that we should have, we don't know how LUCKY we have it and people still aren't listening.

Stay in, it really is that simple!

London Underground in WWII



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Samuel 8:1 - 10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel
but he was now old. The leaders of the
twelve tribes came to talk to him...

We want a king like all
the other countries



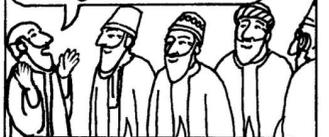
God told Samuel
It's not you they are
rejecting but Me.



If you have a king, he will
take your sons to be his
army and your daughters to
work in his palace.



He will take the best of
your land, your crops
and your animals



We still want a king.

Samuel sent them home.



I was
hoping he would choose me..

Saul and his servant were
Looking for some donkeys
that had run off.



They decided to ask
Samuel to ask God
where the donkeys were



God told Samuel that
Saul was to be the
king



Samuel called everyone to a
meeting and told them that
God had chosen a king.



God told them that Saul
was to be their king...



but Saul was hiding.

He's behind the luggage.

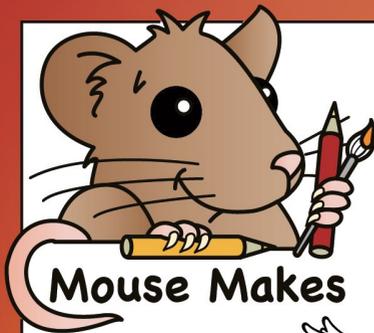


and they found Saul.

The people cheered!



Long live the King!



"The fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self control.



If we live by the Spirit, let us also
 behave in accordance with the Spirit"



Read
Galatians
 5:13-26

How many
 other words can you find
 using the letters from:

**FRUIT OF
 THE SPIRIT?**



U O
 N T R V
 G R A C E G O D
 B T H E L P E A C E
 T P A T I E N C E I
 J G T R U S T R J
 C R L O R D L E E
 A K I N D N E S S
 L O V E H O N T U
 M J E R O D E K S
 G O O D N E S S
 C A Y M O E L S
 O B L E S S I S
 N F R U I T G P
 D T Y H O L Y H I
 A S E L F C O N T R O L P S E R V E V
 A U C O N S I D E R A T E O A R T M I E V E R
 E B N I N T E G R I T Y O D Y C A R E S N E
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 Y G E N E R O S I T Y D T R R N S
 F A I T H F U L N E S S Y D Y T
 G O O D W I L L P

AMEN
 GCHH
 RRHEOD
 JEEEEAPO

Which
 symbol goes
 with which fruit?



LOVE • CARE • CHERISH • JOY • DELIGHT • PEACE • ACCORD
AGREEMENT • UNITY • CALM • CONTENTMENT • REST
PATIENCE • TOLERANCE • KINDNESS • COMPASSION • HELP
GOODWILL • GENEROSITY • GOODNESS • HONESTY • INTEGRITY
FAITHFULNESS • LOYALTY • TRUST • GENTLENESS • CONSIDERATE
SELF CONTROL • RESTRAINT • FRUIT • SPIRIT • LIVE • SERVE

Parental excuses

These are actual 'excuse notes' from parents excusing their children from missing school (includes original spelling):

- ~ My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.
- ~ Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
- ~ Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.
- ~ Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
- ~ John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
- ~ Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.
- ~ Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.
- ~ Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.
- ~ Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.
- ~ Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak.
- ~ Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.
- ~ Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.
- ~ I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.
- ~ Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.
- ~ Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.
- ~ Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.

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St. James the Least of All

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C - for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...



On the perils of a Scout camp

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It seems that the basics of parish ministry are no longer taught in theological colleges. Don't you know anything about consulting your diary in public? When you are asked if you are free on a certain date, accepted practice is to open it so that the enquirer cannot quite see. You then shake your head sadly, saying you are committed to blessing a new tea urn, or on some other vital ecclesiastical activity that day. Then you regretfully give your apologies. You do not open the thing in full view of your enquirer, so he can see the blank pages! Really, it serves you right that you are now committed to going on Scout camp.

The last time I agreed to pay the Scouts a visit was when I found that there was a splendid restaurant only a mile away from their camp. I arrived and parked my car by the side of the river where they were all canoeing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining I had to find a garage for petrol.

Several hours later, after an excellent lunch, I drove to where they were now rock climbing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining that I had a standing committee to return to that evening. It was a splendid day.

You, however, will experience the charms of two days under canvas. Whatever site for your tent you choose, it will be the one that floods first. The early hours will undoubtedly find you wading about in water in the pitch dark, retrieving your sleeping bag and clothes – which you will then have to wear for the rest of the day. Watch out for the food, as well: all camp food contains grass and usually sheep droppings. This will make you ill, though for some reason Scouts thrive on it.

Whatever the weather and whatever activities you do each day, you will end up wet, chilled and bruised. At least your evenings will be warm, for you are bound to spend them at Casualty, with youngsters suffering from sprained ankles or dislocated shoulders.

My only advice is to use those hours in Casualty to practise the art of opening your diary in a way that only YOU can see it.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Bless you?

People used to say 'bless you' if you sneezed. Nowadays they might say something ruder! We live in troubled times.

Some say that the expression started in Rome, when plague broke out. Sneezing was one of the plague's main symptoms, and Pope Gregory I suggested that a tiny prayer in the form of saying, "God bless you" after a sneeze would protect the person from death.

Sadly, that does not always work, but we can still remind ourselves of Psalm 91: 4-6

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Psalm 91: 4-6

Visit the C of E online page

There is now a range of digital resources for to you connect with God at this difficult time. These include:

Time to Pray app (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>) which is free and has an accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes.

Mental health reflections (<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>)

Tips to tackle isolation (<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/dealing-loneliness-and-isolation-five-top-tips>)

Finally, there are the Church's smart speaker apps, which provide a range of Christian resources. <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/our-smart-speaker-apps> In March alone, the number of people using the Alexa app rose by more than 70 per cent.

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

John Gore Hincks

who died at Worcestershire Royal Hospital on 9th April 2020, aged 83 years.

Loving and devoted husband to Elizabeth and father to Sue and Julie.

John will be very much missed by us all. He was a loving husband and father, he was a valued church member and also a member of Probus.

I know he kept us all going and was very good behind the scenes at church with the computer side of things for both groups – he ran our church website, Grapevine magazine and cards at Christmas and Easter for many years and our 200 club. In fact Elizabeth and John only handed over helping with things since Christmas when they thought they were due to move.

John was always one of the first people to greet you in church with a cheery hello and how are you? He lived his faith.

We will all feel the loss of John but his family will the most – to pass away at this time of this virus just seems so wrong for such a cheerful delightful man.

John you are very much loved and will be missed.



DAVID WILLIAM FOLKES MBE

of Broadway died peacefully at his home on 27th April 2020, aged 85 years.

For over 60 years the treasured husband of Gill.

Loving dad of Christine and Caroline and father-in-law of Alex and the late David, proud grampy of Eleanor, Martha, Daisy and Eddie.

A private cremation will take place on Saturday 16th May.

The hearse will proceed from St Michaels Church up the High Street, Broadway at 11.20 am.

Tribute to David from Dominique Hardiman on Facebook:

David—A good and faithful servant .

He never ever took umbrage.

He always acknowledge you where ever /when ever you saw him.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, not least by us at parish council meetings etc, both as a friend and fellow councillor.

He had a wealth of knowledge , can't imagine meetings without his comments.

He has always been a welcome face at St Michael's, dressed in his black cassock!

He will be missed for a huge number of reasons in our village, which was always so precious to him.

A noble warrior! Rest in Peace dear David We Will Remember Him.



From 'live' in the pulpit to virtual and streaming

Not being able to go to church is causing an awful lot of people to 'go' to church.

It started in late March, when the Archbishop kicked off with the first ever national virtual service, recorded in the crypt chapel of Lambeth Palace. It was seen or heard by an estimated five million people. That figure included one million streaming on Facebook, and about two million tuned in to the 39 BBC local radio station broadcasts and BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship combined.

The Facebook post had a further reach of two million and nearly 30 per cent of those watching online were under the age of 34.

That compares with average of 871,000 people attending services and acts of worship each week in 2018, the latest figures that are available.

And the Archbishop was not alone – for on the same morning hundreds of churches and cathedrals that also had their first try at livestreaming services. Some attracted several thousand viewers on the stream and playback. As a spokesperson for the Church of England said: “The Archbishops said that church would have to be reimagined. Across the country, local congregations did just that.”

The second virtual national worship service (29th March) was led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu and recorded on an iPad in the drawing room of Bishopthorpe Palace. After opening with a traditional Ugandan call to prayer, which he delivered on drums, the Archbishop turned to Ezekiel, encouraging everyone to trust God in our current situation.

In a reference to the passage in Ezekiel – which recounts the prophet's vision of a valley of dry bones, the Archbishop told the virtual congregation: “At this present time of COVID-19 we are, as it were, set in death in exile.

“I believe the Sovereign Lord who knows it all by the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead to life eternal, the life creating power of God will bring us out of exile – out of the valley of death. Sovereign Lord we look to you to deliver us.”

See the services by searching at: www.churchofengland.org As for the future, you can explore the full list of livestreaming taking place each week. Just go to: www.achurchnearyou.com

Grapevine Advertiser

Why Jesus walked on water

A tourist, planning a trip to the Holy Land, was aghast when he found it would cost £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee.

“Goodness,” he objected to the travel agent. “In England it would not have been more than £20.”

“That might be true,” said the travel agent, “but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord Himself walked.”

“Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,” said the tourist, “it’s no wonder He walked.”



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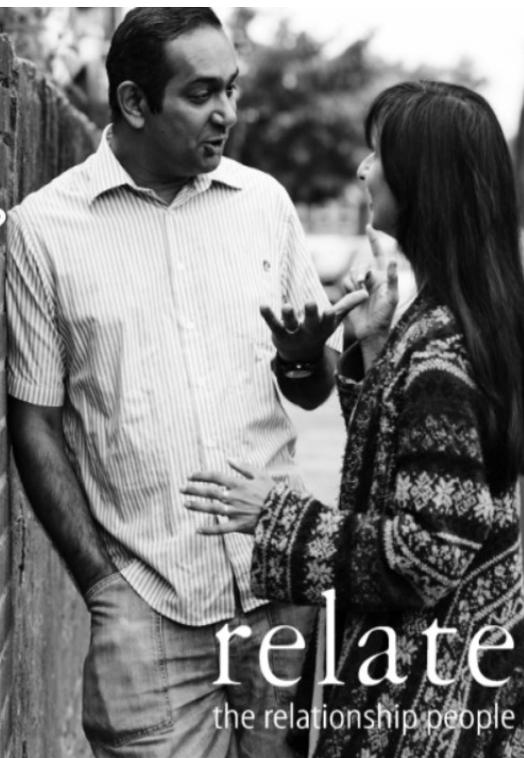
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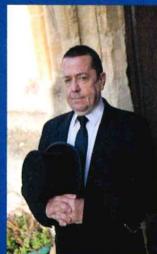
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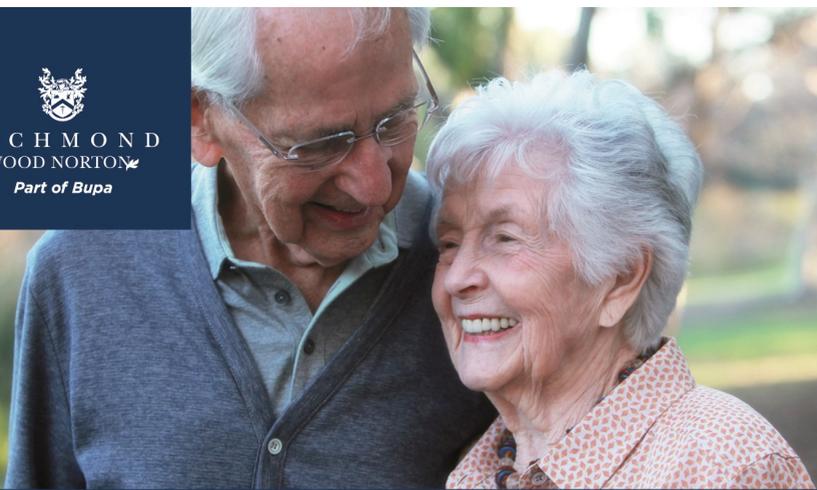
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As the ICN (International Council of Nurses) says: "All around the world, nurses are working tirelessly to provide the care and attention people need, whenever and wherever they need it. Nurses are central to the delivery of health care; nurses are making an invaluable contribution to the health of people globally."

Nursing as a vocation goes back to the Early Church. When plague struck the Roman world in the third century, it was Christians who tended the sick and dying, often at great personal cost. Their self-sacrifice made a huge impression on Roman society. Centuries later, in medieval Europe, it was the monastic orders that provided health care.

Still centuries later, during the Crimean War (1853-56) Florence Nightingale saved thousands of lives when she transformed the field hospitals, hugely improving the standards of care for wounded and dying soldiers.

In fact, Florence Nightingale deserves the credit for establishing the modern profession of nursing and its structures of training. Although of course medical science has advanced since her time, the basic ethos of nursing care remains today close to Nightingale's vision.

Nursing is frequently described as a vocation, and it is one to which many Christians are called. Nightingale wrote of being 'called' by God, after having had a vivid religious conversion as a teenager. Writing in February 1837, she stated: "God has spoken to me and called me to His Service."

Four years before going to Crimea, she studied at a Lutheran religious community in Germany which trained deaconesses in medical skills, nursing, and theology. Many of the ideas that Nightingale adopted for her nurses came from that religious community.

Thus, Nightingale's training programme was not solely devoted to secular medical sciences. Her student nurses were required to attend chapel, and her nurses read prayers on the wards.

Nightingale wrote many letters of spiritual encouragement to her students. To one, she wrote that Christ considered it an "honour to serve the poorest and the meanest... He will not give His crown except to those who have borne His cross... Enduring hardship is what He encourages and rewards."

The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally trained and worked as a nurse before being appointed to senior positions in the Health Service. She was Chief Nursing Officer for England between 1999 to 2004.

She says: "I became a Christian as a teenager and wanted to follow Christ with my whole life. Rather than having two careers, I have had one vocation: to follow Jesus Christ, to know Him, and to make Him known."

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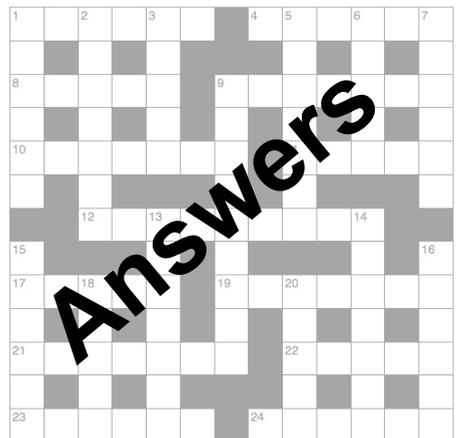
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