



CHURCH AT HOME

Issue 3: April 4th 2020

Welcome, brothers and sisters to the third edition of "Church at Home".

This is going to be a very strange week leading up to Easter Sunday. For some of us we would have been heading off to Minehead for Spring Harvest. For others, contemplating the passion of Christ in Holy Week. We can't do either of these things physically, but both are available for us to do from a distance, but together. In this issue is information on how to take part in Spring Harvest and some Reflections for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

In this time of isolation, I've found that, what day it is sometimes gets lost. Sunday is the day we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We join the celebration of the masses as we worship the Lord. But we also remember the same people called "Crucify him" a few short days later. Don't be tempted to put your faith to the side. None of us want to be people appealing to Caesar when this crisis is over!

Finally, turn to the back page for a cut out palm cross and Remember to send your content to me. Especially your pictures & messages.

Follow the guidance, encourage each other, pray and stay safe.

Rev Clive

Church noticeboard

Following the latest guidance from Bishop James all Churches in Bromley & Bexley are to be completely shut. Please speak to Clive or Colin if you need emergency access to our buildings.

Both Alpha and the Confirmation Service have been postponed to later in the year.

The plan is for our APCM to go ahead in the Autumn. Therefore, we still need your reports. If you have been asked to write one please still do so.

Grace Allen has some HP364 printer cartridges she no longer needs. Let her know if you can use them.

Brenda Thompson-Murray who is the co-ordinator of the prayer ministry team has set up a WhatsApp group for shared prayer during the crisis. To join the group, download the WhatsApp app to your phone and send Brenda your number.

brendat.bt87@gmail.com

Julia Davenport is requesting if anyone has any arran or chunky wool, doesn't have to be full balls, could she have them. She crochets blankets for the cattery she uses. Contact Julia and she will collect from your doorstep. juliadav64@sky.com

Congratulations to Lauraine Wells on the birth of her second Grandson, Evan.

Please put aside some food for our foodbank each week so our usual supply is still there when we come out of this crisis.

Community Notices

Bexley Community Help

1. Helpline

The London Borough of Bexley has set up a phone line to assist people in need during the coronavirus pandemic. Whether you need someone to get shopping, pick up other essentials, or to give you information, guidance and advice, please call us on 020 3045 5398. The helpline will be open from 8am to 6pm.

2. Volunteer Hub

We at the London Borough of Bexley are working with Bexley Voluntary Services Council (BVSC) to support Bexley residents who are able to give their time to support the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are inviting people to register with the Bexley Volunteer Hub (<https://bvsc.co.uk/covid-19>) where willing volunteers will be matched to where they are most needed in Bexley at this time.

3. Keeping in touch

We are also keen to build up our understanding of what community support is already being mobilised locally by neighbours and communities and how we can help. If you are involved with a local neighbourhood support scheme, whether it on social media or 'off line' between a few neighbours, we would be really interested to know as we build up our knowledge of what support is on offer where across our borough and how we can support you in this.

We are looking to share the wonderful displays of community spirit on our twitter and facebook page @BexleyTogether so please do share with us what is happening near you and find us on there if you haven't already.

Community Notices continued

Bexley have announced the suspension of garden waste collection and other changes:

This will mean -

- suspending the weekly separate food waste collection
- suspending the collection of garden waste
- collections of recycling wheeled bins (white lid and blue lid) will change from fortnightly to once every four weeks.

The green lidded refuse bin waste collections will remain fortnightly on your usual collection day. Please put your food waste into this green lidded bin until further notice.

Contactless Payments

You can now pay using a Contactless Card for sums up to £45.

Musicals Online

Universal have come up with a great idea called 'The Shows Must Go On', the new YouTube Channel that will be streaming a full-length musical every Friday at 7pm GMT for free so you can bring the theatre home! It will be available for 48 hours, so you can tune in whenever you like over the weekend! [youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon](https://www.youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon)

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This week's prayer

God of all Comfort and Counsel, we pray for those who are grieving, reeling from the sudden loss of loved ones. May they find your fellowship in their suffering, your comfort in their loss, and your hope in their despair. We name before you those known to us who are vulnerable and scared - the frail, the sick and the elderly. God of all comfort, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer. AMEN

From 24/7 Prayer.

Prayer

There are many who still need our prayers. Those who have asked for our prayers are: Andrew Bennett, Charles Brooke, Elizabeth Foster and Joan Handy. For Marjorie and Eileen Hoare, Monica Lindridge and Alex and Wai Ming Martin, Christine Meaton and Christine Minns. For little Orlagh, still very poorly. For Carol & John O'Connor, John Ralph and Amanda Ralph. For Jane & George Stafford. For Karen Vaughan (Cameo), Peggy Vidler, Jeanette Watts and Mark Williams.

Please pray for those key workers still having to go out to work, including Liam and Claire (scout leaders)

Prayers for the Fermer family as they reflect on the loss of Alan when it would have been his birthday recently.

Prayer for Nicola Porch's (Pre School manager) brother Paddy in Hospital with Covid-19.

Access Church services online

A number of places are offering closed services online. If you are able why don't you try one of the following.

Holy Trinity Brompton – Nicky Gumbel

<https://www.htb.org/sundayonline>.

Freedom Church – Sim Dendy

<https://www.freedomchurch.uk>

Watch on TV

TBN (Freeview 65 / Sky 582)

Hillsongs TV (Sky 595)

Resources for children and young people

Primary

VeggieTales (Netflix)

Superbook (Amazon Prime & Youtube)

Hillsongs: <https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsongkids>

Rend Collective: <https://rendcokids.com>

Bethel Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwvpDtOI62mc4bs9JEUyFP>

Secondary

Bible society short videos -

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/study-the-bible/gnb-youth-edition/videos/>

Bible Game for Apple or Android - "The Guardians of Ancora"

<https://guardiansofancora.com>

What you're up to. – Pictures and messages



Alison, Merry & Pippin McGill

I'm currently working full time from home, which actually is going ok. I spend a lot of my time on video calls with my team to support them as much as I can. My guinea pigs are a great company, but don't particularly help do my job (as the attached pics show). Haha.

They also think it's ok to demand food throughout the day, since I'm home. Their squeaks have been heard on several video calls with my colleagues!

They are becoming quite the stars 😊

Clive, Joshua, Faith, Grace & Jacob Beazley-Long

Fun making Kebabs



Claire, Noah & Gavin Gill

If you wanted to see what we have been up to over the last couple of weeks, here are a couple of links to a blog that Clair has written on our company website.

<https://www.registry-trust.org.uk/blog/wfh-registry20/>

<https://www.registry-trust.org.uk/blog/wfh-week-one/>

**Your picture
here next
week!**

Linda Mayes

Here i am enjoying my lovely Milbrook daffodils. They seem to have a long flowering period.!



Please send me your pictures of yourselves. It will be good to see familiar faces each week. Other pictures will appear in ⁷ our photography section next time. revclive@hotmail.co.uk

A reflection for Maundy Thursday

Why did you wash their feet?

I don't understand, it makes no sense.

Why did you do something so demeaning, so distasteful, when you did not have to?

Why humble yourself and wash the feet of your own disciples?

You are the Messiah, it makes no sense for you, of all people, to do something that should be done by the least of all people, not by the greatest. It is not what we want our Messiahs to do.

Unless... unless we have got it wrong and that, somehow this is a measure of what Messiah means?

Not that it is defined in greatness but that somehow, in your world the first will be last, and the greatest, least and servant of all?

But if we are to follow you, does it mean that we must follow your example too?

Are you suggesting that we too should make ourselves humble?

That we must wash the feet of the people whom we would rather ignore, or scapegoat, or deride?

Must we too become the servants of the least among us?

the refugee,
the disabled,
the homeless,
the addicted,
the anti-social,
the child?

Was that what all of this was about?

To try and put us in our rightful place,
not at the centre of our own world,
but at the centre of yours,

where we are no longer the most important person?

Is that it?

Were you trying to teach us this simple truth:

that other people, all other people, should matter too?

Is that why you washed their feet?

By Nigel Varndell

A reflection for Good Friday

It was the Romans who killed you,
who nailed you to a cross
to punish you for thinking differently.

Murdered for daring to challenge the might of Imperial Rome.
Murdered for daring to suggest that the world should be different,
that it could be rearranged for once,
not to make the powerful comfortable,
but deeply uncomfortable.

Or,

maybe it was the religious leaders who wanted you dead?
For challenging their deeply and sincerely held religious truths,
for shaking things up and rocking the boat,
for daring to suggest that just because we have always done it like this,
we always must?

We cannot challenge the guardians of tradition,
where would we be without it?
Better surely to let one man die....

No!

It was the crowd!
It was their fault It must have been the crowd who gathered and
cried 'Crucify!'
who are the ones who killed you.
What they need, you see, is a scapegoat,
someone for the Romans to blame,
so that they won't come looking for anyone else.

Or,

maybe it was me?
Maybe,
you should pity me,
for on this Good Friday,

I will stand with the Romans,
because I, who have everything,
don't really want anything to change.
I will stand with the religious leaders,
and make sure that my traditions are honoured,
no matter who they exclude.
I will stand with the crowd,
who already know who is to blame for all that goes wrong.
And I will cry '**Crucify**'

By Nigel Varndell



Unusual Times By A.Soule

These are unusual times. There is no denying the feeling of despair at seeing the rising figures of those infected and those dying because of the virus. It is a global battle, we are up against the invisible enemy: the enemy which stalks bars, cafes, restaurants and mass gatherings.

This is not the first time the world has faced pandemics. There was the plague of 1660 and the Spanish flu of 1918, both which killed off thousands. Obviously, people survived through these crises, but public memories of these are mixed.

One thing is for sure is that crises do not as always bring out the best in us. Fear can make us do things which we would ordinarily be ashamed to own up to.

A couple of days ago, rather late in the evening I went to a local superstore, looking to buy a few essentials. As you would expect with so much of this being in the news, there was hardly anything on the shelves. It took a while getting used to seeing the large store with so many empty shelves; which does make one wonder whether we are facing a famine or the virus.

It was late evening that day and behind me in store came in a young family, the parents appeared to have come straight after finishing work. It was hard not see the look of utter dismay on their faces at the empty shelves - with nothing left for them to buy that day. The mother was in tears.

The shop assistant told us that shoppers come in early to take in 'all sorts - bread, vegetables soaps, toilet rolls 'in bulk. She mentioned 'they want to get in first'. The irony is that there is no shortage of these things as such, and there is no indication that shelves wouldn't be restocked the next day. And yet, the ransacking of shelves continues.

But this the nature of the beast (crises). I was reading Daniel Defoe's Diary of the 1660 Plague, which mentions that despite some incidents of bravery shown in the face of death all around them; people became immensely selfish. It was wife against the husband, husband against the wife, neighbour against neighbour. It was every man for himself – for the fear of catching death.

An Article I read in the New York Times mentioned that despite the Spanish flu killing over a million people in America in 1918, there were surprisingly very few books or historical accounts written on that. There is though the record that at its peak, there was a desperate call for volunteers to care for sick children, which went callously unheeded. The authorities had pleaded with the local community making it clear that there was no one to give the children food as the death rate was very high, but people, 'much respected' as they were held back. David Brooks, the author of the article I mentioned explains that the possible reason for there not being many records of the flu was 'because people didn't like who they had become. It was a shameful memory and therefore suppressed.'

Self-sacrifice and caring about your neighbour are essential aspects of being a Christian. But it is so easy to forget all that in times of crisis; even Peter denied Christ three times, fearing death. But that story didn't end there, it was with him later on that the Church began, and he wasn't in the end afraid to face death when it came to him.

It is true that the common decency expected by society can never be taken for granted and human behaviour can never be completely predicted, but it is also true ordinary people can be transformed into heroes of the day, doing everything they can at the time needed. Peter after all turned out to be better than he thought who he was. We are all weak, but it is our relationship with God, with God at its focus, which can transform lives.

Understanding who we are as Christians is important especially in these times. I am often reminded of a quote from a long-standing Church member (from a previous Church I used to go to): 'Being a Christian makes me better than I am'.

A message from our friend Jonathan Viera



Greetings to all of you – most of whom are probably reading this at home! In these extraordinary and unprecedented times, we are praying that you and your families are safe and well, if frustrated by the restrictions that we are all being asked to observe.

We know that many of you have your own health challenges so you will understand how difficult it is when your health takes a dive – it is something you have little control over. You will recall that Jonathan developed a health problem last year. The good news is that he is now stronger and in good spirits, but the underlying situation is that he has chronic kidney disease. The plan is for him to eventually receive a kidney from a live donor, which could restore him to excellent health for a good number of years - enabling him to continue doing what he loves. Sue is currently preparing to be the donor and so far, after extensive testing, all is well. Quite when it will be necessary, we don't know but the hospital likes to be well prepared!

We are delighted to tell you that **HYMNS PROJECT 2** is now finished! Jonathan is really pleased with the end product and has worked tirelessly to ensure that it is an album that you will love with all the quality, variety and inspiration that you have come to expect from a JV album.

We were hoping to launch this album at Spring Harvest but sadly that is not possible. We therefore will have to launch online so keep looking for news of this and a very special offer on www.jonathanveira.com .



SPRING
HARVEST
Home



An invitation for everyone to join us!

We are so excited to announce the launch of Spring Harvest Home, available online via YouTube from 13th to 17th April. We are all disappointed that we can't join together as one Spring Harvest family this year, but the team here have been working really hard to adapt and deliver the heart of Spring Harvest... direct to your living room!

Spring Harvest Home is a completely free online conference programme with content suitable for everyone in the family. Lined up for the week after Easter, we have some amazing material all built around the 2020 theme of "**Unleashed - The Acts Church Today**". Never has there been a more appropriate time for us to gather together as a community to worship, learn, laugh and pray together.

Big Start, morning Bible teaching, live worship, specialist seminars and workshops and some light-hearted sofa viewing will be available right through the day. **Spring Harvest Home** will be available online through YouTube, so go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for 'Spring Harvest'. You can then subscribe to the Spring Harvest channel to make sure you don't miss this unique **Spring Harvest Home** week. (Please note that more content will be added here from 13th April.)

It's our prayer to serve everyone who tunes in, helping us all to encounter God, be inspired by the good news of Jesus this Easter, and to see all of us, our communities and our culture, transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Encourage your friends, family, neighbours and churches to also connect with ***Spring Harvest Home*** online, for what we believe will be a truly unique time of being quality Church together!

We will carry on updating you and we are using all our social media channels to send out more information as the week gets closer, so ['Like' us on Facebook](#), and [follow us on Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

See you soon for Spring Harvest Home!



At Home with children & young people

Cheryl, Laura & Sarah from the Diocesan team have sent some ideas for worship at home.

Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

**Together:
We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.**

Welcome.....

Song: Come now is the time to worship (can be sung or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0ESL1rLeqEC7dhMZh1Q5Aw>

Reflection time: Today is Palm Sunday - The promised King was finally coming into Jerusalem and the people crowded the streets to cheer his arrival. Can you imagine a time when you've been really excited about someone coming, have you been outside waiting or looking out of the window expecting them to arrive? This is how the crowd felt a King was arriving. Imagine you're a person in the crowd waiting and expecting a King – how does that make you feel? (share within your gathering)

If Jesus were to arrive in amongst you now physically – would you be cheering?

Bible passage: Matthew 21:1-11 (ask a member to read the passage allowed & allow space to reflect)

AND/OR

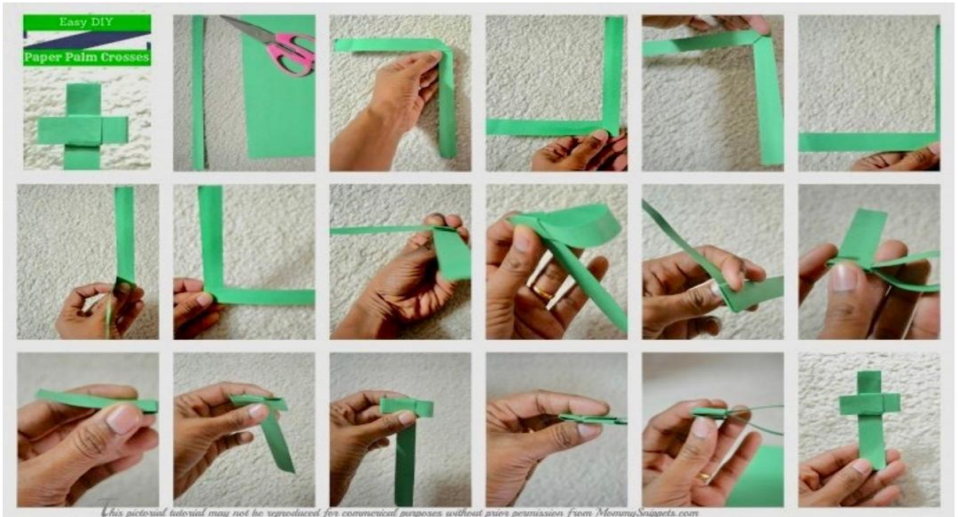
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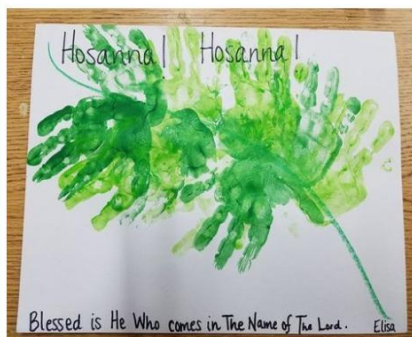
Interactive Learning.....The people believed the King had come to save them, they believed he would be in robes, with a crown and servants but Jesus came on a humble colt, however they were not disappointed because they'd been told their King would arrive on a colt, they still believed he had come to save them with the shout of Hosanna – meaning to be saved.

In amongst all the excitement and cheering Jesus knew by the end of the week he would facing death on the cross and most of the crowd would have deserted him.

Introduce a palm cross.....On palm Sunday we share & give out palm crosses, we wave crosses as the crowd would have waved palms when Jesus entered the city, we wave crosses to remember Jesus saving us, to welcome Jesus into our lives and as our King.



Demonstrate how to make a paper cross and allow time & space for people to make their own AND/OR Create this lovely palm leaf picture. If you do have paints in the house, paint your hands and print! AND/OR make a palm leaf out of building bricks - be creative!



Whilst creating chat about the following questions & Share stories.....

How did the crowd react to Jesus' grand entrance?

Think about those times when you have expected a visitor and the happiness you felt – I wonder if Jesus felt the same as you & the crowd?

What would you like to say to Jesus today, as you welcome him as your King?

Write a prayer on your Cross/Picture

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: 10,000 reasons (can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lamq3qz1EU0>

Song: We bow down & confess (can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6Eixp19lic>

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers that are on the pictures and crosses. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kog4QkDT4Ho>

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.


Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

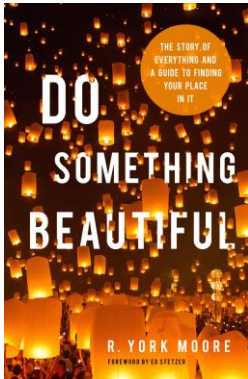
Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- Build a  model
- Doodle a cross shape & cut it out
- Origami crosses
(Demonstrations found on youtube for various ages)
- Have printed Crosses to infill a design
- Play dough crosses & palms
- Printed sheets to write poems/thoughts of the crowds feeling & emotions

Books

This week's book suggestions come from www.eden.co.uk



Do Something Beautiful by R. York Moore

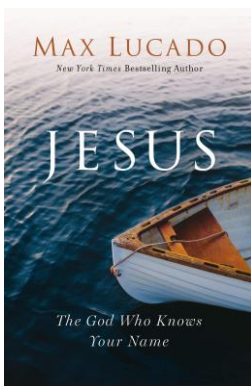
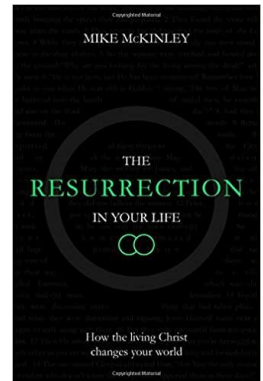
In *Do Something Beautiful*, York Moore shows you how to:

- reframe your own story and begin seeing God's story breaking into your life in the everyday moments
- leave behind mediocrity and be a part of that beautiful story, and
- make your life count for something that matters.

The Resurrection in Your Life by Mike McKinley

US pastor and well-known author Mike McKinley considers the revolutionary consequences for each of us of Christ's resurrection, ascension and the sending of his Spirit.

Walk through Luke 24 and Acts 1-2 and discover how the reality that Jesus lives change every aspect of our world.



Jesus by Max Lucado

Do you ever feel like Jesus couldn't possibly know what you are going through? He's the God of the universe after all! Does he really know your daily struggles?

By exploring Jesus' life, death, and resurrection this compilation from Max Lucado gives readers the chance to become more familiar with the man at the centre of the greatest story ever told.

Mission – Beryl baker

Beryl is a nurse who works in Paraguay. She has been on the mission field for over 50 years and we have supported her as a mission partner throughout that time.



A message from Beryl's friend Julie Fagan

As I hadn't heard from Beryl for so long, I tried this afternoon and got through to her on a very poor connection in the Chaco! We were both astonished. We kept losing contact but Beryl was able to tell me the following.

There was a partial closure last week but now everything is mostly stopped in Paraguay to stop the spread of the corona virus. There have only been a few cases as far as Beryl knows and she hasn't seen any there, only pneumonia and Dengue fever, a lot of those.

All the large supermarkets are closed and the schools. There is a curfew at 6 pm and anyone breaking it gets a large fine from the police. They are allowed to go for essential foods in smaller supermarkets presumably and medicines. The Mennonite colonies are the same.

The petrol station at Rio Verde is still open because they sell fuel but no supplies are getting through so the shelves are nearly empty of any fresh produce. People are managing with what they had already. Beryl says she is ok because she has some basic foods.

The weather is very hot – 40 – 41 degrees C and they are entering drought conditions. Chris Hawksbee was in touch from Asuncion and said they had a little rain yesterday.

Tim Curtis was due to come to the UK in April. He was able to get on one of the last flights out of Paraguay, to France and arrived yesterday. Beryl doesn't know if he has arrived in the UK yet. He is going to stay with his father and sister.

Severiano, who was helping Beryl, became very unhelpful and stopped working. Beryl thinks he is very anxious about his daughter and depressed. He left yesterday but his younger brother in law, Bernardino, has started work in his place. He is in his early twenties, Beryl said. Beryl is very grateful to the Lord for his provision of Bernardino.

Beryl asked about the situation here in the UK and I was able to say a little.

Communication was very difficult so after being cut off yet again, we said our farewells. I'm still amazed that we managed to communicate! Thank you Lord!


#Live Lent

This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation". It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything.

Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop John Sentamu

Find out more and sign up here -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation>



Gift Aid

**Do you support our mission and ministry by regular giving?
Do you pay tax?**

If you answered yes to both those questions then we can claim an extra 25% from the government at no cost to you.

It's very easy to sign up

See Charles Brooke or Dot Turner and they will help you.

Bible reading Apps

There are many of these available. Here are two suggestions, but let me know what ones you use.

Youversion – <https://www.youversion.com> Sophie Tyler Says "I've been using the YouVersion Bible app more recently. I've really enjoyed exploring all of the Bible reading plans - there are so many and most last between 5-10 days so you can really choose one which is most relevant to you and what's going on each week! They also have a verse of the day everyday which they present in a very visual way which I really like!"

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Wordlive - <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive>

Ask Lauraine

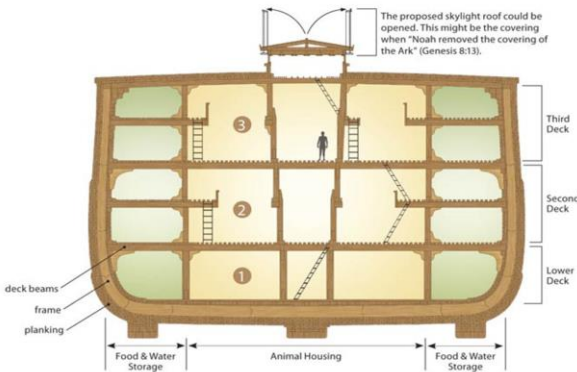
Our resident theological thinker answers your questions.

"How did God feed all the animals on the Ark?" , Colin & Judy.

God tells Noah in Genesis 6, after setting out how to build the ark and who/what would be in it, in verse 21 "You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and them." So we can assume that Noah did as he was instructed as he had done all along.



"Tell those woodpeckers to STOP!"



I found this mock up of what the inside of the ark might have looked like. The various food stuffs being stored along the sides on each floor. Assuming the animals were arranged in family groups, each group would have eaten roughly the same thing so that would have saved space.

It's worth mentioning here that 'experts' in this field have surmised that there would have been around 16,000 animals in the ark plus the eight people, more than enough they say to keep that number of animals alive.

Also remember we are not talking about a 'des res' here the aim is survival not luxury.

Water could have been 'piped' into troughs using bamboo as the Chinese do, and there would have been plenty of water! Food could be dealt with in the same way through self-feeders, just like we feed the birds in our gardens.

Meat could have been dried for the meat eaters amongst the animals, plus of course fish. Noah certainly had time to do this whilst building the ark (around 75yrs?). Some commentators argue that nothing and no-one ate

meat until after the flood anyway so would not have been a problem! (Gen 9:3).

But what about the poo and the smell? Well in farming communities man and beast have often shared the same space. Perhaps our noses are just too sensitive. As far as the poo is concerned the floors on each level could have been slated as in pet shops and the waste trampled into a space below. Or sloping floors directing the manure into a central gutter. This waste would have had to be emptied overboard.

Whilst that year on the ark would not have been comfortable it certainly was doable.

This is not a definitive answer, just my musings, only God has the answer - as always!

Quarantine, Day 8:



And now for something a little lighter!

DAVE WALKER CARTOON WORKSHEET

STAYING AT HOME

NAME: _____

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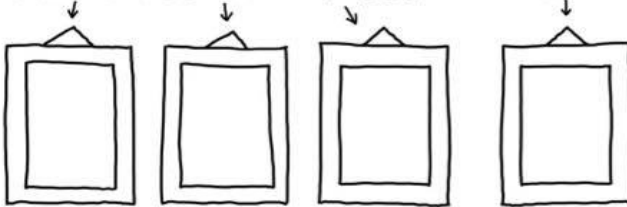
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THE PEOPLE IN MY HOUSE

PETS

↑ COLORING



PEOPLE I'M MISSING SLIGHTLY



IDEAS FOR FUN ACTIVITIES WE COULD DO THIS WEEK



THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____

NOTES:

CartoonChurch.com

Buy Dave Walker books at www.eden.co.uk

Mrs T's quiz page

CRYPTIC TOWNS AND CITIES (2)

The following clues provide the names of towns and cities within the UK.

1.	THERE ARE NO ENDS TO A HAIRDRYER	
2.	PUSHED DOWN HEAVYWEIGHT	
3.	WHERE THE STEER CROSSED THE RIVER	
4.	ONE OF THE THREE R's	
5.	ALMOST SPEECHLESS IN FRONT OF THE FRENCH CHIPS	
6.	MOTHER'S GARDEN ENTRANCE	
7.	WITCHES ATTEMPT TO MEET	
8.	VEHICLE FOLLOWED BY SCOTTISH GOLFER	
9.	A MALE, PART OF THE TORSO, WITH SOME HESITATION	
10.	ARRAN OR HOLY IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE'S WAGES	

Dingbats

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05	06	07	08
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09	10	11	12

Answers on
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Ann's simple recipes for everyone

St Paul's resident culinary queen Ann Easter shares some of her recipes with you.

Quiche

Ingredients

- 18oz (500g) Plain flour
- 7ozs (200g) Butter
- Pinch of salt
- 2 Eggs
- 4ozs (120g) Mature cheddar
- 2 Rashers of bacon
- 1 Red onion
- ½ pint (280ml) of milk



Instructions

To make the pastry base

Sift the flour into a large bowl add the diced butter and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Stir in a pinch of salt, then add 2-3 tbsp water and mix to a firm dough.

Knead the dough briefly and gently on a floured surface then roll out.

Line your flan tin(s) with the dough and bake for 15 minutes at gas mark 4 / 160°C.

To make the filling

Chop the bacon and the onion and beat the eggs.

Mix the bacon, onions, eggs, cheese & milk in a large bowl.

Pour the mixture into the tin(s) and bake for 40 minutes on gas mark 5 / 170°C, till firm to the touch.

Try adding other ingredients such as peppers or broccoli

**Ann's top tip's
Use ready made pastry and simply roll it out.**

Blast from the Past

From "St Pauls Parish News March / April 2004".

2. JOHN ROSS WRITES: - WHY WE BELIEVE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, the Christian faith is a foolish fantasy. However, if the resurrection of Jesus did occur, it confirms his life, message and atoning work. It is the basis of our hope of life beyond the grave. **Jesus is Alive** and the evidence is overwhelming.

Here are some of the reasons we can be so sure.

- 1. Jesus predicted his resurrection** (Matt 16:21; Mark 9:9-10; John 2:18-22)
 - 2. The Old Testament prophesied it** (Ps 16:10; compare Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37)
 - 3. The tomb was empty and the grave clothes vacant.**
- If those who opposed Jesus wished to silence his disciples, all they had to do was produce a body but they could not. (John 20:3-9)
- 4. Many people saw the resurrected Jesus.** They looked on his face, touched him, heard his voice and saw him eat. (Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:13-39; John 20:11-29; John 21:1-9; Acts 1:6-11; ! Cor. 15:3-8)
 - 5. The lives of the disciples were dramatically changed.** Though they fled and even denied Jesus at the time of his arrest, they later feared no one in their proclamation of the risen Jesus. (Matt.26:56, 69-75)
 - 6. The resurrection was the central message of the early church.**
- The church grew with an unwavering conviction that Jesus had risen and was the Lord of the church. (Acts 4:33; 5:30-32; Rom. 5:24)
- 7. Men and women today testify that the power of the risen Jesus has transformed their lives.**

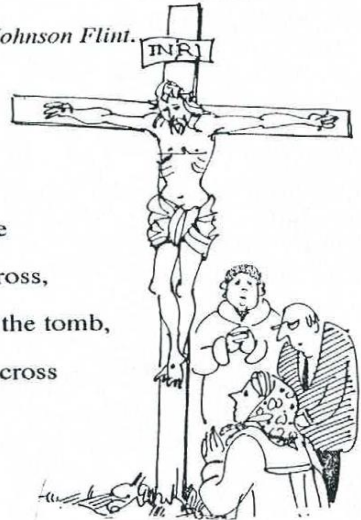
We know that Jesus is alive not only because of the historical and biblical evidence but also because he has miraculously touched our lives.

A Happy Easter to you All

John Ross

And finally - A poem for Easter by *Annie Johnson Flint*.

Some of us stay at the cross,
some of us wait at the tomb,
quicken and raised with Christ,
yet lingering still in the gloom.
Some of us 'bide at the Passover feast
with Pentecost all unknown,
the triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
that the Lord has made his own.
If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,
his work had been incomplete.
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb,
he had only known defeat.
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross
and the way of the tomb leads on,
to victorious grace in the heavenly place
where the risen Lord has gone.



On TV this week

Freeveiw Sky Virgin Freesat BT

Saturday

08.15: Sister Act: Sky Cinema Musicals (304 404 504)

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39 148 192)

10:00: Sister Act 2: Sky Cinema Musicals (304 404 504)

20:00: King Solomon's Mines Mystery: 5Select (54 153)

Sunday

06:00: Hour of Power: Sky1 (106 110)

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Drama (71 147 197)

11:00: Sunday Worship: BBC1

13:15: Songs of Praise: BBC1

16:00 – 20:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

22:55: Ride Upon The Storm: Channel 4 (Season 1: All 4)

Monday

14:10: Father Brown: BBC1

16:00 – 18:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

21:00: Terror In Paradise: BBC2

Tuesday

14:10: Father Brown: BBC1

16:00 – 18:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

Wednesday

14:10: Father Brown: BBC1

16:00 – 18:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

Thursday

14:10: Father Brown: BBC1

16:00 – 18:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

20:00: King Solomon's Mines Secrets: 5Select (54 153)

Friday

12:45: Joseph King Of Dreams: Sky Cinema Animation (325)

13:20 – 18:20 & 2100 – 00:00: Father Brown: Drama (20)

13:40: Heavenly Gardens: BBC1

14:40: Father Brown: BBC1

13:35 & 20:35 The Most Dangerous Man in Tudor England:

PBS (91 174 273 155) William Tyndale

19:00 Proving God: History (130 270 327)

21:00: Pilgrimage, The Road to Istanbul: BBC2

Streaming & Box sets



Bones – Amazon Prime

Kathy Reich's Forensic Anthropologist (Bones expert) Temperance Brennan & Charismatic FBI agent Seeley Booth Are brought to life on the screen in this long running crime drama.

Interesting for the clash of personalities between the avowed atheist scientist and the Christian investigator. This will keep you busy if you are looking for time to kill in isolation. 12 series and 246 episodes for you to enjoy.

Do you have any TV or Streaming suggestions? Let us know.



Radio programs

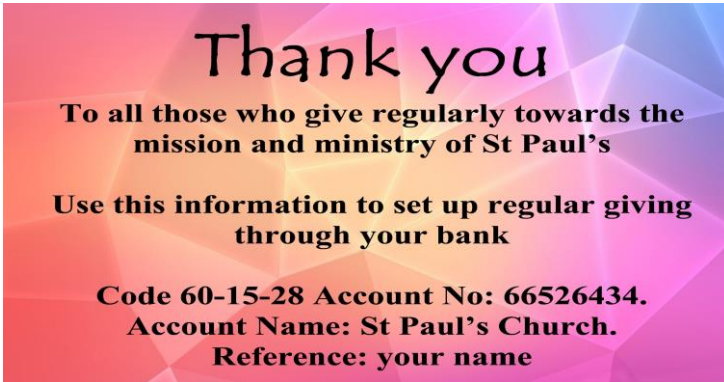
Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43am on Radio 4

Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4

Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4
Longwave and DAB

Lent Talks Wednesdays at 8.45pm on Radio 4

Choral evensong- Wednesdays at 3.30pm and the same
service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on BBC Radio 3



Quiz answers

Cryptic towns and cities

1. Airdrie, 2. Preston, 3. Oxford, 4. Reading, 5. Dumfries, 6. Margate, 7. Coventry, 8. Carlisle, 9. Manchester, 10. Paisley.

Dingbats

1. Three wise men, 2. Money is the root of all evil, 3. Hunchback, 4. Box clever, 5. Good for nothing, 6. Bottomless pit, 7. Bald eagle, 8. Throw in the towel, 9. Second time around, 10. Listen to me, 11. Laminate, 12. Get your kicks on Route 66.

