



# CHURCH AT HOME

## Issue 4: April 11th 2020

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

**Alleluia, Christ is risen**

**He is risen indeed halleluiah**

Tomorrow is Resurrection day the greatest day in history. When Jesus beat the powers of evil, conquered death and rose again to life. We celebrate because we, in turn will be raised like Christ from the dead when the time is right.

What a strange time Lent it has been. Someone said "This has been the Lentiest Lent I've ever Lented!". It does feel like a time of exile. I've certainly felt Jesus' solitude when he went to the wilderness. There been a bit of testing as well. Thank you for your continued prayers for our family. Grace was very poorly this week but we believe we have all now come though the virus.

Join us for Spring Harvest from Monday. The full programme is in the bulletin. The highlight for our family is the super fun "Big Start" each morning.

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

Rev Clive

## **Church noticeboard**

Following guidance from Bishop James all Churches 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](mailto:brendat.bt87@gmail.com)

Julia Davenport is requesting if anyone has any aran 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](mailto:juliadav64@sky.com)

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

*I am truly amazed at the number of church members, friends, neighbours that have contacted me throughout the fifteen days I have been ill and isolated. I cannot thank these people enough as they have been a life line to me. I have appreciated their thoughtfulness and love. It is great to know that this type of community spirit is flourishing. The words 'love thy neighbour' is proving very real at the moment.*

Jeanne Williams

## **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**

### **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://youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon)

### **Knitted Hearts**

Darenth Valley Hospital are asking for donations of small knitted hearts that they place in patients' hands when they pass away. A second heart is then placed in a memory box for relatives. To donate please e-mail [dgn-tr.wellbeing@nhs.net](mailto:dgn-tr.wellbeing@nhs.net)

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## **This week's prayer**

Jehovah Rapha, God who heals, we pray for all medical professionals dealing daily with the intense pressures of this crisis. Grant them resilience in weariness, discernment in diagnosis, and compassion upon compassion as they care. Would you rise above this present darkness as the Sun of Righteousness with healing in your rays. May this be our prayer  
.AMEN

From 24/7 Prayer.

### **Prayer**

**There a 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)

## **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>

**NEW** (Thanks Monica) All Souls Langham Place

<https://www.allsouls.org>

## **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=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOI62mC4bs9JEUyFP>

### **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



Tracey Fermer  
Chillin at home



Ron Richards  
We have been spending a large amount of time gardening and enjoying the sunshine. When we get out of lockdown perhaps we could have another 'Open Garden'! It must be nearly seventeen years since we hosted the last Charity Open Garden.



Marie & Andre Edie  
(from Starship Crew)  
Having a snuggle in the garden



Bill & Grace's  
Grandson, William



Joy Peagum  
Me in lockdown. I need the hairdressers! (No, you don't! -Clive)



Babs Olabiya



Iremide, Emmanuel & Felicia  
Ayeayemi

We are doing well and trying to keep safe. We miss everyone but we know that God is with us all. Everyone is in our prayers.

**Your  
picture  
here next  
week!**

**Please send me your pictures and messages to each other. Let's encourage each other and stay in touch. It will be good to see familiar faces each week. [revclive@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:revclive@hotmail.co.uk)**

# An Easter message from Bishop James

'Walking together', whether literally as on a March of Witness or figuratively, is very much part of our normal approach to this season of Passiontide and Easter. We may speak of walking together with our Lord in the Way of the Cross. Not being able to be with one another physically over this season is likely, therefore, to be very difficult for many of us. We will miss those services, gatherings and shared spiritual disciplines in which we would normally participate for our spiritual nourishment and renewal. For many, therefore, there will be a very real sense of loss – privation, even.



But what is becoming clear is that, while we may not gather together in our various places of worship, people are preparing all kinds of means by which the season may still be observed with devotion and joy. I do believe that, despite that which will not be possible, we will find ourselves discovering new insights and riches as we enter into the narrative of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection in new ways. Especially in this time of uncertainty, anxiety and suffering, we may perhaps learn more of what it means 'to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings' (Philippians 3.10).

It is clear that we will be living in this 'strange land' of quasi-exile from our normal patterns of church life and life more generally for some time to come. We are also increasingly aware that people in our own families, households and communities are personally affected – and some, very sadly, have died. Many among us are in some of the 'essential' roles in society and facing considerable pressures in those roles and places. I am, therefore, hugely grateful for all the efforts that are being made to serve those around us, not least to those working with Bishop Simon to guide and strengthen our community outreach at this time.



In days such as these, our commitment to the ministry of prayer with and for our neighbours (in the fullest sense) is paramount. Even if there is nothing else we are able to do, we can pray. And my prayer for all of us is that, in these strange and discomfoting times and especially in these coming days, we will walk with our Lord in new ways, standing again at the foot of his Cross and meeting him afresh in the garden of early Easter Day, being fed by him on the lakeside shore. With my prayers and good wishes for God's blessing in this season.

**James, Bishop of Rochester**



## A reflection for Holy Saturday

What was it like for the first disciples? What was it like to live on that first Holy Saturday when all hope is gone, when all that we love is lost, when God is dead?

We know the end of the story. We know of resurrection, so we do not wish to dwell in this dark place, we want to rush on to Easter Sunday, when life returns.

It is too hard to live on Holy Saturday, to spend our time in the dark and conflicted places of Golgotha and Gethsemane, the place where despair has all the best answers to our questions.

But what of the people who have no choice? What of the people who always live on Holy Saturday? The child beaten and abused at home whose only hope is to run away? The child living with alcohol misusing parents, Trapped, too young, into adult responsibilities. The disabled child, never given the chance to join in. The refugee child, always a problem, never simply a person.

What must it be like to live on Holy Saturday, when we do not know how the story ends?

When hope is absent who will be there to look after them?

Who will be there for the children on their Holy Saturday?

*By Nigel Varndell*

## A reflection for Easter Sunday

Sometimes it doesn't work out as you expect.  
Sometimes even though you know the game is up,  
even though you know the inevitable outcome,  
even sometimes when you have given up yourself  
... it doesn't work out as you expect.

There are those days when the one,  
who has been running away for years,  
every week, without fail,  
...doesn't.

The day when the disabled one,  
is finally accepted for who they are.

When the traveller,  
for so long the outsider,  
suddenly becomes a friend.

There are those days when,  
in the face of despair,  
for some unexpected and incomprehensible reason,  
our long dead hopes are brought back to life.

There are those days we suddenly realise the stone has  
been moved...  
... and the tomb is empty.

*By Nigel Varndell*

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# How Spring Harvest Home content works

## YOUTUBE.COM/SPRINGHARVEST

All of our primary content sessions will be streamed at scheduled times at the top of our YouTube homepage - as a Premiere or a Live Stream. Our welcome video will appear there when there is a gap in the schedule. Join us in advance of the week - some things will be there early to give you a head start.

## SPRINGHARVEST.ORG

A programme for the week will be published on our website. It is downloadable as a PDF. If you have a printer at home, why not stick it to the fridge and mark what you'd like to see?

If you've signed up for notifications from YouTube 📧, you could be reminded with an email or a phone alert 30 minutes before each major session is due to start.

At any time, you can choose from the videos in our playlists. The best way to get the full picture will be to browse the playlists directly. There is a playlist each for Kids programme, Youth programme, All-Age, Worship, Teaching, BSL/Accessible and Activities. There is also a playlist called Catch Up, which has the films that were shown as part of the primary schedule.

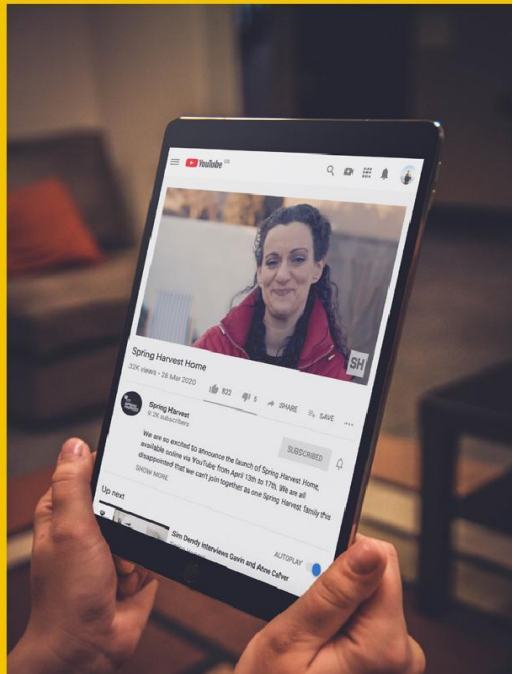
Underneath every film is what's called a 'Bio'. It has information about the film, and if you click SHOW MORE, more will appear, including links to other sites or resources that we think may be relevant. If the film has supporting documents (like kids activity resources), there will be a link there to download them.

If you've never been to Spring Harvest before, it may be useful to know that our primary content is themed and is best watched in order - sessions will be numbered or specified by day in the title if they are part of a series.

## Accessibility

You can turn captions (subtitles) on and off at any time, in any film, using this symbol along the bottom 🗣️.

We have added BSL interpretation to some sessions and these are in their own playlist to make them easy to find. There are also sessions especially accessible for those with learning difficulties.



## HOW TO WATCH

### On a computer

The best way to browse and enjoy the content (particularly the first time) is on a desktop or laptop computer. If you are watching the video at the top of the screen, you can join in with the YouTube Chat underneath and interact with others who are watching at the same time. Once you go 'full screen' with the video , you can no longer join in with the chat, unless you do so on a separate device at the same time.

- **Audio** – if you are struggling to hear through the internal speakers when the volume is at full (both on the video itself and on the computer) then try watching with headphones, an external speaker, dock or amplifier. These can be used through a jack to jack cable, depending on your technology.
- **Visual** – using an HDMI cable from the computer to your TV or a projector can give you the full screen experience! Check your TV and computer have the right sockets before purchasing a cable.

### On a smaller device

You can watch on a smartphone or tablet in just the same way, again, an external speaker may help, and prop it up so you can go hands free and relax.

### On your TV

Newer TVs can access YouTube directly and you can watch everything from there. The only downside is that it's not so easy to join in with the interactive 'Chat'. Of course, on a separate device you could join in with that on YouTube, Facebook or Twitter. Newer smart TVs can usually show what is on your smaller device with screen casting or mirroring.

## Help

There is loads of technical help available on the internet. If you think you'll need guidance, get ready in advance. YouTube itself has 'How-to' videos on just about everything. You can search there, or on Google. Be direct in the search box. Here are some examples:

How do I get YouTube on my Samsung Smart TV /  
 What's the best speaker to use with my laptop? /  
 What cable do I need for Macbook to LG TV / How to stream my iPad onto my TV.

## INTERACTION

We would love everyone to feel connected while we experience Spring Harvest in our homes. The 'Chat' will be enabled in YouTube under each Premiere or Live Stream. You need to be signed in to a Google account to do this (you already have one if you have a Gmail address, or it's free and easy to sign up). You can 'replay' this chat along with the video if you are catching up later. Please note that it is automatically moderated and some content won't be allowed to appear if it's deemed unsuitable.

You can use Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to interact with others, using the hashtag #SH2020, so everyone can get involved. Don't forget to also mention @springharvest if you'd like to make sure our team see it.

From 7pm each evening, for half an hour before the celebration, we'll be showing a selection of your posts in our Live Stream, so send us pictures of your #SH2020 experience. We have 200 limited edition 'Unleashed' mugs (home and travel) to give away as prizes for the best.

We'd also love everyone to film themselves dancing and singing along with our Big Start Theme Song, GLOW. Share your version on our facebook page and upload it to our dropbox using this link so we can edit together a montage of everyone to share on the final morning!

**SHARE**

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Free - Online - Open to everyone!

The programme listed below will appear on our YouTube channel as a Premiere or a Live Stream. In addition, all of the Playlists are there at all times to browse and watch as you please.

All sessions have captions which can be switched on, BSL for some talks is available in a playlist.

Interact with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube using @springharvest and #SH2020 and register for text updates by sending SPRINGH to 88802.

**EASTER MONDAY 13 APRIL: *Unleashed Power***

11.00am onwards	<b>Playlist material will begin to appear</b> - explore adult teaching, worship, kids, youth and activities and a Mercy Ships documentary
4.00pm	<b>First All-Age session appears from Steve and Bekah Legg</b> - in the All-Age playlist
4.00pm	<b>An Encounter Celebration appears in the Worship Playlist</b> - with Debra Green, Dave Bell and Dan Hargreaves
7.00pm	<b>Live stream begins</b> with worship music and the pick of the day's online interaction #SH2020
7.30pm	<b>Celebration*</b> (60-90 mins approx). Bishop Jill Duff speaks and worship with Sam Blake
9.00pm	<b>Any Questions Expert Panel</b> - live and interactive. Hosted by Martin Young, with Bishop Pete Broadbent, Theologian Anna Robbins and Apologist Clare Williams
10.00pm	<b>Nite Blessing</b> from Malcolm Duncan and a blessing song from Jonathan Veira

**TUESDAY 14 / WEDNESDAY 15 / THURSDAY 16 APRIL: *Unleashed People, Presence and Potential***

From 7am	<b>An episode of Friends and Heroes and an episode of What's in the Bible will be available.</b> Brilliant cartoons around our Acts passages
9.00am	<b>A Bible Thought for the Day</b> from Pete Greig with a worship song from Cathy Burton
9.30am	<b>Big Start</b> - worship, drama, prayer and fun for everyone with Joe Fisher, Martha Shrimpton, Riding Lights Theatre Co, Sam Blake & Pete James
10.30am	<b>Unleashed theme teaching sessions</b> with Gavin and Anne Calver (45 mins approx)
11.30am	<b>Deeper Bible Teaching</b> on Acts from Malcolm Duncan (30 mins approx)
2.00pm	<b>Sofa Sessions</b> (60 mins approx) <b>Tues</b> = Sim Dendy, Jim McNeish, Mark and Cathy Madavan and Ali Herbert - on Church and Leadership <b>Weds</b> = Debra Green, Matthew Porter, John Kirkby and Ropa Rusere - on Organisations Doing Good <b>Thurs</b> = Justin Brierley, David Hutchinson and David Wilkinson - on God, Stephen Hawking and the Multiverse
4.00pm	<b>Afternoon Special</b> (60 mins approx) <b>Tues</b> = Aaron Keyes on Worship, live from the USA <b>Weds</b> = Patrick Regan and Erin Docherty on Wellbeing, live and interactive <b>Thurs</b> = 'Crossways' Riding Lights Passion Play
6.30pm	<b>Bedtime stories and songs</b> with Bob Hartman and music videos (20 mins approx)
7.00pm	<b>Live stream begins</b> with worship music and the pick of the day's online interaction #SH2020
7.30pm	<b>Celebration</b> (60-90 mins approx) <b>Tues</b> = Amy Orr-Ewing speaks and worship with Lucy Grimble <b>Weds</b> = Gavin Calver speaks and worship with Kees Kraayenoord and Mozaiek Worship, Amsterdam <b>Thurs</b> = International interviews from China and Ukraine, and worship with Lucy Grimble
8.30pm	<b>Care for the Family Special</b> with Rob Parsons
<b>Wednesday only</b>	



9.00pm except  
Wednesday

### Entertainment

**Tues** = Live Comedy with Paul Kerensa

**Thurs** = The Paul Podcasts from Rhema Theatre Company

10.00pm

**Nite Blessing** from Malcolm Duncan and a blessing song from Jonathan Veira

## FRIDAY 17 APRIL: *Unleashed Participants*

From 7am

An episode of **Friends and Heroes** and an episode of **What's in the Bible** will be available. Brilliant cartoons around our Acts passages

9.00am

**A Bible Thought for the Day** from Pete Greig with a worship song from Cathy Burton

9.30am

**Big Start** - worship, drama, prayer and fun for everyone with Joe Fisher, Martha Shrimpton, Riding Lights Theatre Co, Sam Blake & Pete James

10.30am

**Final Celebration** - Archbishop Sentamu speaks and worship with Lou Fellingham (60 mins approx)

Includes an opportunity to 'break bread in our homes' together, with social distancing!  
Ending with a montage of all your videos sent in of you singing and dancing to GLOW, our Big Start theme song

### PLAYLISTS:

**Catch up Playlist**

Most of the above will remain available until the end of April unless permissions end sooner. Much of the below will remain available longer

**Accessibility and BSL**

Six sessions for those with learning difficulties. Some of the main talks with BSL

**Activities and Fun Playlist**

Dance workshops, Art workshops, Games and more

**All Age Playlist**

A daily all-age devotional from Steve and Bekah Legg, our Easter Day service, and the Big Start repeats

**Friends Playlist**

Things we recommend from some of our friends

**Kids Playlist**

Age-appropriate content from our brilliant Kids' teams, including worship and daily teaching sessions

**Teaching Playlist**

There is a lot of great teaching content. Get comfortable and take your pick! See the additional list on the next page

**Worship Playlist**

Past Spring Harvest Live Albums and a wealth of choices from Song Solutions

**Youth Playlist**

Teaching from our amazing Youth teams, labelled by daily session order, and links to Spotify playlists for worship

### TEACHING PLAYLIST: *May include the following amongst others!*

**Pastor Agu Irukwu**

Reflection on Matthew 16:13-19

**Elaine Storkey**

Women in a Patriarchal World

**Elaine Storkey**

Post-modern, Post-truth, Post-Christian

**Bishop Paul Butler**

Rethinking UK Poverty in the early days of the Coronavirus Crisis

**Katharine Hill**

Left to Their Own Devices

**Patrick Regan**

Tackling Anxiety

**Patrick Regan**

Tackling Depression

**Patrick Regan**

Tackling Perfectionism

**Clare Williams**

Is there Only One Truth?

**Clare Williams**

Hasn't the Church Done More Harm Than Good?

**Clare Williams**

Why Can't I Be Good Without God?

**Cris Rogers**

Unleashed Discipleship - Getting Unstuck

**Cris Rogers**

Unleashed Discipleship - Changing the Way You Read the Bible

**Cris Rogers**

Unleashed Discipleship - Praying for Healing for Beginners



<b>Cathy Madavan</b>	Irrespressible
<b>Jeff Lucas</b>	Church in Antioch - Birthed in Crisis
<b>Rob Parsons</b>	Wisdom House
<b>Rob Parsons</b>	The Heart of Communication
<b>John Kirkby</b>	Help In Times of Trouble: Pray Deeper, Act Quicker, Love Greater
<b>Jack Wakefield</b>	Climate in Crisis
<b>James Aladarin</b>	Three-part series on Prayer
<b>Jason Gardner</b>	Unleashed Church Planting
<b>Aukelien van Abbema</b>	Single in Church
<b>Krish Kandiah</b>	A Relentless Revolution of Love: Loving Your Neighbour in Covid-19
<b>Justin Brierley</b>	How the New Atheism grew old: Why the cultural conversation is changing and how the church can be part of it
<b>Justin Brierley</b>	Why Doesn't God Just End Coronavirus and Mend the World
<b>Nathan Blackaby &amp; Annabel Clarke</b>	Seven reasons Your Church Needs More Men
<b>Nicky Gumbel</b>	A Good Friday message about suffering
<b>Kiera Phyo</b>	Habits for a Transformed World
<b>Matthew Porter</b>	Overflow: Unleashing Power to Resource the Church
<b>Matthew Knell</b>	Sessions of the Lordship of the Spirit in the Church through the ages
<b>Nic Harding</b>	Reaching and Transforming Our Towns and Cities with the Gospel
<b>Peter and Michele Guinness</b>	Whatever happened to communion?
<b>Phil Knox</b>	Contagious: How to share your faith with your friends
<b>Phil Knox</b>	Unleash your courage: How to be bold in a fearful world
<b>Rachel Gardner</b>	Unleashed Potential
<b>Nick &amp; Marjorie Allan</b>	Discipling and Reaching Generations Y and Z
<b>Ruth Bancewicz</b>	Science and Christianity: Opportunities to Connect
<b>Usha Reifsnider</b>	Cross-cultural Mission in Relation to Migrants
<b>Vince &amp; Clio Turner</b>	Four Just Looking Sessions
<b>Yemi Adedeji</b>	Unleashed Prayer
<b>Yemi Adedeji</b>	Unleashed Integration
<b>Yemi Adedeji</b>	Unleashed Church Planting
<b>Andy Glover</b>	Developing a Culture Where All are Prophetic
<b>Bishop Paul Butler / Andrew Butler</b>	As the Journalist Said to the Bishop



# 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.....

**Say together : Hallelujah, He is risen.**

**He is risen indeed, Hallelujah.**

**Song:** King of Kings, Hillsong Worship  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OnfQpZr030>  
**(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)**

#### **Reflection time:**

Say again together the words said throughout the church  
all over the world

**Hallelujah, He is risen.**

**He is risen indeed, Hallelujah.**

As you gather share amongst yourselves what's your favourite Easter tradition? What makes it the best? Are there any you have enjoyed in the past which have slipped away? (Share within your gathering).

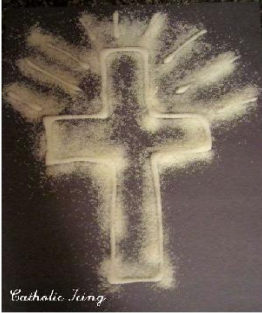
We are gathered to celebrate Easter Sunday, the most wonderful day for Christians throughout the world as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. How would you explain the excitement of Easter to a friend who doesn't know Jesus?

**Bible passage:** John 20 (ask a member to read the passage aloud, possibly from a Child's Bible if appropriate & allow space to reflect).

And/or watch

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe50\\_LaJg.WE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe50_LaJg.WE)

## Interactive Learning.....



Draw a cross outline using white glue on paper (looks better on dark colours) and while the glue is wet cover it with salt. Gently tip off the excess. Then colour the salt by gently dabbing dilute water colours over the salt. Food colouring works too.

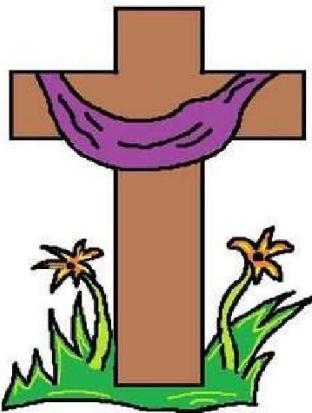
Watch carefully as the colour spreads throughout the salt, transforming it.



### Marys' Easter Day...

Mary was totally heartbroken and scared. Jesus had been her best friend and her teacher. Not only that, he had healed her. After she met Jesus, her life was different – and so much better! But now Jesus had been killed and buried. Not only that it appeared that someone had stolen his body. She was sad and angry and hopeless. She was crying so hard she didn't recognize the angels or even Jesus, at first. Then Jesus called her by name. Everything changed. Jesus was alive, he was still with her (even though she may not touch him), he called her by name. So Mary knew that everything would be OK.

In these times we all feel rather worried and a bit scared – it's all unknown. However, as Mary discovered on the first Easter Jesus IS alive and He is with us. And much like the paint transforms the salt so Jesus can transform us. We still cannot go outside much or see our friends, but Jesus can help us see the colours and good in what we do have and give us hope that a colour filled future will come.



### Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories.....

If you had been sat with Mary in that garden how do you think you may have reacted?

Think of ways the colours of Jesus can transform your life? How can you help others see the difference Jesus makes in you?

Find as many links between the Easter story and the other traditions we celebrate the eggs etc.

## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

**Song:** You Are My King, Philips, Craig and Dean  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_DGJjFxl6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_DGJjFxl6E)  
**(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)**

As we think of Mary's excitement hearing Jesus say her name, sit and in your head hear Jesus say your name. He speaks to you, what would you like to say to Him? Share your fears with Him and accept His peace. Allow His love to transform you.

Encourage members to pray silently or aloud. 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 :** Lord I Lift Your Name On High, God's Kids Worship.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c12Ta6\\_WJrw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c12Ta6_WJrw)  
**(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)**

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,

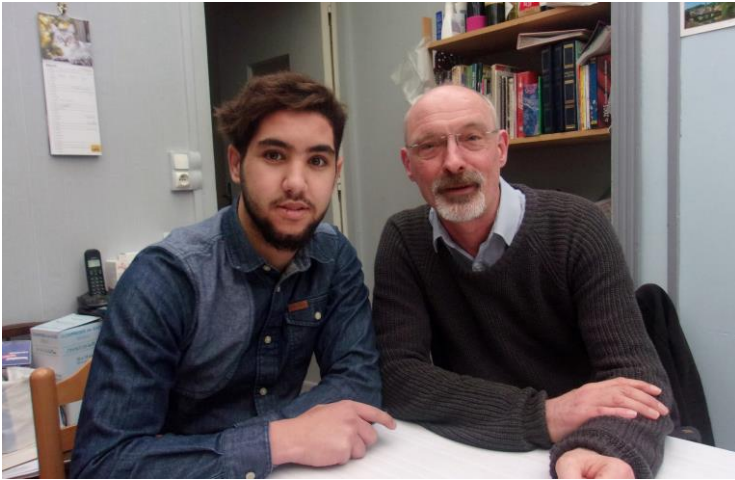
**Jesus, now lead on!**

**Ask different members to blow out the**

## Extra Ideas

- Build a  model of part of the story
- 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
- Printed sheets to write poems/thoughts of Jesus' friends feeling & emotions

## Mission – Suzanne & Martin Bray



Greetings from Lille in lockdown! Everything has stopped here on account of the crisis. We are working from home, mainly teaching online and our church services are also online. Morning Service is on Youtube, so if you'd like to have a look, you can do so here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqXauwwIz18&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1GjQV1SzKHC7xRZR-p9TJhxJYYE3jLaMTV0qtkGMmbuSZGGzEzizjoZpE>

Evening service is via Zoom, so we all tune in and share together about a Bible passage and then have a time of prayer.

As all the schools and colleges are closed, several sixth form students who usually stay in the boarding houses suddenly found themselves homeless. For this reason, Younesse, from Morocco (see photo) is staying with us until the crisis ends. He's a really pleasant young man, but a little tricky to feed! (Doesn't like red meat, or vegetables or salad....)

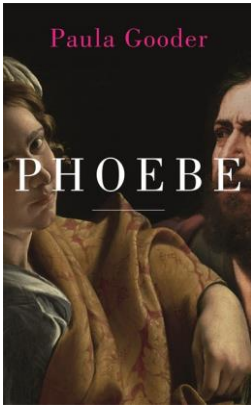
One of the secretaries where I work at the university, Sabrina, got the coronavirus, but thank God she is now better and working from home.

Best wishes to all you all and may God give you all the strength,  
courage and patience you need.



## Books

This week's book suggestions come from St Andrew's Bookshop

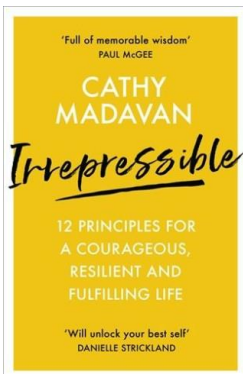
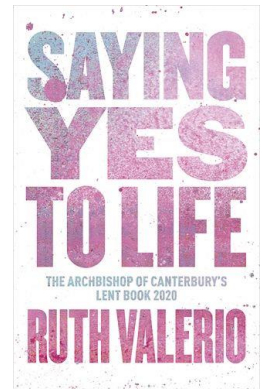


### **Phoebe by Paula Gooder**

Sometime around 56 AD, the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome. He entrusted this letter to Phoebe, the deacon of the church at Cenchreae.. But who was this remarkable woman? In this, her first work of fiction, Biblical scholar Paula Gooder tells Phoebe's story and in doing so opens up Paul's theology, giving a sense of the cultural and historical pressures that shaped Paul's thinking, and the faith of the early church.

### **Saying yes to life by Ruth Valerio**

Saying Yes to Life lifts our focus from every day concerns to issues that are impacting millions of lives around the world.. Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1 – 2.2) in relating themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern.



### **Irrepressible by Cathy Madavan**

Cathy Madavan deploys her trademark humour and down-to-earth wisdom to identify twelve ways we can become irrepressible.

How do you discover your irrepressible purpose?

How do you respond when disasters strike?

How do your habits develop resilience, capacity and flexibility?


## #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>

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

# A walk in Bursted Woods

As part of our daily exercise during the virus lockdown we go for a walk starting at 12.00 and lasting for about 45 minutes. One of our favourite routes is going to the top of our road (Merewood Road) and crossing over Bexley Road into Bursted Woods. Scattered throughout the woods there were originally five carvings including a hedgehog, a woodpecker and an acorn. I am not certain all 5 remain. There are also a number of carvings.



produced by a lady who used to come to St. Paul's in the 60s and 70s along with her daughter. The carving of the boy I think is one of hers. She was quite an eccentric person, if I remember correctly.

This area has changed quite a lot since I first arrived in the area in 1968. Bursted Woods school did not exist in 1968. There was a maternity unit at the Bexleyheath end of the woods and the grassy area at the Northumberland Heath end of the woods used to be a pitch and putt course at one time. It was also a favourite place for sledging in the winter. It is great to have some woodland close by. We realise that we do not visit it very often.

Bob Lindridge





# Hope



We all have hopes and dreams. They help to keep us going when life gets tough. However, hope on its own is not enough. We are going through one of the toughest times we will ever experience. This is why we need to marry hope with faith and pray that God will guide and support us through these troubled times.

As I write, a small spider is running across a chair in front of me it has stopped to spin a web and is now climbing to the top of our back door. What has a spider to do with hope? Think about it. If I destroy its web it will quickly spin another. It never gives up hope. This could happen time and time again. The spider will keep spinning. If only people possessed the strength and resilience of that spider. Some do of course.

The Holy Spirit lives within us to keep us strong, faithful and hopeful. As committed Christians we are all blessed with the power of the Holy Spirit to refresh and empower us to deal with every difficult situation.

So the next time you feel overwhelmed with worry, take a step back, pray and hand the whole problem over to the Lord. We are all blessed with the everlasting hope that He will rescue us.

Let your steadfast love O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you  
Psalm33:22

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer  
Romans12v 12

God Bless you all and give you hope for a safe future.

# The kindness of strangers

Here are two examples of the kindness of strangers.

At the beginning of the virus crisis I queued up outside Iceland to await 'pensioners hour' when I could stock up my freezer. At the check-out I was dismayed to realise that I had left my credit card at home and I was in front of a huge long queue (this was before the two-metre rule). My bill was £19 and I only had a £10 note. Whilst trying to get the assistant to take off some items of shopping, a lady behind me handed me a £20 note which I was very reluctant to take! After scrabbling around my handbag, I found a few more loose coins and I accepted £3 from this kind person. When I got outside, I found a couple more coins which I handed over but I couldn't believe how kind and generous people can be.

I was returning from Queen Mary's hospital recently when my car suddenly stopped. It was busy as parents were out collecting their children from school. As I sat trying to restart the car and raising my hands in despair with the hazard lights flashing, three or four men came from different directions and started to push me till they found me a parking space. They made sure I was ok and able to call the breakdown service. One father, returning from collecting his child from school, and who had helped me earlier again stopped to make sure I was all right. Again, I really appreciated the kindness of strangers.

# Mrs T's quiz page

## Fun Quiz

1. Which actor is connected to the phrase "ding dong"?
2. Where did the ancient people known as the Picts live?
3. What do the initials of A.A.Milne stand for?
4. Who had a hit with "Big girls don't cry" in 2007?
5. Figaro is a character from which Opera?
6. What is another name for frozen carbon dioxide?
7. What was the nationality of the astronomer Copernicus?
8. What sort of creature is a "greylag"?
9. What was the first letter to be transmitted by morse code?
10. What is a female swan called?

### **TV PROGRAMMES OLD AND NEW**

Can you guess what they are?

1.	BROAD VIEW	
2.	ACCIDENT VICTIM	
3.	SMALL COUNTRY	
4.	MONEY UPSTAIRS	
5.	OXFORD CODE CHECKER	
6.	MARRIAGE VOW	
7.	CAN I HELP YOU?	
8.	TODAY'S NEWLYWEDS	
9.	RURAL PAPERS KEPT HERE	
10.	HOME OF THE MYTHICAL BEAST	

# Ann's simple recipes for everyone

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

## Chicken, Ham & Mushroom Pie

### Ingredients

1lb / 500g Cooked chicken  
4oz / 125g Chunky ham  
2oz / 60g Mushrooms  
8oz / 250g Frozen puff  
pastry  
1 Egg  
Thick gravy



### Instructions

Dice the chicken and the ham and slice the mushrooms.

Mix the Chicken, ham and mushrooms with the gravy and pour the mixture into a pie dish.

Roll out the puff pastry and cover the mixture in the pie dish.

Beat the egg and brush onto the pastry top.

Bake in the oven for 45 minutes on gas mark 4 / 160°C.

# Photography



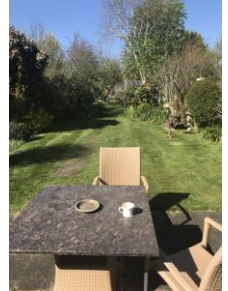
Birthdays cake by  
Karen Silver



Easter blessing tree  
by Joy Peagum



Magnolia Tree  
by Grace Allan



Garden by  
George Stafford



Origami by  
Eman Ayeyemi



Daffodils by  
Linda Mayes



Origami by  
Sophie Tyler



Cookies by  
Sophie Tyler

## STOP PRESS

From this week the best picture in either the "What are you up to" Section or the "Photography" section, will win a prize featured in the bulletin.

This weeks winners are Iremide, Emmanuel & Felicia Ayeyemi and they will receive a copy of Let there be wonder By Matt Redman (Page 32)





## Blast from the Past

From "St Pauls Parish News April 1987".

### Robin's Page

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#### THE CUPBOARD UNDER THE STAIRS

The ANNUAL MEETING LAST YEAR set up the ELDERSHIP which almost immediately advised that we should have a SPRING CLEAN of the Church. This was not a "physical" one, but an examination of our church's life and priority. From Autumn 1986 onwards, the committees and groups of the church came under scrutiny. We thought that nothing had been overlooked. We asked JIM SMITH of the Church Pastoral Aid Society to check our work, and lead us on into Mission.

Sometimes when a SPRING CLEAN is done, a cupboard will be discovered (for example under the stairs) which may have been easily overlooked. In it is all kinds of rubbish. This cupboard is usually out of sight and out of mind. It is however, an extremely valuable place, and also needs to be cleaned! I believe that Jim unearthed a "CUPBOARD UNDER THE STAIRS" at St. Paul's. Jim questioned whether we are ready for a major outreach campaign. He felt that there were certain things that had to be put right first. The outstanding thing is the PRAYER LIFE of the Church.

Jim spoke about the need for learning INTERCEDING PRAYER. He talked about the need to be really concerned for the Church to reach the world; to really pray and want our family, friends and neighbours to become Christians. If the Church is not growing, then we need to be desperate before God, and plead for Him to bless us. Jim wondered whether we were concerned in that way. Our answer must be to respond and seek the Lord.

Many of us have been reading the book "Listening to God" by Joyce Kuggett during Lent, and feel that the Lord is reinforcing the message - we must commit ourselves to "interceding prayer". After Easter the Bible School will be based on Jesus' great PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (John Chapter 17) and the Cell Groups will have similar themes for discussion. We hope to form prayer triplets, and have a half night of prayer. The call to prayer is to seek the way forward. This will only have real value if the Church as a whole commits itself. I invite you to share with me, as we SEEK THE LORD'S WILL AND BLESSING.

May the Lord grant you a joyful Easter,

Robin.

# Music Review

Band member, Bob Lindridge gives his opinion of Matt Redman's latest offering.



## Let there be wonder by Matt Redman

Matt Redman is an English Christian worship leader, songwriter and author. He has made 16 CDs and written 8 books. He was born in 1974 and now lives in California. He is probably best known for his award winning song "10,000 Reasons" which we sing at St.Paul's during our 10.30am service.



His songs have been covered by many contemporary Christian music artists and he has worked alongside other well-known Christian musicians e.g. Chris Tomlinson and Tim Hughes.

This new CD is typical Redman. If you are looking for a congregational worship anthem in the veins of "10,000 Reasons" - look no further. "We Praise You" is structured around the theme that praise is a weapon against the Enemy. The song has some powerful verses with an equally powerful chorus.

"King Jesus" modulates its tender verses with an energetic chorus, ideal for worship.

The CD title song, "Let there be wonder" may not be as dynamic as "King Jesus" but the way the chorus speaks of the wonderful ways of The Father, is simply captivating.

"Merciful Father" has the infectious line "you're rich in love" and is one of those songs you go away humming after you have heard it. This is possibly the secret ingredient why many churches latch onto Redman songs.

"All Praise" is very reminiscent of Redman's earlier compositions and focuses on God's amazing grace for us.

If you are looking for a heart tugging ballad - "Jesus Your name" is the one to use.

The track "The same Jesus" is perhaps the least enthused track on the album. This maybe because of its repetitious chorus. The track is not representative of all the gems on this CD.

If you tuned into the morning service at All Souls - Langham Place on Palm Sunday, you would have sung along with "Upon Him"

The songs are generally written in a high key which makes it difficult for churches to use the CD in church worship. This flaw is found on far too many worship recordings these days. Whenever the St. Paul's Band introduces a new song, attention has to be made to the selection of a key that the congregation would find it easy to sing.

This CD will not disappoint. The songs are not just to be enjoyed but they are (in Redman's words) made to "silence the enemy".





## On TV this week

Freeview Sky Virgin Freesat BT

### Saturday

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39 148 132)  
10:20 – 17:20: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)  
12:00: Buried Secrets Of The Bible: National Geographic (129)  
**12:00: The Greatest Story Ever Told: BBC2**  
**18:00: Mary Berry's Easter Feast: BBC2**  
**19:00: Easter From King's: BBC2**  
19:00: Banned From The Bible: History (130 270 327)  
20:00: The Crucifixion Mystery: 5Select (54 153 152)  
20:00: Head Of John The Baptist: National Geographic (129)  
21:00: Secrets Of Christs Tomb: National Geographic (129)  
21:00 – 03:00: Bible Secrets Revealed: History (130 270)  
22:00: Uncovering Herod's Lost Tomb: National Geographic  
23:25: Prince Of Egypt: Sky Cinema Animation (302 402 502)

### Sunday

06:00: Hour of Power: Sky1 (106 110)  
**08:00: Heavenly Gardens: BBC2**  
08:05 – 22:20: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 310)  
09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Drama (71 147 197)  
09:20: Sister Act: Sky Cinema Musicals (304 404 504)  
**10:10: Britain's Easter Story: BBC1**  
**11:00: Urbi Et Orbi: BBC1**  
11:05: Sister Act 2: Sky Cinema Musicals (304 404 504)  
**11:25: Sunday Worship: BBC1**  
21:00: The Quest For The Holy Foreskin: National Geographic  
**13:15: Songs of Praise: BBC1**  
**13:40: The Ten Commandments: Channel 5**  
**13:50: Heavenly Gardens: BBC1**  
15:00-22:00: Call the Midwife: Drama (20 143 130 158)  
16:00: Buried Secrets Of The Bible: National Geographic (129)  
19:00: The God Code: History (130 270 327)  
20:00: Les Misérables: Sky Atlantic (108)  
00:00: King Solomon's Treasures: National Geographic (129)

## **Monday**

08:40 & 16:00 – 20:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

12:25: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 310)

**13:40: Father Brown: BBC1**

**15:00: The Robe: BBC2**

**19:00: Mary Berry's Easter Feast: BBC2**

## **Tuesday**

08:20 & 16:00 – 18:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

**14:10: Father Brown: BBC1**

21:00: Les Misérables: Sky Atlantic (108)

## **Wednesday**

08:20 & 16:00 – 18:00 Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

**14:15: Father Brown: BBC1**

18:00: Notre Dame: National Geographic (129 266 317)

19:00: Saving Notre Dame: National Geographic (129 266)

**20:00: The Repair Shop: BBC1 (wooden angels)**

21:00: Rebuilding Notre Dame: BBC4 (9 116 107 107)

## **Thursday**

08:40 & 16:00 – 20:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

**14:15: Father Brown: BBC1**

22:00: The Crucifixion Mystery: 5Select (54 153 152)

## **Friday**

07:00: Chariots Of Fire: Sky Cinema Greats (304 404 504)

08:20 & 16:00 – 18:00 Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

**14:10: Father Brown: BBC1**

16:15 Sister Act: Sky Cinema Feel Good (302 402 502)

18:00 Sister Act 2: Sky Cinema Feel Good (302 402 502)

Times correct at publication, but do check to avoid disappointment.

## **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**

### **Fun Quiz**

1.Leslie Phillips, 2.Scotland, 3.Alan Alexander,4.Fergie,5.The Barber of Seville, 6.Dry Ice, 7.Polish,8.Bird,9.S,10.Pen

### **TV programmes**

1.Panorama,2. Casualty,3. Little Britain,4. Cash in the Attic, 5. Inspector Morse,6. 'Til Death do us Part,7. Are you being served? 8.Match of the Day, 9. Countryfile,10. Dragon's Den.

