



# CHURCH AT HOME

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

This has been a somewhat difficult week. The death a child in our community is always going to be a shock. We have known Orlagh at St Paul's since she was born. First with Tracy, two other children in tow, bringing her and twin sister Emilia to Messy Church, then through our Pre-school and other various events. They were part of the wider family. The restrictions of our time double the pain of loss. We are learning how to comfort without the aid of things we took for granted like touch.

Do you miss touch. I don't profess to be an especially touchy feely person!, but I still find it hard not to offer a hand to shake, a touch on the arm, a pat on the back or high five. These signs of affection highlight how God created us not to live in isolation but community. This virus has stripped us of the natural ways we interact, learned from a young age from those around us. For a season we will have to learn new signs of our affection and care but, I hope we will return as soon as is safe to embracing in thanksgiving after the storm has passed.

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.

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)

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

Colin has updated the photo folder on our website, it now includes some mindfulness photos i.e. images of nature and also a Church at Home page with a selection of recent (non-peopled) photos from Church at home.

Jonathan Viera is performing live concerts from his Steinway room at 8pm on Sundays. Currently, you need to like his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jonathan.veira.7> to take part.

There is a space in the Memorial garden (to the left of the church grounds) where you can say a prayer and light a candle in Orlaghs memory if you wish to. Please observe social distancing if there are more than one of you there.



# **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

### Contactless Payments

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

### 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)

### Phishing Scams

Please be careful when receiving cold calls, suspicious letters or unsolicited emails and texts. Here is one Colin has heard of:

A scam which is aimed at potential users of Morrisons and Tesco. This involves tricking people into paying a small amount of money £1 usually, to get a voucher for 'free' shopping. The aim of the scam is to get users to reveal their banking/credit card details. There is **no such scheme** and if anyone receives **any** messages from **any** source, they are scams. Always check the website address to ensure that it begins with **https:// the 's' is proof of a secure site for the supermarket**. These crooks have copied the legitimate site information to construct a 'look-alike' one, but cannot use the **'s'**.

If you know of any doing the rounds, do let us know.



# **This week's prayer**

**Lord, it is easy to become distant, to harden our hearts. For some of us it is a way of coping with today. Vulnerability causes pain so we choose to distance ourselves.**

**Thank you, Lord, that you never become distant or apathetic. You never grow weary of loving. Even when we harden our hearts you lean and breath love over us.**

**We choose today to pray for the weak, the struggling, the suffering, the lowly and the poor of spirit. May they know your love and mercy today.**

**In Jesus name'**

**Amen**

**From The Evangelical Alliance**

## **Prayer**

**There are many who still need our prayers. Those who have asked for our prayers are:** Ann Batchelor (Reader at St Martin's) Andrew Bennett, Charles Brooke, Elizabeth Foster and Joan Handy. For Marjorie and Eileen Hoare, Monica Lindridge, Christine Meaton and Christine Minns. 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) and Cavan O'Connor a doctor in London.

Prayer for the Keane family after the death of Orlagh on the 9<sup>th</sup> 5 May.

## **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>

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



John O'Connor

Chris Meaton &  
Trystan Thomas  
Chris's grandson  
Tryston George  
Thomas arrived on  
6 May .  
Mother , baby and  
the rest of the  
family doing well.



Jo Tyler  
A message to  
her school



Joy Peagum  
Making  
Masks



Gavin, Noah &  
Clair Gill.  
Making VE Day  
Candyfloss

Bob Lindridge  
Celebrating VE  
Day.



Cat, Dean & Harley  
Wearing Harley out at  
Hall Place and missing  
everyone at church.

YOUR  
PICTURE  
HERE!

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.  
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# All Age worship

**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:** Great are you Lord – Casting Crowns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZqV6i98SkA>  
**(can be sung or listened to)**

### Reflection time:

Can you think of a time you tried to understand something and it was just too difficult? This could be a time at school, at work, on-line or a more personal situation – share it together.

Jesus' disciples had just such a situation. This week we are looking at a time just before Jesus' death and He is sharing with His friends what the future will be like.

**Read the bible passage:** John 14:15-21.

Jesus explains that when He leaves they will not be alone – Jesus will make sure they have help and He promises to send the Holy Spirit to help them. The Holy Spirit would help them remember all that Jesus had told them and they would be able to know the Holy Spirit was with them because the Holy Spirit would be in them. And most amazingly, because the Holy Spirit would be in them, Jesus would be in them too. They didn't know how hard life was going to be but they knew they could trust Jesus and His promises. And Jesus promises us that helper too.





## Interactive Learning.....

Listen to this song Be Bold, Be Strong – and join in.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRvCUz6KF B4>.

### Family Fun

Play a game of hide and seek together. One person must count while everybody else hides – then they must search for everybody who has hidden. Take it in turns to be the seeker.

Think about how the disciples might have felt when Jesus was not with them anymore and they felt alone. Then remember that Jesus promised to never leave them, and He will never you alone.

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

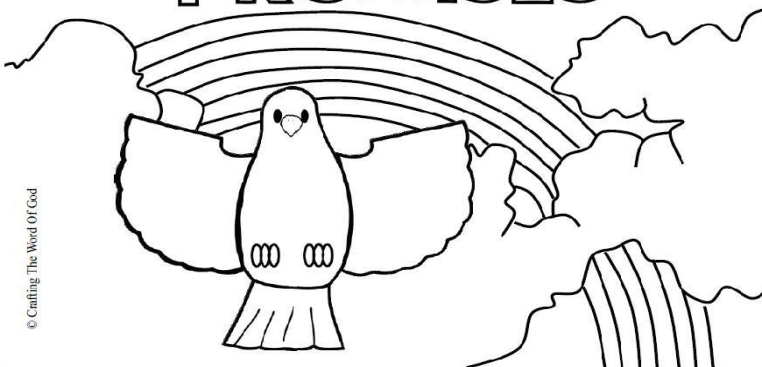
- When have you felt most alone?
- What helps you to feel close to Jesus?
- How have you helped someone else feel less alone?



We all need to feel brave when life gets tough. Think of a friend or family member who needs encouraging. Write them a note telling them they are never alone. Post it or safely drop it through their door. Make it bright and cheerful!

Take time this week to pray for them.

# GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES



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## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

**Song:** Introduce a prayer time by listening to

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTritd7y\\_hg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTritd7y_hg)

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. 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.**



**Song: Boldly I Approach the Throne**

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QDnVD7gu5Y>

## 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: 10,000 Reasons  
(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE\\_IRIOE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRIOE)

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

- Pick your favourite song from the last few weeks and sing it again.
- Count the rainbows as you take your daily walk.
- Make a paracord key ring as you pray a prayer of thanks, a prayer for saying sorry and a prayer for someone you know.

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/571886852659354554/>





I was incredibly encouraged this week to see that research by our close friends and member organisation Tearfund about more Brits turning to prayer and religious services amid the coronavirus crisis has been featured in The Guardian.

[The UK Blessing](#), which saw more than 65 churches and movements come together online, standing together as one, to sing a blessing over our country, also brought me tremendous joy. This is gospel and unity in action; and on the outside chance you haven't seen it, I'd urge you to check it out, and if you have, why not watch it again.

The good news of Jesus Christ is spreading, and this is good to see. Churches and Christian charities are increasingly being seen as sources of support and an invaluable contribution – being recognised for their ability and commitment to help those in need, even by people who wouldn't normally be on our team. This is wonderful.

Let's continue to be brave and kind in this time, as we make Jesus known. We've improved our evangelism hub, [Great Commission](#), to support you in this, and throughout May and June the team will equip and encourage you through live conversations, articles and resources.

So, as well as visiting the hub, do join our [Story Bearer sessions](#), live chats about sharing your faith, on Facebook Live on Wednesdays.

As we continue to work out how to come out of lockdown, let's ensure we keep holding up the church in prayer. Visit our [online prayer centre](#) for this week's inspiration.

With every blessing,

Gavin Calver  
CEO

## Mission

### Update from our mission partner 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

Surprise! Beryl is fine. She had driven to Loma Plata, the main town of the Mennonite colony, and was able to speak on WhatsApp at the petrol station there. She has no signal at the ranch of course. The telephone signal is poor too.

She is full of praise for the Government's quick action when the threat of the corona virus loomed. Complete lockdown, prison for anyone who ignores it or a hefty fine, face masks, shoes being dipped in solution, lots of hand washing, radio messages given very frequently.

Result – 431 cases (people travelling in from Brazil mostly) and 10 deaths. In the capital Asuncion, people are now being allowed out more but only on certain days according to their car number plates, to restrict traffic.

Outside the ranch where Beryl lives, the Trans Chaco road is being widened, with many men and machines, taking soil from the ranch to provide a base. The project has continued but all safely. It will make a big difference. Removing the soil is also providing the ranch with more water holes for the animals.

The Lord has provided for Beryl through various people so that she has been able to take food to people without it. She has also had food for the animals. She continues to have Bernadino's help 5 days a week. He goes home at the weekend to study where there is a signal for him. All the schools etc are closed and studies are going on by internet, but as the poor people don't have that facility, the children are missing out.

The colonies for the indigenous people are completely closed and have had no cases of cv. Because of the stringent hygiene measures, the health of the people has improved significantly! No diarrhoea and vomiting for example. Beryl understands that the Government has been making payments to the poorest people and providing food too.

There have been no health trips to the indigenous colony at La Patria so Dr Trudy sent Beryl the medicines she had for that, meaning that Beryl is currently well supplied.

So, Beryl is full of thanks and praise to the Lord for all his provision for her.

Her big prayer need is once again her vehicle which now needs new spark plugs. Tito the ranch manager gets it going in the mornings with two wires and then it is fine for the rest of the day but Beryl knows it won't get her to Asuncion.

Beryl has had contact with Rhett's wife Mari to say when he gets into Asuncion then he will sort out a lot of payments. He is with Mari's sheep at present I think Beryl said.

It was now 3 pm at Loma Plata (5 hours behind us) so we had a prayer of thanks for the Lord's goodness and Beryl then had a 1 ½ to 2-hour journey back to the ranch.

With Beryl's thanks for your continuing prayers for them all.



# Ask Lauraine

**Our resident theological thinker answers your questions.**

**This week's Questions is: Thank you for your interesting answer about the Apocrypha last week. Can you tell me why it isn't used in church?**

Christians of different denominations as I have said previously disagree as to which and how many books there are in the Apocrypha. That aside here are however, a number of reasons why the Apocrypha should not be part of the Canon or standard writings of Scripture at all and should therefore not be used:

## **Rejection by Jesus and the Apostles**

1. There are no clear, definite New Testament quotations from the Apocrypha by Jesus or the apostles. While there may be various allusions by the New Testament to the Apocrypha, there are no authoritative statements like "thus says the Lord," "as it is written," or "the Scriptures say." There are references in the New Testament to the Apocrypha (Jude 14-15 talks about Enoch) and even citations from pagan sources (Acts 17:22-34), but none of these are cited as Scripture.

2. Jesus implicitly rejected the Apocrypha as Scripture by referring to the entire accepted Jewish Canon of Scripture, "From the blood of Abel [Gen. 4:8] to the blood of Zechariah [2 Chron. 24:20], who was killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation (Lk. 11:51; cf. Mt. 23:35)."

## **Rejection by the Jewish Community**

3. The "oracles of God" were given to the Jews (Rom. 3:2) and they rejected the Old Testament Apocrypha as part of this inspired revelation. Interestingly, Jesus had many disputes with the Jews, but He never disputed with them regarding the extent of the inspired revelation of God.

4. While the Dead Sea scrolls contain copies of several books of the Apocrypha, they contain far more copies of pseudepigraphal (false writings) books like 1 Enoch that even the Roman Catholic church admits are clearly not inspired. The Dead Sea Scrolls contain documents that the community found useful. They do not cite the Apocrypha authoritatively as scripture. This probably indicates<sup>14</sup> that even the Essene community did not regard the Apocrypha as highly as the Jewish Old Testament books.

5. Many ancient Jews rejected the Apocrypha as Scripture. Philo never quoted the Apocrypha as Scripture.

### **Rejection by many in the Catholic Church**

6. The Catholic Church has not always accepted the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha was not officially accepted by the Catholic Church at a universal council until 1546 at the Council of Trent. This is over a millennium and a half after the books were written, and was a counter reaction to the Protestant Reformation.

7. Many church Fathers rejected the Apocrypha as Scripture, and many just used them for devotional purposes. For example, Jerome, the great Biblical scholar and translator of the Latin Vulgate, rejected the Apocrypha as Scripture though, supposedly under pressure, he did make a hurried translation of it.

8. The Apocryphal books were placed in Bibles before the Council of Trent and after but were placed in a separate section because they were not of equal authority. The Apocrypha rightfully has some devotional purposes, but it is not inspired.

### **False Teachings**

9. The Apocrypha contains a number of false teachings: The command to use magic (Tobit 6:5-7) Forgiveness of sins by almsgiving (Tobit 4:11; 12:9). Offering of money for the sins of the dead (2 Maccabees 12:43-45). Think about the implications here of buying prayers for the dead - indulgences, which was one of the causes of the Reformation.

### **Not Prophetic**

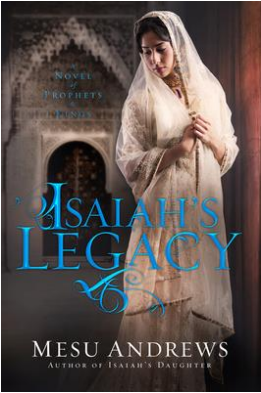
10. The Apocryphal books do not share many of the characteristics of the Canonical books: they are not prophetic, there is no supernatural confirmation of any of the apocryphal writers works, there is no new Messianic truth revealed, they are not cited as authoritative by any prophetic book written after them.

The Apocrypha contains some interesting historical stories but that is all they are, stories. They are not the inspired word of God as are the 66 books of our bible.



## Books

This week's book suggestions come from Christianity Magazine.



### Isaiah's Legacy by Mesu Andrews

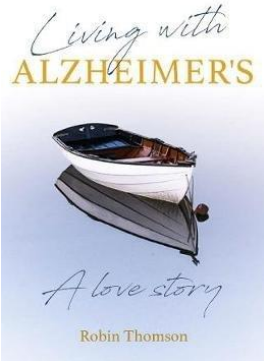
The drama of the Old Testament comes to life as Judah's most notorious king ascends to the throne in this gripping novel from the award-winning author of *Isaiah's Daughter*.

At eight years old, Shulle has known only life in a small village with her loving but peculiar father. But, Uncle Shebna offers shelter in Jerusalem in exchange for Shulle's help tutoring King Manasseh

### Living with Alzheimer's by Robin Thomson

When Robin Thomson and his wife Shoko were told she had Alzheimer's, they had no clue what lay ahead. As the disease gradually took over their lives, Robin watched as his adventurous and independent wife slowly seemed to disappear.

Yet Shoko's love was constant and Robin found himself invited into a deeply spiritual journey with his wife.



## Why does God care who I sleep with?

SAM ALLBERRY

### Why Does God Care Who I Sleep With? By Sam Allberry

Christians are increasingly seen as outdated, restrictive and judgmental when it comes to sex before marriage, cohabitation and homosexuality. In fact, for many people, this issue is one of the biggest barriers for them considering Christianity. Readers will be shown that God himself is love and his blueprint for sex is designed to help us to flourish and live out our full humanity.


## #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>**



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**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>

# Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

## Top 15

Pos	LW	Title, Artist		Peak Pos	WoC
1	1		<b>THE SEARCH</b> NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	40
2	2		<b>JESUS IS KING</b> KANYE WEST EMI	1	27
3	4 ↑		<b>AWAKE</b> HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	29
4	3 ↓		<b>LOOK UP CHILD</b> LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	86
5	6 ↑		<b>VITAL SIGNS</b> SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	256
6	7 ↑		<b>MANSION</b> NF CCMG	1	142
7	5 ↓		<b>CHOOSE TO WORSHIP</b> REND COLLECTIVE CCMG	1	5
8	8		<b>THERE IS MORE</b> HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	108
9	10 ↑		<b>VICTORY - LIVE</b> BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	66
10	12 ↑		<b>AWAKE</b> SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	321
11	13 ↑		<b>PEOPLE - LIVE</b> HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	18
12	16 ↑		<b>UNLEASHED</b> SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	195
13	14 ↑		<b>VICTORIOUS</b> SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	36
14	18 ↑		<b>JESUS IS BORN</b> SUNDAY SERVICE CHOIR INC	3	18
15	17 ↑		<b>FOREVER AMEN</b> STEFFANY GRETZINGER ESSENTIAL WORSHIP	4	5

# MUSIC

Some listening suggestion from Margaret.

During this difficult time, I am so thankful for the music we have access to through our modern media. I would like to recommend some of the music I have been enjoying. I love modern worship music but prefer the words not be overshadowed by the music.

If you haven't heard the UK Blessing, sung by various churches in the Britain as a prayer over the country, do listen. Also 'Raise a Hallelujah' Bethel Music.

CityAlight an Australian church in Sydney whose songs have biblical but simple accessible tunes and lyrics. Ancient of Days, All My Ways are known to You, Yet Not I but through Christ in Me, What Love My God.

Anthem Lights more traditional with beautiful harmonies. In Christ Alone, Great is Thy Faithfulness, Here I am to Worship.

Chris Tomlin Is He Worthy, (an interesting question and answer song), Nobody Loves Me like You, There is a Place, Amazing Grace and many more.

Phil Wickham 'Living Hope'

Hillsongs 'King of Kings'

Shane & Shane 'His Mercy is More', My Worth Is Not In What I Own. They sing songs and hymns from across the spectrum.

Andrea Bocelli & Ed Sheeran 'Perfect Symphony' and not forgetting Andre Rieu's music. Enjoy

**The Big Borough of Bexley Quiz**  
**How well do you know where you live?**

1. When did the London Borough of Bexley come into being?
2. What river joins the River Cray just south of Hall Place?
3. The remains of what structure are incorporated into the boundary wall of the plumbers' merchants in Northumberland Heath?
4. The clocktower at Crayford stood at the gates of what factory?
5. What record or title does Erith Pier hold?
6. Where in Bexley were American soldiers during World War Two?
7. It is now Bexley Civic Offices but for which company was it built?
8. The area around Brook Street and Erith Road, Northumberland Heath, was referred to as what?
9. Lamorbey House, Sidcup, is now used by what educational institution?
10. What was on the site of what is now Asda and B&Q ,Belvedere prior to them being built?
11. What is the name of the shopping centre in Erith?
12. The area named Barnehurst got its name from what?
13. The site of Tesco in Welling replaced what?
14. Belmont School (now Academy) occupies the site that, until 1945, was what?
15. Where is the official Register Office for the London Borough of Bexley based?
16. Erith School (now King Henry School) resulted in an amalgamation of which schools?
17. Who had the Red House, Bexleyheath, built and lived there for five years?
18. The Clocktower at Bexleyheath was erected to commemorate what?
19. The old Crayford Town Hall building was originally used as what?
20. Who famously lived in St Mary's Mount, Wansunt Road,?

# Just for Laughs!

Another joke from Carol O'Connor. Warning again it contains a high groan rating!

In preparation for the ending of "Lockdown" and the ability to travel, a frog goes into his bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patty Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a £30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says, "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

# Ann's simple recipes for everyone

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

## Toad In The Hole



### Ingredients

1lb / 500g Sausages  
4oz / 120g plain flour  
1 egg  
½ pint / 280ml milk  
Pinch salt  
1oz / 3g of Lard or dripping

### Instructions

Sift the flour into a large bowl.

Add the egg, milk and salt and whisk to a smooth batter. (You can use a blender to do this).

Place the lard or dripping into an oven tin and heat at gas mark 7 or 200c until melted. (It needs to be hot!).

Add the sausages to the tin and cook in oven for 10 mins.

After 10 minutes add the batter mix covering the whole pan.

Bake for a further 30-40 mins until nicely risen.

### Ann's top tip's

Replace the sausages for  
Chops for a tasty alternative.



# Photography



VE 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by  
Ron & Joan Handy



Paddington at VE Day by Bob  
& Monica Lindridge



First Rose of the  
Year by Ann Easter



VE Day cream cakes  
by Jo & Sophie Tyler



Blue candyfloss by Clair Gill



This week's prize goes to Christ Meaton for the gorgeous picture of new grandson Trystan. She will receive a copy of Isaiah's Legacy.

# **Blast from the Past**

## From "St Pauls Church News June 1949"



Dear Everybody,

I have asked Mr. Chant to write the monthly letter this time as it will be his farewell message to you all. There will be an opportunity of saying goodbye to him after Evening Prayer on Whitsunday and to wish him God-speed in his new sphere in Darfield, Yorks.

Yours sincerely,

AIDAN CHAPMAN.

### **A FAREWELL LETTER FROM Mr. CHANT.**

Dear Friends,

Your Vicar has kindly extended to me this opportunity of writing a few words before I leave you. So I begin by saying "thank you" to him.

It is now two years since I came to Northumberland Heath. These have been two very happy years for me, due largely to your co-operation at all times. It is not every curate who finds things as smooth. So, in the second place, I must say "thank you" to you for the way you have assisted the Vicar and myself in our endeavour to build up St. Paul's after the critical period it had passed through during the war years.

In leaving you there is one word I would like to bequeath to you as a congregation. It is what St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy: "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee, keep, by the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us." (2 Tim. 1, vv. 13, 14).

It is much easier to do this when we band together as a congregation of faithful people than it is when we try going our own way. And so, as I am about to leave you, I do express the hope that the present team spirit will continue for years to come. There are signs that St. Paul's Church is capable of holding the traditions it has received from the past. There is no grander work than carrying on the Christian Faith from one generation to the next. It is a high calling, and I believe you will rise to the confidence the Master is placing in you, and I trust your faith will continue to be rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ and in Him alone.

Finally, may I request your prayers for me in my future ministry at Great Houghton, Yorks, where I shall be curate-in-charge. Like St. Paul's, the people there hold the puritan traditions which they have inherited from previous curates. By God's Grace I hope to minister to their spiritual needs just as it has been my privilege here in Northumberland Heath.

Yours ever sincerely in Christ,

EDWIN CHANT.

### **Choir Needs.**

The boys have been supplied with ruffs and Mrs. Shoveller has kindly undertaken to wash and iron them if someone can let her have a goffering iron. Please, if you have such an iron, will you either give, sell or lend it to Mrs. Shoveller, 29 Horsa Road.

**On TV this week**  
**Freeview Sky Virgin Freesat BT**

**Saturday**

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (**39** 148 193)  
**12:30: Bruce Almighty: Channel 5**

**Sunday**

06:00: Hour of Power: Sky1 (106 110)  
09:00-14:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Drama (**71**)  
**10:45: Sunday Worship: BBC1**  
**11:15: Sunday Morning Stories: BBC1**  
**13:15: Songs of Praise: BBC1**  
16:00- 21:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)  
20:00: Call the Midwife: Drama (**20** 143 130 158)  
21:00: Cliff Richard in Public and Private: ITV3 (**10** 119 177)  
22:00: Retreat, Meditations from a Monastery: BBC4 (**9** 116)

**Monday**

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)  
11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (**39**)  
**14:15: Father Brown: BBC1**  
20:00: O Brother Where Art Thou: Sky Cinema Comedy (308)

**Tuesday**

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)  
11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (**39**)  
**14:15: Father Brown: BBC1**

**Wednesday**

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)  
09:45: Corpus Christi: Sky Cinema Premiere (301 401 501)  
11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (**39**)  
**14:15: Father Brown: BBC1**

## Thursday

09:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39)

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

## Friday

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39)

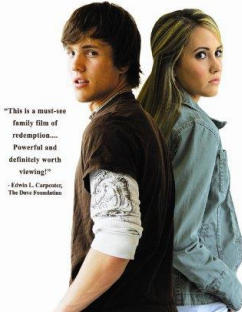
**14:15: Father Brown: BBC1**

**23:20: Spotlight: BBC2**

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

## Streaming & Box Sets

BASED ON THE CONVERSION OF PAUL  
**OVERCOME**



### Overcome – Amazon Prime

In the U.S. there are a handful of film companies that make films solely for the Christian market. In the past they have been mostly unavailable this side of the pond but the advent of streaming companies has meant more are becoming available. This is a teen flick which based on the conversion of Paul.

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



# Thank you

**To all those who give regularly towards the mission and ministry of St Paul's**

**Use this information to set up regular giving through your bank**

**Code 60-15-28 Account No: 66526434.**

**Account Name: St Paul's Church.**

**Reference: your name**

## **Quiz answers**

1. 1st April 1965;
2. River Shuttle;
3. A windmill;
4. The gates of Maxim Nordenfelt gun factory, later Vickers';
5. Longest pier in Greater London;
6. Hall Place;
7. Woolwich Equitable;
8. Spike Island after the workhouse situated there;
9. Rose Bruford College;
10. Erith and Belvedere Football Club ground,
11. The Riverside Shopping Centre;
12. Named after the station, which was named after Col. Barnes, a local landowner;
13. Embassy Court;
14. A sanatorium for infectious diseases.
15. Danson House;
16. Erith Grammar School and Northumberland Heath
17. William Morris;
18. Coronation of George V in 1912;
19. Canteen for the Vickers' armaments factory workers;
20. Dorothy Squires.

