

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

I have been reflecting on what I want to say about the death of George Floyd, the subsequent protests and the appalling stunt by Mr Trump outside St John's church, Washington. In a place of privilege as a white, educated, middle class man I can't begin to understand the pain of our black brothers and sisters. What I can do is say this. I fully support the Black Lives Matter protests and condemn in the strongest terms Mr Trumps abuse of the Bible. On the next page is a response from the Bishop of Washington which expresses better the feelings of the majority of Christians around the world. Please pray!

Some of you have been asking when we will be able to return to church. The truth is, I don't know! Right now, I have as much information as you. If you can be patient, I will update you when I have more information. For me, it is not the "when" but the "how" we do church! In due course guidance will be given and we will follow the advice. This likely means meeting together will look different for a while, but whatever restrictions are in place we will be together again worshiping the Lord who we love.

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

Rev Clive



"Let me be clear: The president just used a Bible, the most sacred text of the Judeo-Christian tradition, and one of the churches of my diocese without permission as a backdrop for a message antithetical to the teachings of Jesus and everything that our churches stand for. And to do so, he sanctioned the use of tear gas by police officers in riot gear to clear the churchyard. I. Am. Outraged. The president did not pray when he came to St. John's, nor did he acknowledge the agony of our country right now, and in particular that of the people of colour in our nation, who wonder if anyone in public power will ever acknowledge their sacred worth. ... We in the diocese of Washington, following Jesus and his way of love, distance ourselves from the incendiary language of this president. We follow someone who lived a life of nonviolence and sacrificial love. We align ourselves with those seeking justice for the death of George Floyd and countless others through the sacred act of peaceful protest. I just can't believe what my eyes have seen tonight."

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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. <u>brendat.bt87@gmail.com</u>

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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/jonathan.veira.7</u> 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.

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

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 (<u>https://bvsc.co.uk/covid-19</u>) 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

National Book of Condolence

A national online book of condolence and memorial has been launched by St Paul's Cathedral, for those who have died of COVID-19.

You can find all the details on their dedicated "remember me" website. <u>https://www.rememberme2020.uk</u>

Freedom Pass

From Monday 15 June, customers with a **60+ London Oyster** photocard, **Older Person's Freedom Pass** or **English National Concessionary Scheme** pass will not be able to use their card between 04:30 and 09:00 Monday to Friday. This is to enable social distancing on the public transport network and help control the spread of coronavirus. Customers with a **Disabled Freedom Pass** are unaffected and will, as usual, still be able to travel at all times using their Pass.

Summer Reading Challenge

Bexley Libraries are once again taking part in the national summer reading challenge for children. This year's challenge will be online and parents / carers can sign up here -

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Memory Cafe

A new memory café is opening at Christ Church Erith. It is for those who are living with dementia. Meetings will take place over Zoom in the current situation on Thursdays 10.45-11.45am. Anyone wishing to join can email Jacki Clement for an invitation - <u>cceprojectworker@hotmail.com</u>

Face Coverings

Transport for London has announced all public transport user will be required to wear a face covering. This could be a face mask or a simple cloth that covers you nose and mouth.

This week's prayer

Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world. For Jesus' sake. Amen

From Truro cathedral

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.

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we travel through these difficult days, in which many of us feel threatened and anxious. Let us rest in your PEACE.

There are some of us with family members in hospital receiving medical attention or staff members trying to save lives. Let us put all our TRUST in you. May we never doubt your promises. You are the rock to which we cling when the storms of life threaten to sweep us away.

Please COMFORT the bereaved, relieve the pain of their loss and tenderly hold them in your unfailing LOVE. AMEN

By Carol O'Connor



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

Freedom Church – Sim Dendy https://www.freedomchurch.uk

All Souls Langham Place <u>https://www.allsouls.org</u>

Watch on TV

TBN (Freeveiw 65 / Sky 582) Hillsongs TV (Sky 595)

Resources for children and young people

<u>Primary</u>

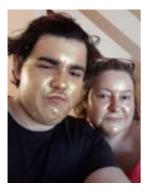
Veggietales (Netflix) Superbook (Amazon Prime & Youtube) Hillsongs: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsongkids</u> Rend Collective: <u>https://rendcokids.com</u> Bethel Kids <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOl62m</u> <u>c4bs9JEUyFP</u>

<u>Secondary</u>

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

Bible Game for Apple or Android - "The Guardians of Ancora" 8 https://guardiansofancora.com

What you're up to. - Pictures and messages



Dylan & Julia Davenport Dylan & Julia giving their faces a treat.





Margaret & Ron Richards "Your Usual Sir, short back and sides!"

Jacob Beazley-Long Practicing for his upcoming grade 5 exam (which will be on computer!



Grace Beazley-Long Making Butter.



<u>Nellie Silver</u> Celebrating her 18th Birthday





Iremide Ayeyemi Celebrating his birthday on May 24th

Ben & Nellie Silver As Nellie could not go out, Ben bought a disco light to bring 'the club' to us at home!!

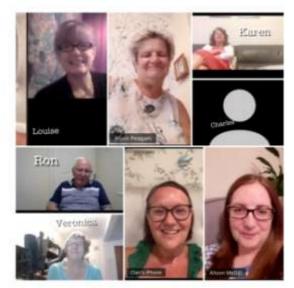
Your Picture Here!



<u>Carol O'Connor</u> "Well I never, being at home has made my hair grow long and curly!"



Sue Luff Wombling at Hall Place, where 'all that litters is not gold'



Louise Terry, Joy Peagum, Karen Silver, Charles Brook!, Ron Richards, Clair Gill, Alison McGill & Veronica Ralph. House group meeting by Zoom

This weeks "pick of the pics" goes to Ron and Margaret Richards. Although I am slightly worried that it looks like Ron may have lost an ear here! One of our recommended books will be on its way to you shortly.

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. <u>revclive@hotmail.co.uk</u>

The Warden Files

Updates from our Church Warden - Colin Smith

Church Safety

Since my last report in April a number of changes have been implemented as to how we should continue to ensure the safety of everyone and we continue to monitor this advice and take appropriate steps.

The Church complex continues to be closed to all activities and access is managed by me.

Church Office

Judy, our Administrator provides a valuable service remotely from her home. You can still leave phone messages 01322 336505 and these are remotely accessed by Judy at her regular work times on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as well as emails to the church office. adminstpaulnh@hotmail.co.uk. I continue to monitor emails to both the churchwarden's account cwardenspnh@hotmail.com and web address spnhweb@hotmail.com every day, so I can be contacted easily. This information is also on our website https://www.spnh.org.uk/ via any internet connected device.

Church Buildings

The steps that were taken to secure and isolate many of the resources used at the Church at the start of the Lockdown continue to be under regular review. A team of volunteers maintain regular internal and external security checks on our site and the results are relayed to me; I also continue to take ad hoc reports from church members who are passing the church. A number of small repairs and maintenance measures that were important for Church, garden and borders have been undertaken and cleaning, in preparation for the planned reopening of the Pre-school in September, will be undertaken using Covid-19 guidelines. We will undertake a deep clean of the whole complex when we are notified that is can be used again.

I am very grateful to all those who support me and the Church in continuing to keep our Church in a state of readiness for the day we can worship together again. 11 May our Lord bless us and keep us safe. Colin Smith

<u>All Age worship</u>

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



Interactive Learning......

Whist creating, sharing and learning together play Freedom & Shine a Light in the background taking notice of the lyrics

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrgViuuyYAQ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_xmJcg1iBU

We have all been commissioned by Jesus to tell people about Him just like the first disciples. To tell people of his forgiveness and love and how we can have a relationship with Him. It won't make our lives easier but it does give us reassurance of never being alone, because God is always with us even in our darkest moments. "Baptise" refers to the Christian practice of using water to remove our sin (all the wrong things we have said, thought or done) before we met or knew Jesus. Baptism is an important sign of entrance into the Christian faith and gives us the opportunity to say sorry and start afresh – a new life in Jesus Christ. This is the message that we are "Called" or "Commissioned" to share – To Talk Jesus, not to be afraid but spread the good news of Jesus. We are "Called" or "Commissioned" to cause a chain reaction - to make it physically happen – without us people will not know Jesus, there will be no chain reaction if we don't act or do anything.

On a sheet of large paper let all who are gathered either draw around their hands or paint a hand print in the middle of the sheet. Around your hand prints write some words that speak out to you form the bible reading or the songs you've been singing or listening to. Discuss how you might be more active in sharing the good news of Jesus.



Jesus told His disciples to teach people everything He had commanded them. Think of a story you know about Jesus, maybe a parable – Jesus used them to teach people how to live, how to act towards one another & how to love and serve God.

Jesus, through his stories can help us to understand God and the Holy Spirit lives in us – we can be connected to God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit. These may be 3 names but there is only one God.

A Game to play illustrating the Trinity:

Three-in-one clothes: Divide into 3 teams. Provide each team with the same set of three items of clothing - a soft hat, a jacket and a scarf. At a given signal, one member of the team must put on these three items of clothing as quickly as possible. However, with each new turn, each person in the team must wear the items in a different way. How many ways can each team think up of wearing the three items as one set of clothes?

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

- Do you feel afraid to talk about Jesus?
- I wonder if it helped that the disciples could speak different languages with the help of the Holy Spirit?
- Who could I talk with and tell them about Jesus and being a Christian a follower of Jesus?



Tie together 3 pieces of wool, braid or string representing the different parts of the Trinity. For example, red for Jesus, white for God the Father and green for the Holy Spirit. Platt the 3 different colours to make a book mark, light pull or friendship bracelet to remind you God is the Trinity. Pray as you Platt that God the Father will remind you of Jesus' teaching and ask the Holy Spirit to help you tell people about Jesus.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Light of the World

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1FVi0OgTq8

(Can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to pray silently or aloud their prayers, include the prayer below. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

God For Us, we call You Father, God Alongside Us, we call You Jesus, God Within Us, we call You Holy Spirit. (Richard Rohr, OFM)

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.

Closing Responses.....

Song: My Light House https://rendcokids.com/ or

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgvVQ (Can be sung 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 candles.....until you meet again

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.

Extra Ideas

- https://www.pinterest.co. uk/normacook/ascension_ and-great-commission/
- Prompt conversation with the following "I wonder questions....."
- I wonder which part of God you like best...
- I wonder why Christians describe God in 3 parts....

Ask Lauraine

Our resident theological thinker answers your questions.

This week's Questions is: I noticed Jesus gets angry and sometimes violent quite a bit in the Bible. Is it OK for us to get angry and violent?

When Jesus cleared the temple of the moneychangers and animalsellers, He showed great emotion and anger (Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18; John 2:13-22). Jesus' emotion was described as "zeal" for God's house (John 2:17). His anger was pure and completely justified because at its root was concern for God's holiness and worship. Because these were at stake, Jesus took quick and decisive action. Another time Jesus showed anger was in the synagogue of Capernaum. When the Pharisees refused to answer Jesus' questions, "He looked around at them in anger, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts" (Mark 3:5).

Many times, we think of anger as a selfish, destructive emotion that we should eradicate from our lives altogether. However, the fact that Jesus did sometimes become angry indicates that anger itself, as an emotion, is amoral. This is borne out elsewhere in the New Testament. Ephesians 4:26 instructs us "in your anger do not sin" and not to let the sun go down on our anger. The command is not to "avoid anger" (or suppress it or ignore it) but to deal with it properly, in a timely manner.

Yes, Jesus' did display anger but I think we need to consider the following points before we think that it's okay for us to get angry or violent:

1) His anger had the proper motivation. In other words, He was angry for the right reasons. Jesus' anger did not arise from petty arguments or personal slights against Him. There was no selfishness involved.

2) His anger had the proper focus. He was not angry at God or at the "weaknesses" of others. His anger targeted sinful behaviour and true injustice.

3) His anger had the proper add-on. Mark 3:5 says that His anger was attended by grief over the Pharisees' lack of faith. Jesus' anger stemmed from love for the Pharisees and concern for their spiritual condition. It had nothing to do with hatred or ill will.

4) His anger had the proper control. Jesus was never out of control, even in His wrath. The temple leaders did not like His cleansing of the temple (Luke 19:47), but He had done nothing sinful. He controlled His emotions; His emotions did not control Him.

5) His anger had the proper duration. He did not allow His anger to turn into bitterness. He did not hold grudges. He dealt with each situation properly, and He handled anger in good time and then seemed to let it go.

6) His anger had the proper result. Jesus' anger had the inevitable consequence of godly action. Jesus' anger, as with all His emotions, was held in check by the Word of God; thus, Jesus' response was always to accomplish God's will.

When we get angry, too often we have improper control or an improper focus. We fail in one or more of the above points. This is the wrath of man, of which we are told "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires" (James 1:19-20). Jesus did not exhibit man's anger, but the righteous indignation of God.

So, you tell me " Is it OK for us to get angry and violent?"

We can be angry and be justified in our anger, especially when it's towards something that's blatantly evil, yet there are established guidelines that we follow so that justice can be served without us falling into sin. It's why we are commanded to, "love your neighbour as yourself," (Mark 12:31) and, "Turn the other cheek," (Matthew 5:38-40). Jesus is perfect, and therefore judges according to this perfection, but in all of this, He always judges according to offense and the offender's heart. He always judges in perfect love. I hope you remember this when your anger is aroused towards any type of injustice. It may not be the best time to ask, "What Would Jesus Do?" but instead ask, "What Would Jesus Have Me Do?

<u>Books</u>

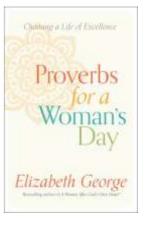
This week's book suggestions come from www.clcbookshops.com

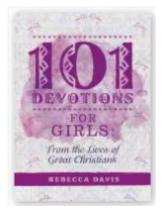


The Power Of One by Tim Roberts Something very significant has been happening under the radar and hidden away. God has been doing a work behind the scenes in villages, towns and cities across the nation. This is not manufactured, copied, hyped or simply the latest fashionable thing to do. It is a work of the Spirit because it cuts against human nature and challenges our need often to be independent, selfish and insular.

Proverbs For A Woman's Day by Elizabeth George

Are you stressed out by your responsibilities? At a crossroads in your life? Wondering what to do about a complicated relationship? Don't guess about the next step and hope for the best. Get a clear view of the right path as you follow God's wisdom found in the book of Proverbs. Bestselling author and Bible teacher Elizabeth George takes you on a journey through the 31 chapters of Proverbs.





101 Devotions For Girls by Rebecca Davies

Hi Girls! Take a few minutes from your day to get inspired about God. Think about the amazing things He has done in this world through the lives of great Christians. If you have five minutes, you have enough time to connect with your heavenly Father through Scripture, prayer and some wonderful real-life adventures.

Mission

Update from our mission partner, Tearfund.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Your support has been helping people lift themselves out of poverty, responding to disaster and calling out injustice. Through your continued prayers and regular gifts to *Where the Need is Greatest*, millions of people all around the world have been given the chance to fulfil their God-given potential,



even in the most difficult circumstances such as the current global coronavirus crisis. Over recent months, your gifts have helped us respond to the coronavirus crisis with handwashing and hygiene training, and public health messages.

And we have some good news to share... from July we'll be communicating with you in a slightly different way as we aim to make a whole *World of Difference*. We hope it will be inspirational and an encouragement for you. But don't worry, this is not a change to your generous gifts, which will continue to support people in greatest need.

Through new regular updates, you'll join us on a journey to some of the most amazing and diverse places in God's creation. You'll see where your gifts are transforming lives and you'll hear stories of great faith and hope.

We know you've also been supporting Tearfund's work to do specific things which are close to your heart – like helping us respond in the wake of disasters and teaching vulnerable communities how to be prepared if disaster should strike again.

Thank you once again for your prayers and gifts, which are transforming people's lives in Jesus' name.

God bless,

Nigel Harris Chief Executive, Tearfund

Over the last week and a half I have found myself grieving and hurting for the world in which we live, as I saw the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of a white policeman. My prayers are with George Floyd's family and those grieving and hurting as a result of racism.

I know that this incident is not a one-off and not limited to the US. So, at this time myself and Yemi Adedeji, the director of our <u>One People</u> <u>Commission</u>, are calling on the UK church to stand together, to unite across all ethnicities and join us in saying and showing that all people are equal, regardless of their race or ethnicity. This week, Yemi and I released <u>a call for justice</u>.

As Christians, we are the body of Christ, so "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). Today, our brothers and sisters are suffering and hurting. We as the UK church are to stand with and stand up for our BAME brothers and sisters in the UK and throughout the world at this time.

I acknowledge and I am sorry that the church has not always done right by this issue; we have been silent when we should have spoken louder. But today I want to encourage us that we can do better and we should do better. There can be no place for racism in our society.

We cannot stay silent. We all need to work together to make a difference in our country and be the church that is required. The Evangelical Alliance will not remain silent on this issue; we will speak up and out into society on these injustices and we ask you to speak up with us.

With every blessing,

Gav Calver CEO

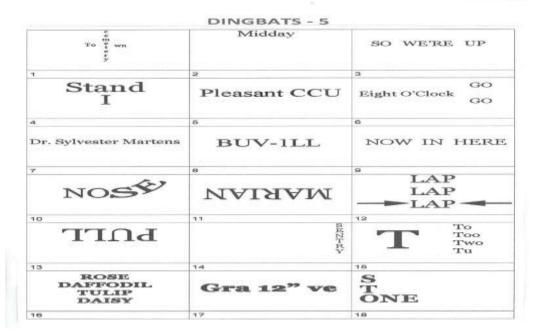
Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart Top 15

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2	2		JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	31
3	4 +	1	LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	90
4	3 4		GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	4
5	5	skiller	VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	260
6	б		MANSION NF CCMG	1	146
7	7		AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	33
8	8		THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	112
9	9		AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	325
10	10		VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	70
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Mrs T's quíz page

Dingbats



Can you recognise the shops?

1.	Underground in America
2.	Podgy visage
3.	Father neglect? Quite the opposite
4.	Pebbles in the stream
5.	Bill and Hillary's Kings and Queens
6.	Hey hombre, how much is that drink?
7.	Celestial dollars
8.	Beatle meets Alice's creator
9.	A place to buy a cadaver
10.	Not many bottoms on sale here

Ann's simple recipes for everyone

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

Honey Loaf

Ingredients 12oz / 350g Self Raising Flour 3 level teaspoons Mixed Spice 4oz / 120g Soft brown sugar 6 fl oz / 170ml Clear Honey 2oz / 60g Mixed peel 1/4 Pint / 140ml Milk 1oz / 30g Lump sugar



Instructions

Into a large mixing bowl place, the flour, mixed spice, soft brown sugar, honey, peel and milk.

Mix to a thick batter.

Spoon the batter into a greased 2lb / 1kg loaf tin and bake at gas mark 4 / 160c for 1hr 15mins. Check with a skewer that the cake is cooked through.

When cooled, turn out and decorate with the lump sugar.

Serve sliced and spread with butter.

Photography



Bug Hotel by Bob & Monica Lindridge

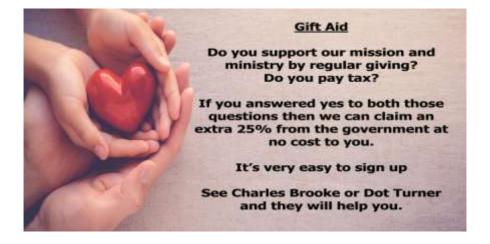


Nellie Silver Birthday Cake by Karen Silver



Another Nellie Silver Birthday Cake by Karen Silver

Wrestling figures by Noah Gill



Blast from the Past From "St Pauls Church News May 1960"

The VICAR'S



LETTER.

My dear Friends,

As I write this letter the sounds of our Easter worship are just dying away, and the Church, having been thronged by crowds of happy and rejoicing worshippers, is now empty and quiet. Perhaps in our hearts there is a tinge of sadness because Easter is over for another year. But is not the real gladness of Easter that however brief the Easter Festival itself—and it can never last longer than twenty-four hours—the fiving Christ is with all those who are alive to Him all the time. The Christian life is in fact no less that living day by day in harmony, fellowship and obscience with the risen Master who said "I am with you always". This rightly understood would, I believe, revitalise contemporary Christianity out of all recognition. Neither a Christian nor a Church can be dead or dull if the living Christ is at the centre of life and worship.

Missionary Endeavour.

The arrival of our Annual Missionary Weck-end is a timely reminder of our responsibilities towards the larger Church of God.

In connection with our forthcoming missionary week-end may I remind you of the affirmation made at the World Council of Churches' meeting at Evanston :-----

"Evangelism, in order to be true evangelism, must cease to be a duty. It must become an inevitability. The shepherd looking for his lost sheep is not fulfilling a duty. A mother praying for her erring child is not meeting an obligation. A Church declaring God's judgments to the people is not just obeying a call. A friend sharing his friendship with Jesus is not simply discharging a responsibility. "The love of Christ constrains us', says St. Paul."

Confirmation.

One has to go back to the year 1936 to find a higher number of candidates for Confirmation than there are this year, and the number of adult candidates of 21 years of age and over has never been surpassed and only once equalled since the Church was consecrated in 1901. The steadily increasing number of people in their middle age seeking to be confirmed is one of the most encouraging signs of a slow, but definite, return to the Christian faith in recent years. The Confirmation will be conducted by Dr. C. M. Chavasse, Lord Bishop of Rochester, who will be coming to say goodbye to St. Paul's on the occasion of his retirement.

Sunday, 24th April, marks the beginning of our fifth year of ministry at St. Paul's. How time flies! My wife joins me in thanking you all most sincerely for the many expressions of goodwill and rich Christian fellowship we are privileged to share with you, and for your most generous Easter offering.

Yours most sincerely, ROBERT GOLDSPINK.

Requests for Baptism and Callings of Banns of Marriage should be made to the Vicar. At least seven days notice should be given. Material for inclusion in the June issue of the magazine should be handed to the Vicar not later than Sunday, 15th May.

On TV this week Freeveiw Sky Virgin Freesat BT

<u>Saturday</u>

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39 148 192)
20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)
22:45: Cliff Richard: Britain's Batchelor Boy: Channel 5

<u>Sunday</u>

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 20:00: Call the Midwife: Drama (20 143 130 158)

<u>Monday</u>

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312) 10:15: The Young Messiah: Sky Cinema Drama (310 410) 11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39) 14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

19:00: Running Wild With Bear Grylls: National Geographic

<u>Tuesday</u>

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 310) 11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39) 14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

19:00: Running Wild With Bear Grylls: National Geographic 20:20: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 312)

Wednesday

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

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

12:35: Ben-Hur: Sky Cinema Drama (310 410 510)

13:45: Ellen DeGeneres Show: ITV2 (6 118 115) Jenifer Garner

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

16:05: Chariots Of Fire: Sky Cinema Greats (304 504 604)

17:20: Evan Almighty: Sky Cinema Comedy (308 408 508)

- 19:00: Running Wild With Bear Grylls: National Geographic
- 19:40: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 312)
- 21:00: Les Misérables: Sky Atlantic (108)

<u>Thursday</u>

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

<u>Friday</u>

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

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39) 14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

19:00: Running Wild With Bear Grylls: National Geographic 11:05 – 02:00: Derry Girls Series One: Channel 4

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

Streaming & Box Sets

Have you watched anything that would be of interest? I've used up my streaming suggestions!

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

Dingbats

1.Dead centre of town; 2.High Noon; 3.We're in the soup; 4.I understand; 5.Nice to see you; 6.Time to go; 7.Puss in boots; 8.Abominable (a bomb in a bull); 9.In the middle of nowhere;10. Turned up nose; 11.Maiden over; 12.The last lap; 13.Pullover; 14.Right Guard; 15.Tea for two;16.A bunch of flowers; 17.One foot in the grave; 18.Cornerstone.

<u>Shops</u>

1. Subway; 2.Fat Face; 3.Mothercare; 4.Waterstones; 5.Clinton Cards; 6.Costa; 7.Starbucks; 8.John Lewis; 9.Body Shop; 10.Top Shop.