



# CHURCH AT HOME

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

On the Twelfth issue of Church at Home my treasurer gave to me, some great news about church money!

Praise God and thank you because Charles reports that because of your generosity in increasing your regular giving and also giving one off gifts to help us through this crisis, we are now in a far better situation and he is no longer worried about the budget for this year. We not quite balancing the books but we are at a place where we can manage the shortfall. If you haven't made a contribution and would love to, you can find details of our bank account on page 27.

To all those that responded, on behalf of our church family I want to say "You are amazing" and to the Lord "Thank you for your mighty provision."

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

Rev Clive

## **Church noticeboard**

### **WhatsApp Prayer**

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)

### **Jonathan Viera**

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.

### **Orlagh Keanes Flowers**

The flowers from Orlagh Keane's funeral have been placed in the spot where people have been bringing tributes. When these have faded the family will be removing all the tributes that have been left. They would like to thank all who have taken the time to come to reflect on Orlaghs life.

### **Spring Harvest**

Spring Harvest 2021 will be booking soon. More information will be available in the coming days.

### **Praying Hands Poster**

You may have seen the praying hand emoji in peoples windows recently. It's to show people that you are praying for them in the crisis. You can down load the poster at [www.rediscoverchurch.com/praying](http://www.rediscoverchurch.com/praying) or find it printed on the back page.

### **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> <sup>2</sup>

## Community Notices

### Diamond Jubilee Club

This is a social club for the more mature in our community, offering reminiscence therapy through music, chat, tea and cake in normal times. The DJ Club goes 'live' every Thursday afternoon between 3 and 4 pm.

It can be accessed via [www.facebook.com/bexleydjclub](http://www.facebook.com/bexleydjclub)

### 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 -

[cceprojectworker@hotmail.com](mailto:cceprojectworker@hotmail.com)

### 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. <https://www.rememberme2020.uk>

### 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>

# This week's prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's 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.

## **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



Faith Beazley-Long  
Learning the recorder



Pippa, Faith, Grace, Joshua  
& Jacob Beazley-Long  
Whole Class reading at The  
School of Beazley-Long.



Bob Lindridge  
Another first for Monica! Bob 's hair before and after.

*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.**  
[revclive@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:revclive@hotmail.co.uk)

# 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.

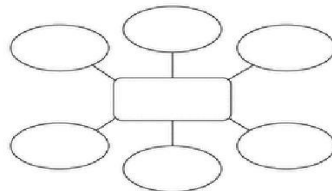
**Together:**  
**We will light three lights for the trinity of love:**  
**God above us,**  
**God beside us,**  
**God beneath us;**  
**The beginning,**  
**The end**  
**and the Everlasting one.**

### Welcome.....

**Song: In Christ Alone**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWfYJMGas0>  
**(can be sung or listened to)**

**Reflection time:** Consider who you feel has a strong character – this can be someone famous or someone you know or someone you are gathering with. What makes them appear strong, what characteristics do they have that you recognise that makes them a "strong character". You can create bubble maps using the image below for the different people you are thinking about. Place their name in the middle and characteristics in the smaller bubbles around.



With those who you are gathered with, compare your bubble maps, share with each other; are there similarities or differences. I wonder if you recognise any of the traits or characteristics in yourself.

**Bible passage:** Romans 5:1-8 & Matthew 10:8

AND

Gods shows his love for us -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYgG7vFRzq>

## Interactive Learning.....



Google or look up or think of bible verses that include Peace & Hope, Print or copy them out and create a bible verse journal page to remind you of the characteristics of Christ and how Jesus instructed the disciples to have perseverance and hope, we as disciples, (followers of Christ) can be reassured – The cross is proof of God’s love for us and because we have received we should also freely give, just as Jesus taught the disciples, we can do the same following their example in Matthew 18:8. (For younger family members have pre-printed sheets) <https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/free-printable-christian-coloring-pages-kids.html>



Make a Chatter Box together, Place on the top fold the words: Hope, Peace, Love & Joy. On the underside fold place the Characteristics of Jesus. As you play and unfold ask God to give each of you those characteristics, following in the disciples footsteps of freely giving our time and following Jesus.



God has embraced us with his love and favour far beyond any measure – even when there is sin in our lives, now that we are saved, we are assured that he won't give up on us now or in the future. There is HOPE. Hope is often associated with the future, in Greek it means something to look forward to. Instead of occasionally glancing forward, our hope enables us to know who we are and be reassured of where we are going. We Thank God for making his PEACE with us out of Love. We truly are at PEACE with God.



Create together Prayer Stations on the following themes –these are some examples adapted **from Worship Together by Sandra Miller** (Used with permission)

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/worship-together>

**The World:** Place a picture of the world or a map on a table/or on the grass – think of some recent headlines and/or print them out and place on the world. At this station, pray for those who are working towards peace in our world, and those who are struggling in unjust situations.

**The Community:** Place a map, or large photo on a table or on the grass parts of your community. Put coloured blocks of the map to indicate places of significance. At this station pray for those in your community who are struggling and finding life difficult.

**The Church:** Place some symbols out that represent your church. Place things around that represent your normal church activities. At this station pray for the life of the church, its contacts and for those who serve and lead and ways in which to make new contacts in the community.

**Ourselves:** Prop up a mirror & place pictures of people around it. Pray for yourselves & those you love, that you may choose each day to follow Jesus & know life in all its fullness.

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

1. Are the characteristics on the bubble map the same as the gifts and teachings that Jesus taught the disciples & the people he spoke to whilst on earth?
2. I wonder if we feel at Peace with God at the moment....
3. What do you HOPE for in the future?
4. Are we looking forward to being in the presence of God eternally?



## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

**Song:** Peace like a River

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to as a prayer)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. The Prayer stations above can be used and 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:** In My Soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

(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  
candles.....until you meet again**

### Extra Ideas

1. Watch this clip and being "messed up" and share your thoughts with each other?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy2b8SrrGCO>
2. Go on a prayer Journey to find hope and peace.  
Construct all of the prayer stations or just one – time with God is all that is needed  
<https://engageworship.org/ideas/journey-prayer-stations>

# Ask Lauraine

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

**This week's Questions is: Do people get processed by demons today like they did in Jesus' time?**

One of the incidents that appears in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20 and Luke 8:26-37) is the story of the Gerasenes Demoniac. Each time I hear these accounts there are questions they raise with me about the issue of demon possession.

There has often been criticism of Christians by atheists, who are cynical about numerous faith issues, one of which is that there was no demoniac possession. Jesus was just dealing with medical conditions, such as epilepsy. And, in all fairness, in one or two incidents, such as the one when a young child has fits and throws himself in fire, this could be the root cause of the illness. So, the first question I want to address is, 'Was there really demon possession at the time of Jesus?'

The first problem we have (if we are cynical about demons, and say they don't exist) is why did the demon possessed man say, in Luke's account, 'Why are you bothering me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?' This comes over time and time again in incidents when Jesus deals with the demon possessed. The demons know exactly who Jesus is – the Son of God – and this fact in itself makes them fear the power he has over them. They have the power to enter someone and possess them, but Jesus has the power to overcome this possession. The knowledge the demons have about who Jesus really is, is intriguing, something which I cannot explain. Ironically, although the demons know exactly who Jesus is, the people Jesus ministers to do not.

The second problem we have (if we want to be cynical about demons), 'What about the extent of the possession?' When asked, again in Luke's account, 'What is your name?' by Jesus, the demoniac replies, 'Legion...for the man was filled with many demons.' A Roman Legion was between 3,000 and 6,000 men. In the Church of England, ministers occasionally have to deal with 'possible' cases of demon possession. I say possible, because in most cases what we are actually dealing with is schizophrenia, someone claiming to have many voices coming from within them.

Was the demoniac a schizophrenic? (with multiple voices in his head). Two observations suggest no. Firstly, the man had extraordinary strength. Luke tells us, 'Even when he was shackled with chains, he simply broke them.' Schizophrenia is not associated with extra-ordinary strength. Secondly, when the demons asked Jesus to put them in to the herd of pigs, an unclean animal to the Jews, we read, 'So the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the whole herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake, where they drowned.' This could not be explained by the man just

being a schizophrenic. There is no way a schizophrenic's illness can be transmitted in this way to someone or something else.

There is one other question I want to ask, 'Why are there very, very few (if any) reported cases of demon possession today?' I don't know the answer to that question! May be there are; but without Jesus to confront these demons, we are unaware of their existence!

So, ultimately, when we read about evil, such as demon possession, like the Gerasenes demoniac, what can we take out of such incidents and apply to today's world?

C.S. Lewis's 'The Screwtape Letters' is about a senior devil training a junior devil. The senior devil informs his apprentice that there are two ways humans can fall into the trap of evil. Firstly, by not acknowledging evil exists. In that way when it does humans are not prepared and can't cope. Secondly, by acknowledging that evil is a very powerful force to be afraid of and more powerful than good. In that way humans readily give in when evil afflicts them.

From the passage in Luke, the first thing we can say is that there is no doubt evil does exist in the world. We know that already simply because of all the suffering that we see in the world. A new baptism liturgy has been produced by the Church of England which removed the word evil. Why? People were uncomfortable with the concept of evil and didn't want to acknowledge it exists (that would be falling into the first 'screwtape' trap).

At the end of Luke's account, however, we find 'the man who had been possessed by demons sitting quietly at Jesus' feet, clothed and sane.' The man had been completely transformed! And that should make us realise that, ultimately, good is more powerful than evil (we should not fall into the second 'screwtape' trap). Jesus held power over demons 2,000 years ago, and he still does today.

Perhaps our viewpoint on evil should fall somewhere between the two 'screwtape' traps, i.e. acknowledge that evil does exist, but that ultimately it has limited power, as Jesus has already conquered evil. Think of the battle between good and evil as being already won, but evil refuses to give up, and acts rather like a sniper, still trying to inflict damage when it can.

I've not answered the question fully, but theologians spend their whole lives trying to answer such questions!

So, I leave the final word to the Bible - James (4: 7) tells us 'Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.'

Stay close to God and with the Holy Spirit's power we can prevent evil thoughts or actions taking hold of us!

# The Rainbow Promise

## A reflection on Genesis 9: 12-17

It is amazing how this passage is on God's rainbow promise. Throughout this season people have expressed their gratitude and thanks to frontline workers by drawing a picture of the rainbow and putting it at the front of their windows. It is a mystery how the rainbow is the picture that is being used to express our gratitude to those brave frontline workers, out of all other designs they could have used, they used the rainbow.

The rainbow was a symbol of God's covenant with man and the earth following the destruction of man in which only Noah and his 3 Sons and their families survived. God then made a covenant with man and the earth that he will not destroy man or the earth by water and the rainbow would be a sign of that Covenant

The use of the rainbow during this pandemic was first used in Italy with the slogan Audra tutto benne meaning (everything will be alright). The rainbow depicts better times to come.

And so, I ask why God made a covenant with man that he will not destroy us. After all he is God. He can do anything and he is a righteous God. The answer is simple; God is love and he is full of compassion. When it comes to man, especially those who love him, he cannot act out of character.

His love for mankind is unsearchable and unexplainable. In fact, the psalmist is so perplexed that he asks "what is man that though art mindful of him". That means we are always in God's mind. He is constantly seeking ways to lead us to operate under his kingdom so that we can enjoy his love and peace.

Even his plans are not of evil but they are of good to prosper us, to give us a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11. He is constantly planning for our good. He is always thinking good thoughts of us. He has even created us in his image. We bear his image both male and female so that in his likeness we are called children of God. Parents can do anything for their children for their good. The bible says God has lavished us with his love.

He has made a covenant with us not to destroy us because he is full of compassion and merciful. He does not afflict willingly or grieve the Children of men. Lam 3:33. It is not in his nature to see us suffer. God want us to know this through a visible sign of the rainbow. The rainbow is a spectrum of light which describes the presence of God as light. God has created a picture to show that he is in solidarity with us.

God therefore made a covenant with man because he is merciful. Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed because his compassion never fails.

For this reason, let us not allow our minds to be contaminated neither by the news or social media or any means that the enemy will use to cause us fear. Even when we hear the alarming news all around us, alarming as it may be let us be even more mindful of God's unfailing love for us. He is slow to anger and full of love and faithfulness.

As we walk through our neighbourhood and see the rainbow paintings on windows let us be reminded that God is not a destroying God. Let us see it as an opportunity to renew our minds and say to our souls that God has loved us with an everlasting love.

In the same way we honour our NHS workers and feel proud of them, let us honour our God, surrender to God and be energised.

Let the eyes of our hearts and minds be saturated with love of God as a covenant keeping God. Deut 4:31 sums it up that "God is a covenant keeping God. For the Lord our God is a merciful God. He will not leave us or destroy us or forget the covenant with our father that he swore to them.

Speak to the Holy Spirit in prayer and hymns and thanksgiving that he alone is our hero for He heals, He redeems, He forgives, He delivers, He holds our hands and crowns our lives with loving kindness, tender mercies, glory and honour.

We have a covenant with God and no other and that covenant is a reminder of his love and our hope in him.

## Books

This week's book suggestions come from Christianity magazine.

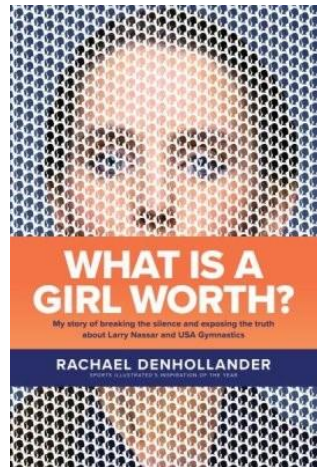


### All Things New by Pete Hughes

Starting in Genesis and working through the Scriptures, All Things New takes you on a journey into the very heart of God and His relentless passion to redeem lives, heal the nations, rewire the culture and bring renewal to all of creation. As we immerse ourselves in the greatest story ever told, we find our ultimate sense of belonging. We become actors in this unfolding drama, pushing forward God's purposes for the world and joining His mission to make all things new.

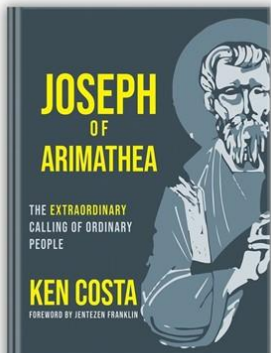
### What is a Girl Worth? By Rachael Denhollander

Rachael Denhollander's voice was heard around the world when she spoke out to end the most shocking scandal in US gymnastics history. The first victim to publicly accuse Larry Nassar, the former USA Gymnastics team doctor who abused hundreds of young athletes, Rachael now reveals her full story for the first time. How did Nassar get away with it for so long? How did Rachael and the other survivors finally stop him and bring him to justice? And how can we protect the vulnerable in our own families, churches, and communities?



### Joseph of Arimathea by Ken Costa

An ordinary person, living an ordinary life, can be an instrument in the hands of God to be used for his purposes. Joseph of Arimathea defines what it means to be a person of the small print and offers a paradigm-shifting perspective on how to be a disciple of Christ in a secular world. At a time when influence, followers, and clout are the order of the day, Joseph reminds us that small acts of 14 faithfulness can lead to astounding influence and impact through justice, conscience, and power.



# A Bit of Drama

By A. Soule

It's fair to say that most people like a bit of drama, and by and large the shows we like are those which grip us. Quite often the story grows in our mind and we come away wondering whether that's how the characters should or should not have behaved, or perhaps how would we have handled things.

Some TV dramas, for whatever reason, seem to catch people's curiosity and end up generating high viewing figures. This is how it turned out to be for the recently aired BBC drama 'Normal People' based on a novel written by Sally Rooney. Both the novel and the drama have had good reviews generally but also a fair share of criticism for the needless vulgarity shown.

The title of book and the TV drama 'Normal People' is curiously interesting; implying that this is how most ordinary people lead their lives and react to situations.

The storyline is fairly common - Connell and Marianne who have known each other since their school years fall in love, break up, meet up later and part again. Both of them are at an age where they don't really understand the depth of feeling they have for each other. As the story progresses, the veneer of defiant choices in life slowly peel off to reveal a deep emotional vulnerability in both.

Although the novel is set in Ireland, there is nothing explicitly Christian (in the devotional sense) about the story, and some scenes may indeed seem gratuitous and unnecessary. And yet the story in the main is quite poignant - two people going through life, reacting not as saints but as 'normal people'. It shouldn't take a great leap of imagination to ask if this is how normal people live their lives, <sup>19</sup>who then are those who choose not to live in such a way? Would it exclude people who don't subscribe to making casual choices in life or those who take life a bit more



seriously? However, that may be, there is also the fact that art reflects life, and what we see there is in some ways a reflection of what the world seems to be from a certain point of view.

What is plainly evident is the fact of a generational shift; the pattern of life which society expected some years ago has changed. There has always been an awareness that religious belief has mostly existed within the margins of people's lives, and now those margins have moved even further - to the point that people seem to be embarrassed to talk about their faith. It is also true that people on the outside often feel 'good Christians' are simply too embarrassed to acknowledge the messy circumstances of people in the real world. The drama does reveal the sad underbelly of modern life which, if you like, you could either condemn or take that as step in understanding what life really is like for those starting out in the 21st century.

It has to be said that most people by and large lead decent lives but when it comes to faith, the usual tendency is to shy away from an overtly religious approach, often labelling Christianity as being outdated and not being in synch with their complicated lives. Whilst it's worth reflecting on this, it is also true that people were leading complicated and burdened lives when Jesus preached. What Jesus taught has survived many centuries; ideas and fashions have come and gone but the message of faith and the teachings live on. These

teachings are aimed at the very essence our being - parts of ourselves which even we don't understand.

Coming back to 'Normal People', what may have resonated with people who liked this drama is that it showed how emotionally fragile we all are. Something said or unsaid can so easily change the course of our lives. It is beyond doubt a moving story - but it is just that - a story, and this is how it was crafted by its author - Sally Rooney.

Real life, whether we like it or not, has many more dimensions to it – and some drama too. No one knows where our own stories lead to - apart of course from the Author of our lives. One thing we do know is that nothing can separate us from the love of God and through all the good and bad times we go through, the Good Shepherd walks with us.



## 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.

### Some areas for prayer from Beryl's friend Helen Fagan

#### Give thanks

That Beryl was able to travel down to Asuncion last Thursday. She expects to be staying till Monday

That she has had good conversations with Rhett and that he sounds very well

That Rhett has told Beryl she can have help from his friend in Filadephia with the repair of her car

That a plumber was able to repair problems in her Asuncion house

That she and the people in her area have been protected from the viral infection

That because they all have to wear masks when they travel out, respiratory infections are rare at present

That immunisations have resumed for the children, at the Rio Verde clinic

That Beryl is up to date with paying her staff and all is well with them

That thanks to good internet connection, Beryl was able to speak to Bev Richardson who is in Oxford waiting to get back to Asuncion, and working on line at present

That Beryl was able to speak to Tim Curtis who is very grateful for this precious time with his father, in the UK

That Claire Holmes is free of cancer after treatment

### **Please pray for**

Wisdom for the Government as they decide if they need to re-introduce restrictions because some people are ignoring social distancing and there have been new cases

The post to get started again. The church office has re-opened but no post is getting through at present

A terrible drought in the Chaco with a major river now dry

For water supplies to communities in the Chaco, especially those needing Government water tankers to come

For protection from water borne diseases for the people in the Chaco

For one of Beryl's cats in Asuncion that has cancer and may need to be put down rather than have treatment, a hard decision to make

Beryl sends her grateful thanks for all you do for her, for your prayers and your gifts.

# Poet's Corner

This week's poem has been sent in by Carol O'Connor

I've found the pearl of greatest price,  
My heart doth sing for joy;  
And sing I must, for Christ is mine,  
Christ shall my song employ.

Christ is my Prophet, Priest and King:  
My Prophet full of light,  
My great High Priest before the throne,  
My King of heavenly might.

For he indeed is Lord of lords,  
And he the King of kings;  
He is the Sun of Righteousness,  
With healing in his wings.

Christ is my peace; he died for me,  
For me he gave his blood;  
And as my wondrous sacrifice  
Offered himself to God.

Christ Jesus is my All-in-all,  
My comfort and my love;  
My life below; and he shall be  
My glory-crown above.

John Mason 1645-94

# Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

## Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, Artist		Peak Pos	WOC
1	1		<b>THE SEARCH</b> NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	45
2	2		<b>JESUS IS KING</b> KANYE WEST EMI	1	32
3	New		<b>REVIVAL'S IN THE AIR</b> BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	3	1
4	3 ↓		<b>LOOK UP CHILD</b> LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	1
5	5		<b>VITAL SIGNS</b> SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	261
6	6		<b>MANSION</b> NF CCMG	1	147
7	7		<b>AWAKE</b> HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	34
8	9 ↑		<b>AWAKE</b> SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	326
9	8 ↓		<b>THERE IS MORE</b> HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	113
10	New		<b>YOUR NAME</b> LIFE WORSHIP INTEGRITY MUSIC	10	1
11	Re		<b>THE ESSENTIAL KIRK FRANKLIN</b> KIRK FRANKLIN VERITY	11	2
12	4 ↓		<b>GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE</b> ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	5
13	10 ↓		<b>VICTORY - LIVE</b> BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	71
14	11 ↓		<b>PEOPLE - LIVE</b> HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	23
15	14 ↓		<b>UNLEASHED</b> SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	200
16	12 ↓		<b>VICTORIOUS</b> SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	41
17	13 ↓		<b>CHOOSE TO WORSHIP</b> REND COLLECTIVE CCMG	1	10
18	17 ↓		<b>JESUS IS BORN</b> SUNDAY SERVICE CHOIR INC	3	23
19	New		<b>CHANGE</b> BRIGHT CITY INTEGRITY MUSIC	19	1
20	18 ↓		<b>JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES</b> CASTING CROWNS REUNION	17	19

**Anagrams of Cartoon Characters**

1.	Cob Do So Yo	
2.	Grip Poky	
3.	Sockeye I Mum	
4.	Morphine Moss	
5.	Sniffled Rotten	
6.	Radon Rerun	
7.	Deaf Girl	
8.	Air Bogey	
9.	Khan Pen Trip	
10.	Recalled In	
11.	Halfpenny Sin	
12.	Afar Pumps	
13.	Cabaret Jib Sis	
14.	Laborer Winch	

**Can you recognise the shops?**

1.	Torrential downpour	
2.	English dance boys	
3.	Europe's most sparsely populated country	
4.	Middle of candles with energy	
5.	Fresh appearance	
6.	Budgie seeds	
7.	Hang around with a flower	
8.	Where Dutchman lives with firearm manufacturer	
9.	Rugby, cricket, hockey, football. No deviation	21
10.	Henry crosses stream	

# Ann's simple recipes for everyone

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

## Prawn Pasta Salad

*"This can be eaten as a starter, a side dish, or just as it is with a crusty slice of bread"*

### Ingredients

- 1lb / 500g Pasta
- 4oz / 120g Cooked peeled prawns
- 16fl oz /500ml Mayonnaise
- 2 Sticks celery
- 1 Red pepper
- 1 Orange pepper



### Instructions

Boil the pasta until soft. Drain and leave to cool.

While the pasta is cooling prepare the other ingredients:

Wash and drain the prawns.

Chop the celery into thin slices.

Slice the pepper into small pieces.

When the pasta has cooled transfer to a large mixing bowl.

Stir in the mayonnaise.

Finally add the remaining ingredients and mix well.

### Top Tip

**Feeling decadent –  
replace the prawns with  
crab meat or pieces of  
cooked salmon**

# Photography




Blooms at Chartwell by Grace Allan



Birds at Chartwell by Bill Allan

Pick of the Pics this week goes to Bob, for letting Monica cut his hair. Like Ron's last week, a fine job. We look forward to next weeks pictures of the haircuts given to Margaret and Monica by their husbands! A recommended book is on its way to you.



**Gift Aid**

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

## **Blast from the Past**

From "St Pauls Parish News May/June 2006"

**FROM OUR VICAR GEOFF:  
DEAR ALL ...**

5.

I have been following with interest, the glowing reviews and tributes awarded to the recent film *Brokeback Mountain*, a film which looks set to be influential in changing attitudes towards homosexuality. This comes as a danger signal for Christians: the danger for us is if we allow ourselves to falter in our stand against same sex relationships against this backdrop of the growing acceptance of homosexuality as a valid lifestyle choice, deserving of the full support of our society.



One reviewer suggests that the marketing success of this new film will be even more profound than the success which the 'Marlboro Man' campaign achieved for a tobacco company 50 years ago. At that time, instead of touting the product, now generally recognised as being harmful to our health, the marketers psychologically manipulated the public into associating their product with the powerful cowboy image of a better life. In *Brokeback Mountain* that powerful image is again being used to sell us another self-destructive product: homosexual sex and gay, civil partnerships.

The consistent teaching of the Bible is that certain sexual practices are completely unacceptable for God's people. One of these is homosexuality, though it is considered no worse or better than adultery. Read Romans 1:18-32. 1Corinthians 6:9-10

So what should our attitude be? Take a look at Luke 18:9-14:

This Gospel story doesn't mention homosexuality, but it establishes a most important principle for anyone trying to work out what sort of an attitude a Christian ought to have. It's the account of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in the temple. As the religious man exalts himself before God, the tax collector beats his breast in humble penitence.

Those of us who think of ourselves as good and righteous are moving into Pharisee territory. Our attitude towards ourselves and others must be one of humility and brokenness. Christ's church is the church of those who know they need forgiveness and mercy. Our sexuality makes no difference in this aspect of our relationship with God.

Our message is: "We are both sinners; we are the same."

People are not sinners because they are gay; they are gay because they are sinners. We are all sinners so let's trust in the Gospel of Christ which offers to all, forgiveness and hope through the cross.

Let us also stand firmly together against the acceptance of same sex civil partnerships and homosexual relationships.

*Geoff*



## On TV this week

Freeview Sky Virgin Freesat BT

### Saturday

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

20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)

22:00: Buried Secrets of the Bible: National Geographic

### Sunday

06:00: Hour of Power: Sky One (106 110)

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Drama (71149 197)

**10:45: Sunday Worship: BBC1**

**11:15: Sunday Morning Stories: BBC1**

**13:15: Songs of Praise: BBC1**

14:00: The Prince of Egypt: Sky One (106 110)

15:45: JRR Tolkien: Sky Documentary (114 227)

19:20: Call the Midwife: Drama (20 143 130 158)

**22:30: Philomena: BBC1**

### 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**

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

### Tuesday

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

20:10: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 312)

22:00: The Crusades: PBS America (91 174 273 155)

## Wednesday

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**

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

19:15: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 312)

## Thursday

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

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

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

19:45: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 312)

## 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**

**15:45: The Bidding Room: BBC1 (gilt cherubs)**

15:50: The Crusades: PBS America (91 174 273 155)

19:50: The Vicar Of Dibley: Gold (110 124 312)

**10:00 – 01:00: Derry Girls Series Two: Channel 4**

**23:20: Selma: BBC2**

*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

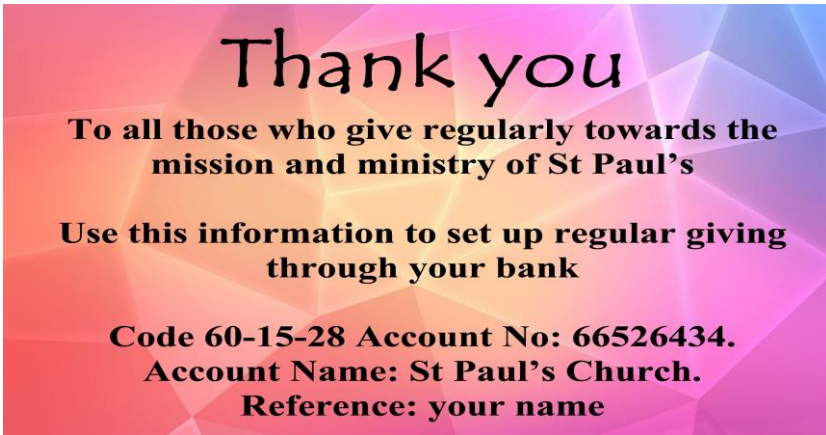
Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4

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**

### **Cartoon Characters**

1. Scooby Do; 2. Porky Pig; 3. Mickey Mouse; 4. Homer Simpson; 5. Fred Flintstone; 6. Road Runner; 7. Garfield; 8. Yogi Bear; 9. Pink Panther; 10. Cinderella; 11. Phineas Flynn; 12. Papa Smurf; 13. Jessica Rabbit; 14. Charlie Brown.

### **Shops**

1. Monsoon; 2. Morrisons; 3. Iceland; 4. Wickes; 5. New Look; 6. Millets; 7. Waitrose; 8. Holland & Barrett; 9. Sports Direct; 10. Halfords.



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