

Issue 13: June 20th 2020

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

It seems we are now in Level 3 of lockdown. This hopefully means we will be hearing soon about when we can tentatively resume worship together. Already the government has said we can open for private prayers. They have however placed some strict guidelines on how we should do that. I have been liaising with the PCC and Colin, our warden about this and will bring you news next week when we are sure we have followed the required procedures. Thank you for your patience and can I continue to encourage you to engage in fellowship in whatever ways are allowed.

Thank you for all the pictures this week. Some of you noted there weren't as many as normal last week and they were missed. Please send in photos of yourself because we are missing seeing all your faces.

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

Rev Clive

Church noticeboard

Private Prayer

The church will be open for private prayer following the government guidelines soon.

This is for individual prayer only. We are unable to have any led prayers or prayer groups at this time.

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

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.

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 people's 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 or find it printed on the back page.

Church Grounds

Thank you to those who have been maintaining our church grounds ready for when we can reopen.







Community Notices

Allotments

The council has some allotments available to rent. Find out more at www.bexley.gov.uk/allotments

Bexley Council Magazine

The June edition of the Bexley magazine is available at the following address -

https://www.bexley.gov.uk/sites/bexley-cms/files/2020-06/bexley-magazine-covid-19-special.pdf

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/bexleydjc

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

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.

This week's prayer

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care those
who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger
threatens your everlasting arms are
there to hold them safe. Comfort and
heal them, and restore them to health
and strength,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

From Canterbury 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), Jeanette Watts and Mark Williams.

Please pray for those key workers still having to go out to work, including4 Eleanor Yeku, 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 (Freeveiw 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=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOl62m

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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://quardiansofancora.com

What you're up to. - Pictures and messages



John O'Connor Celebrating his lockdown birthday



Joshua Beazley-Long Back to school



Harley trying to keep Harley entertained. Kat & Dean



Colin Smith
An early Fathers' Day
present from Betty's: Colin
with a 'fat rascal' - yum!



Margaret & Ron Richards with Bob Lindridge



Linda Mayes Family

The Repair Shop Team in Lyndhurst Road working on Bob's 'battle scarred' Roman shield & Bob, arrives to pick up his 'family heirloom' and a 'thank you' to Ron.

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.







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: Boldly I Approach

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

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: In pairs, using soft wool or string set yourselves as in the picture below. Using a stop-watch, time how quickly you can separate from your partner with the string/wool still attached to your hands and not using any scissors!! To succed you must be standing by your partner separated but with the string/wool not broken. Keep trying with different parntners to see who can separate the fastest. Once you've succeeded in your challenge share in your gathering the following questions:

- Whilst tied to your partner did you feel constrained? not able to move freely?
- 2. Did you need to work together to succeed in the challenge?

Bible passages:



Read together Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.38-39 AND watch https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=GH 8lvVqiGI

Through Jesus dying on the cross at Easter, He broke the barrier of sin between God and us. Jesus restored our relationship with God and became the person who filled the gap. We can sometimes be bound by our sin, what we have said or done; or what we have not said or done – this can separate us from God. We need to work at being Dead to Sin (turning away from that sin) and being Alive to God and His way for us.

Interactive Learning.....

Scavenger Hunt

Resources: Play-doh, wire hanger, hammer, bag of sweets, ruler, small wrapped gift.

Preparation: Before your act of worship begins, hide the props throughout your gathering space

The nominated Clue Master will:

Give each clue and challenge those who you gather with to find the items:

- 1. This is something we use to form objects. It's very soft and fun to use. (*Play-doh*)
- 2. We use this at home to keep our clothes organised. It has a weird shape. (Wire hanger)
- 3. Now look for a tool that's handy for hanging pictures on the wall or building something out of wood. It's long and can be a little heavy. *(Hammer)*
- 4. This is something that can give us cavities if we eat too many. It's small and has a lot of pieces. (Bag of sweets)
- 5. We use this next item to measure something's length. It's skinny and light. (Ruler)
- 6. Lastly, look for an item you like to get on a special holiday. It's small and pretty. (Gift)

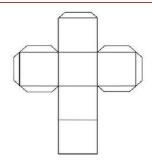
Once all the items have been found and are placed in front of everyone, the clue master is to hold up each item as you explain the eternal life message:

- 1. **Play-doh:** "God wants to 'mold' us into who He created us to be."
- 2. **Wire hanger:** "The problem is, we become 'bent' on sin and want to do what we want have our own way."
- 3. **Hammer:** "And it seems easier to be able to 'work' for our own eternal life by doing a few good things here and there."
- 4. **Bag of sweets:** "But Jesus is the only 'good' person who ever lived on earth because He's the only person who has never sinned."
- 5. **Ruler:** So, we can't follow our own 'rules' if we're following Jesus. We have to acknowledge God in our lives and God being in control.
- 6. **Gift:** "But the good news of the Gospel is that God gives us the 'gift' of eternal life because Jesus died for our sins. We can receive the gift of salvation when we believe in Jesus and turn away from our sins."

Alive To God - Advert

Resources: A recording device either voice or video

Within your gathering explain a radio/TV station has chosen them to record a 30-second commercial. The product you are selling is: the message in Matthew 6:11. You may need to mind map your concept together before your final recording. **HAVE FUN** sharing about what this verse means to you.



https://www.pinterest.com/pin/809240626771929634/

Enlarge the template or use the link to make a prayer/bible verse dice to use during the following week until you gather again. On each side write a prayer or a verse from the bible that is special to you. Roll the dice every day to pray the prayer or think about that special verse.

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

- 1. Is it easy to "let go" or turn away from sin?
- What do you think are the "key" words from the bible readings?
- 3. How can we celebrate during this coming week to show we are Alive to God?

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Here I am to Worship (Light of the World)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Pj2P8Bn5WI

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Your prayer dice 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.

Alive - Play this video at the end of your prayer time https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLiNQ

Closing Responses.....

Song: How Great is our God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBD18rsVJHk

(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

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.

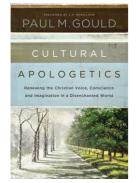
Extra Ideas

With any matrials you have build a bridge. Think of how your relationship with God has been restored and thank God for the gift of Jesus.

- Watch this video and discuss or reflect how does this effect me?
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aaICLiMUEg
- Lego Prayers
 http://flamecreativekids.blogs
 pot.com/2015/03/lego-or duplo-prayers.html?n=1

Books

This week's book suggestions come from The 2020 Christian book awards.

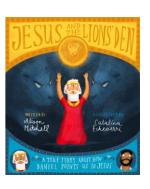


<u>Award of Merit – Cultural Apologetics by Paul M.</u> <u>Gould</u>

This is an extraordinary and original book, quite unlike anything I've ever read on the subject. Well written. Practical. Insightful. Stimulating. Challenging. Any Christian, church, or Christian organization wanting to do serious evangelism in the 21st century should read this book.

Youth & Children – Jesus And The Lion's Den by Alison Mitchell

I really appreciated how the book connected the dots from the story and life of Daniel to the story and life of Jesus. I wish there were more books that would take Old Testament stories and messages and point kids to their fulfilment in Christ. The story line was easy to follow, and I enjoyed how the graphics draw kids in to look for Jesus moments.





<u>Christian Living – The Common Rule by Justin Whitmel</u> <u>Earley</u>

This book is an excellent blend of theological and practical insight. It describes problems unique to our time in a way that's easily relatable, in part because Earley makes good use of personal anecdotes rather than merely citing sociological data. The strength of the book is how well he connects these common problems to simple, usable practices of resistance.

Other winner's

Apologetics – Confronting Christianity by Rebecca McLaughlin Biblical Studies – Christobiography by Craig Keener Leadership – The Care Of Souls by Harold Senkbeil Women – What Is A Girl Worth by Racheal Denhollender Culture And The Arts – How To Write Better by Andrew LePeau Fiction – Light from Distant Stars by Shawn Smucker

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Poet's Corner

The Gift of Life.

Gentle Jesus meek and mild,
Born on earth,
God's only child.
You paid the price
For our selfish ways and sin.
Open the door to life
And let the Saviour in.

Life can be a challenge Of that you can be sure. But if you hold the Saviour's hand His remedy is a cure.

Sickness and sorrow
May not disappear or flee away
But rest assured His love and peace
Will be with you forever to stay.

By Carol O'Connor

Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart Top 20

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1	1		THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	46
2	2		JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	33
3	6 1	men	MANSION NF CCMG	1	148
4	4	*	LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	2
5	5	SKILLET	VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	262
6	7 1		AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2.	35
7	12 🛧		GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	6
8	9 1		THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	114
9	8.		AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	327
10	13 🛧		VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	72
11	15 🛧	9	UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	201
12	14 🛧	UNIVED	PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	24
13	11 🕹		THE ESSENTIAL KIRK FRANKLIN KIRK FRANKLIN VERITY	11	3
14	16 🛧		VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	42
15	17 🛧		CHOOSE TO WORSHIP REND COLLECTIVE CCMG	1	11
16	18 🛧		JESUS IS BORN SUNDAY SERVICE CHOIR INC	3	24
17	20 1	JUST HE HELE	JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS REUNION	17	20
18	Re	Laster Con.	HOW CAN IT BE LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	9	103
19	Re	1	LET THERE BE LIGHT HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	187
20	Re		HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD - THE ESSENTIAL CHRIS TOMLIN SIX STEPS	8	125

General Knowledge

- 1. Name the current UK Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- 2. In which year was the popular video game Fortnite first released?
- 3. How many hearts does an octopus have
- 4. Name one of the fruit juices used in Tequila Sunrise.
- 5. Of what is the sci-fi show Torchwood an anagram?
- 6. What is the name of Mackenzie Crook's character in sitcom The Office?
- 7. Which real life married couple starred in the film A Quiet Place?
- 8. What is the colour of the pill that Neo swallows in The Matrix
- 9. What was the name of the band that Matt Goss, Luke Goss and Craig Logan were in?
- 10. How many horses are on each team in polo?
- II. What's the hottest chilli pepper in the world?
- 12. Which country does Gouda cheese come from?
- 13. Which UK city is further west, Bristol or Edinburgh?
- 14. What's the currency in Vietnam?
- 15. What number is a baker's dozen?
- 16. How many people globally watched Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding? a) 730 million b) 1.9 billion c) 3.1 billion
- 17. Which country became the first major industrialised country to legalise cannabis for recreational use in 2018?
- 18. What's the assassin played by Jodie Comer in Killing Eve called?
- 19. The 10 millionth of which car was produced in July in its 60th anniversary year in Oxford?
- 20. What unusual task did Angela Kelly, the Queen's dresser, confess to performing for Her Majesty in 2019?

Ann's simple recipes for everyone

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

Rhubarb Crumble Cake

Ingredients

10oz / 300g Flour

5 oz / 150g Butter

2oz / 60g White sugar

2 Eggs

2 tbs Milk

2 large stick Rhubarb

250ml Orange Juice

1oz / 30g Brown Sugar



Instructions

Chop the rhubarb into pieces and put it in a saucepan along with the orange juice. Cook on a low heat until the rhubarb is soft but not mushy. When cooked, drain and leave to cool.

Into a large mixing bowl place 8oz / 220g of the flour, 4oz / 120g of the butter, White sugar, eggs and milk. Mix the ingredients together.

Now add half of the rhubarb and mix.

Pour the batter into a greased $7^{\prime\prime}$ / 18cm cake tin and prepare the crumble topping

To make the crumble topping, mix the remaining flour and butter along with the brown sugar. When a crumble consistency has been achieved stir in the remaining rhubarb spoon by spoon making sure that the crumble doesn't become too wet.

Spread the crumble over the cake mix.

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Bake at gas mark 4 / 160c for 50mins. Check with a skewer that the cake is cooked.

Photography



Barney Bear by Charles **Brooke**



Cookies by Sophie Tyler



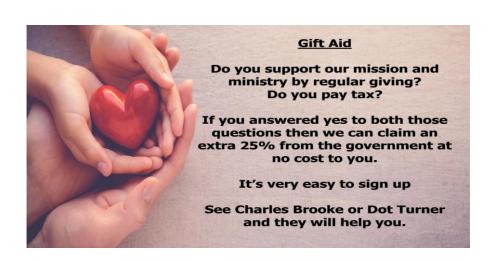
New pond by Tim Luff



Bursted Woods snake by Chris Meaton



Painting Statues by Linda Mayes



Blast from the Past

From "St Pauls Parish News March 1972"

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FROM THE VICAR

My dear Friends,

The Christian Mind

War - Poverty - Racial Violence - Student Protest - Industrial Unrest. Contemporary world upheaval has reached alarming proportions. None of us dares suggest there is an easy solution to any of the problems. Our leaders do not know which way to turn. Christians appear by their silence to be equally baffled. Thus, the false impression is given that Christianity has nothing of direct importance to say to the modern world. I have just been re-reading Harry Blamires' wellinformed and challenging book, "The Christian Mind" (SPCK), in which he submits that, because we so often fail to be explicit on matters of current import, the world does not know there is a Christian mind - "we have become afraid of our convictions", and forgotten that Christianity is not a matter of opinion, but a matter of fact. Our task at St. Paul's must be to equip Christians in every part of their thinking to distinguish between right and wrong, between good and evil, and, wherever necessary, with grace and clarity to speak out.

Church Wardens

I must pay tribute to Mr. Norman Weeks and Mr. Edmund Wheble on their retirement as Church Wardens at the recent Annual Meeting. As a Church, we would like to assure them of our very real gratitude for all that they have done over many years, as we wish them God's continuing blessing in their life and witness among us. Equally, we congratulate Mr. Derrick Blacker and Mr. Alan Hunt on their election as Wardens, and I know that we shall all give to them our support in prayer and co-operation once they are admitted to the office by the Archdeacon of Bromley on a date which I hope soon to announce.

On TV this week

Freeveiw Sky Virgin Freesat BT

Saturday

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

11:00: The Prince Of Egypt : Sky One (106 110) 20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)

22:50: Philomena: BBC4 (9 116 107 107)

Sunday

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

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Drama (71 149 197)

10:45: Sunday Morning Live: BBC1

11:45: Sunday Worship: BBC1 13:15: Songs of Praise: 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

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

Wednesday

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

11:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (**39** 148 192) 12:30: Chariots Of Fire: Sky Cinema Greats (304 404 504)

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

Thursday

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

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

17:15: Sister Act: Sky Cinema Greats (304 404 504) 19:00: Sister Act 2: Sky Cinema Greats (304 404 504)

20:00: O Brother Where Art Thou: Sky Cinema Comedy (304)

22:30: Quakers: PBS America (91 174 273 155)

Friday

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312) 10:40 &

15:10: Quakers: PBS America (91 174 273 155)

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

16:50: Heaven Knows Mr Allison: Film4 (14 313 428 300)

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!

Pick of the pics this week goes to Harley for all of the smiley pictures that she posed for. Book is on its way to you.

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

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Account Name: St Paul's Church.
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Quiz answers

1.Rishi Sunak; 2.2017; 3.Three;4.Orange juice or grenadine;5.Doctor Who; 6.Gareth Keenan; 7.Emily Blunt and John Krasinski; 8.Red; 9.Bros; 10.Four;11.Carolina Reaper;12.The Netherlands; 13.Edinburgh; 14.Vietnamese dong;15.13; 16.1.9 19 billlion; 17.Canada; 18. Villanelle; 19.Mini;20.Wearing her shoes.



WE'RE PRAYING