

Issue 20: August 22nd 2020

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

If you live in a home with older teens it is likely that the last couple of weeks have been a roller coaster of emotions as expected exam results came in. This year was more stressful than others as the Governments infamous algorithm predicted results for A Level pupils. It all went wrong when it was revealed that your grade was mostly defined by where you lived and what school you went to. It is hard to support a system where top private schools like Eton had no pupils downgraded but pupils who from no fault of there own and despite there hard work had their grades reduced. The government had no choice and the inevitable U turn occurred.

Does this all matter in the bigger picture? Yes, it does. The God we worship is a God of justice and compassion. We forget that injustice makes God angry.

What we seem to have lost in this seasons exam results, is that group of young people who didn't achieve what they hoped for. For them the message from our Lord is "don't abandon your dreams". You have time and you can achieve what you want. Remember God always extracts good from bad and he is on your side.

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

Rev Clive

Church noticeboard

Tearfund Lebanon Appeal

The mission's group has sent £200 from the mission's fund to this appeal on your behalf. Tearfund are one of our four mission's partners and Grace Allan is our Tearfund rep.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the church on Wednesday 21st October at 7:30pm

Christianity magazine

If you would like to read Christianity magazine after the Richards have finished reading it, they are happy to pop it through your door.

YouTube

We now have a YouTube channel. You can find it here - www.youtube.com/channel/UCyGRf-T 6vpzeD4G bc8l4Q

Spring Harvest

Next year's Spring Harvest dates have been announced. We will be taking a party to Minehead week 2 which will be **10-15**th **April 2021**. Post Easter next year because of the late School holidays. See the information later in this bulletin.

Social Media

Do you do Instagram, Twitter, Google +, Pinterest, linkedin, Vevo, snapchat, reddit, tumblr or vero? Would you like to manage a St Paul's page or content on one of those sites? Please let Clive know.

Foodbank

As you can imagine we need donations for our foodbank. Tinned foods, cereal, squash, cakes, tea, coffee, toiletries, nappies, ladies products, soup, sauces, sugar, flour. Please make sure perishable items are in the suggested use by date. Please bring them to church on Sunday or Wednesday morning or contact Grace Allan for more information.

Church noticeboard (cont.)

This is what to expect when you come to Church.

You must wear a covering over your nose and mouth, unless you have a good reason not to do so.

We are providing sanitizing gel and this must be applied on entering the church.

Please do not congregate at the entrance or in church, but move to your seats as directed.

Seating will be distanced, but of course, you may sit with other members of your household or anyone you have formed a bubble with.

Communion will be given in one kind only. You will be asked to keep a one metre distance whilst queuing and you will be required to use sanitising gel before receiving communion.

Unfortunately, at the end of the service it will not be possible to socialise in the church.

Please help our stewards, who have volunteered, to ensure that we can hold the service in safety and fellowship to the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Community Notices

Eat Out To Help Out

Until the 31 August you can get a 50% discount when you eat in at restaurants that are registered with the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme. Find a local restaurant here: http://ow.lv/enmi50AQ7Ui





Free Cycling Training

Free Cycling training available now through Bexley Council Road safety team. 1-1's will be tailored courses to suit individual abilities and goals. If you haven't been on a bike for some time and need to get back into cycling, this is the perfect way to improve your confidence and skills

A free 1-1 cycle session to improve your urban (on-road) cycling skills For further information or to book your sessions at a time and day to suit you please contact roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk

Mask Exemptions

Some of us are exempt from wearing face coverings including those with hidden conditions, breathing difficulties and autism.

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For more information and to download an exemption card visit: http://ow.ly/nm7s50AK9R6

This week's prayer

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19
across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown.

From The Church of Ireland

Prayer

There are many who still need our prayers. Those who have asked for our prayers are: Ann Easter, 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.

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://guardiansofancora.com

What you're up to. - Pictures and messages



Carol & John O'Connor

Our afternoon tea to celebrate our anniversary. We went to Rowhill Grange & as you can see, we grandchildren Esme and Henry on had the restaurant to ourselves!



Esme & Henry Bob and Monica with their the CRIBS London quiz.



Some of St Paul's Rangers & Guides Our first face to face meeting with some of the Rangers and Guides cooking s'mores on a barbecue in the rain.



Katrina Hand "Celebrating my big 50"

Chris Meaton's Grandchildren We spent a lovely day with all 4 grandkids. We are

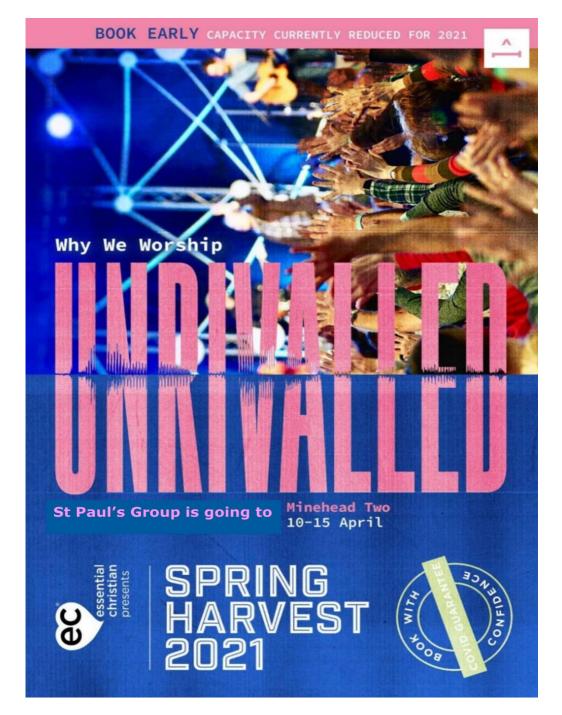
very blessed



Bethany Hand All the hardwork paid off. Well done in your **GCSEs** Bethany.



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





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Discounts available for low income families & individuals.

<u>Minehead week two - Please Return this form by **September 20th** to get the discounted price shown.</u>

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We need details of each member of your party. Please fill in the form below

Name	Address ("As above" if the same)	Postcode	Date of Birth	Telephone	(over 16) E Mail	
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^{*} We will do our best to secure accommodation at this price. If we are unable to and you don't want to pay any extra then your deposit will be returned and your booking cancelled. We do our best at St Paul's to make sure anyone who wants to attend Spring Harvest can go. If you are worried about finances please speak to Clive confidentially.

A message from Bishop Simon

Are first impressions right? Many pride themselves on their ability to make quick judgments about other people. Sometimes they are right; other times they are not. It's human nature to remember our successes more readily than our failures in life, so we become complacent in our judgment of others.

We ordinarily meet more people in one day than someone living in the middle ages would have encountered in a lifetime. So, we form



quick judgments of others because we have little time to make an assessment. Sometimes this is essential: a stranger who stops us in the street must be sized up quickly. On other occasions we make these calculations lazily, resorting to stereotypes about people based on their looks, weight, clothes and how they speak. We deny Human judgment is clouded. In Matthew 16, Jesus asks his disciples who others think he is. It is the critical turning point in his ministry. People have had time to watch Jesus closely, to observe his power and to hear his wisdom. There was a buzz was about him; opinions were being formed and shaped. Yet the answer he receives is: 'some say you are John the Baptist, but other Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. When we are stuck for a judgment, we usually try to make sense of what is in front of us by turning to the past. The people couldn't imagine that Jesus was unique. He's the new Elijah, isn't he?, they were saying. Except he wasn't.

No sooner had Peter correctly identified Jesus as Messiah among this parade of prophets than Jesus turned the tables on his friend. In renaming Simon as Peter, he saw him as the rock on which the Church would be built. This would have raised eyebrows at the time because Peter was impatient, mercurial and rash – qualities which are almost the opposite of what we expect from the leaders of the Church. But Jesus saw how Peter would grow into his role.

Once Peter had identified Jesus for who he was, Jesus was able to mould Peter into who he would become. We perhaps place less emphasis on character formation in discipleship than we ought to. This is partly because the surrounding culture is much more interested in personality than character, in being lively, outspoken and witty rather than patient, gentle and faithful, for instance. But our goal is to be transformed into the likeness of Christ, which places a priority on character.

The key to the transformation of Peter was the encouragement Jesus offered him. He showed Peter what God saw in him and dared him to live up to it. We are woefully short on encouragement in life. Competition is valued over co-operation in too many spheres; people are reluctant to offer praise because it is too effusive; they are suspicious when they receive it too, assuming they are being flattered or flirted with. Our consumer instinct means we keep people on their toes; they are never quite sure if they are good enough. No wonder so many people feel insecure today.

Despite the urge to judge others quickly and not subsequently change our view, many of us have experienced epiphanies in life. The man you fall for after a long time; the woman you suddenly see as a friend; the child who gives a glimmer of what they will become. Today we are preoccupied with the make-over; a superficial attempt to change the way others view us. A deeper task is the naming of others in a way that releases them to be the person God has called them to be.

This is the creative task God is asking of all those who owe their faith to the rock on which the Church was built.

We can release and empower someone with just a word. So, who will we set free this week?

Simon, Bishop of Tonbridge

tearfund

None of us could have anticipated what this year would hold.
Our staff and local partners in more than 50 countries have faced one of their biggest challenges to date. When coronavirus spread across the world, they had to respond to an unknown threat and find new ways of working with communities.



As entire countries went into lockdown, people who were already in need became even more vulnerable – and it was harder to reach them. But our staff don't give up. They have been working tirelessly to follow Jesus where the need is greatest.

As well as coronavirus, our teams have been dealing with the usual challenges of their work, along with many new ones – including a locust plague in East Africa, escalating crises in South Sudan and Yemen, extreme flooding in South Asia, and the devastating explosion in Beirut.

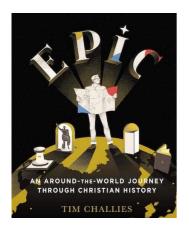
This year, World Humanitarian Day is focused on celebrating the humanitarian workers who have been on the frontlines during the pandemic – our #RealLifeHeroes.

'It is infinitely moving to hear that our supporters are wanting to know how we are doing and how they can pray for us and for those who depend on our work,' says Emmanuel Murangira, Tearfund's Country Director in Rwanda.

We wouldn't have been able to overcome these challenges without your ongoing prayers and support. Thank you.

Books

This week's book suggestions come from gospelrelevence.com

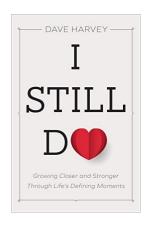


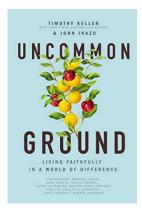
<u>Epic: An Around-the-World Journey through</u> <u>Christian History by Tim Challies</u>

Tim Challies travelled around the world to survey thirty-three objects to help Christians better understand the Christian faith. The fruit of his labour is this book along with a DVD that is set to release in March. This is a unique idea that looks to provide a distinct contribution to the study of church history.

I Still Do by Dave Harvey

Harvey is no stranger to writing about Christian marriage since he's already authored one book on marriage entitled When Sinners Say "I Do". Married for over 30 years, Harvey now aims to show married couples how their marriage can last. This book is worth a look for those who are married, especially those who have been married for a while.





<u>Uncommon Ground by Tim Keller and John D.</u> <u>Inazu</u>

With contributions from Lecrae, Tish Harrison Warren, and others, this book seeks to answer this question: "How can Christians today interact with those around them in a way that shows respect to those whose beliefs are radically different but that also remains faithful to the gospel?" If this question interests you, check out this book.

evangelical alliance together making Jesus known

There are so many different voices and people to listen to in this season: from scientists and those whose basis of truth is science, to the media and journalists, to politicians who are trying to lead our country. In these moments, it is important that we, as people of God, hear and listen to His voice above the crowd. We need to be feeding our soul and digging deeper into God's word, because it is our walk with God that will sustain us during these times.

I encourage you all to have a change of rhythm – to put down the tech and spend time with God, to open His word and spend time meditating on it, as you seek to discern God's voice. By rooting ourselves in Him we will be able to have peace at this time and be a source of hope to those around us.

In Psalm 119 it says: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." Let us make sure that God's word is the brightest light we are looking to. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus as we continue to navigate these uncertain times.

Fred Drummond, our director of prayer, asks us to pray especially for the church and church leaders as they too seek to keep their eyes on Jesus. Please join us in praying for them, as they lead their congregations through this season and reach out to their communities.

So today, let us turn down the volume on certain things and voices, and let us turn it up on Jesus. Let us listen to His voice and guidance, as He walks alongside us in this season.

Every blessing,

Gavin Calver CEO

Poets Corner

Refugees

They have no need of our help So do not tell me These haggard faces could belong to you or me Should life have dealt a different hand We need to see them for who they really are Chancers and scroungers Layabouts and loungers With bombs up their sleeves Cut-throats and thieves They are not Welcome here We should make them Go back to where they came from They cannot Share our food Share our homes Share our countries Instead let us Build a wall to keep them out It is not okay to say These are people just like us A place should only belong to those who are born there Do not be so stupid to think that

(now read from bottom to top)

The world can be looked at another way

Brian Bilston

Your Recipes

This week's recipe was sent in by Dot Turner.

Pork, Sage and Blue Cheese Tray Bake

Ingredients

4 Pork Shoulder Chops
2 Red onions
500g Baby potatoes
2tbs Wine Vinegar
2tbs Olive oil
1tbs Sugar
1tbs Paprika
1tbs Crushed chilli flakes
10g Sage leaves
100g Blue Cheese



Instructions

Place your pork chops into a large oven dish.

Chop the onions into wedges and add them to the dish.

Slice the potatoes thinly and add to the dish.

Drizzle the wine vinegar and olive oil on to the dish and add the sugar, paprika and chilli flakes.

Roast in preheated oven at 180c / Gas Mark 6 for 25 mins.

Add the sage leaves and crumble the blue cheese over the dish and allow to melt for 5 minutes then serve.

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Do you have a recipe you want to share — Email to revelive@hotmail.co.uk_along with a picture.

Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, A	rtist	Peak Pos	WoG
1	1	-	THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	55
2	2	-	JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	42
3	4 ↑	sviller	VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	271
4	3 ↓	-	LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	11
5	5	南田市	MANSION NF CCMG	1	157
6	8 +		AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	336
7	7		THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	123
8	9 🕆	4	GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	15
9	11 🛧	4	UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	210
10	12 +		AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	44
11	10 +	传》	VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	51
12	14 +	UNITED	PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	33
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18	Re		JESUS IS BORN SUNDAY SERVICE CHOIR INC	3	32
19	19	AD END	JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS REUNION	16	29
20	17 🗸	1	LET THERE BE LIGHT HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	195

Name the occupation

- 1. a Ferrier?
- 2. a Bluestocking?
- 3. a Duffer?
- 4. a Dyker?
- 5. a Tapley?
- 6. a Whitewing?
- 7. a Colporteur?
- 8. a Ballie?
- 9. a Travers?
- 10. an Ackerman?

Did you know?

Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!

Paraguay - Anyone who's seen the Shrek sequels has fallen in love with the swashbuckling Puss n' Boots. But today we tend to think of duelling as silly and archaic. Not to mention dangerous. Surprisingly enough, duelling is still legal in Paraguay, provided that the participants are registered blood donors!

Anagrams of Irish Breweries

1	Mr Pushy	
2	US Ensign	
3	THICK SWANS	
4	Pure Soother	
5	Ink Range	
6	Ash Oar	
7	OWL CAR	
8	Gala Byway	
9	ELF SWIRL CANCAN	18
10	GET HIS DEGREE	

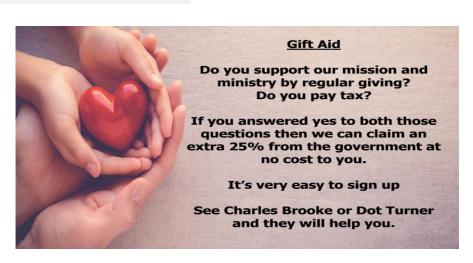
Photography



How Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New Orleans is enforcing social distancing...

Father Nathan Monk

This week's pick of the pics winner is Bethany Hand. Beautiful picture and a great achievement. One of the Top 20 is on its way to you.



Blast from the Past

From "St Pauls Church News August 1957"
Two pieces as true toady as they were 63 years ago.

CHRISTIAN GIVING. Three Proved Ways.

There is some confusion in many Christian peoples' minds about their personal giving to the work of the Church. The confusion centres in the fact that they have not so far worked out for themselves all that is involved in discipleship. The principle to bear in mind is that one's giving to God is an integral part of our worship and of our stewardship of life, and not merely a matter of dropping a coin carelessly into the plate. Our giving to God should be cheerful, generous, and disciplined.

The following are three ways of giving which are worthy of attention:—

(i) Tithe Giving: This is not strictly enjoined upon the Christian in the New Testament, where the standard of giving is "all". When we commit our lives to God we hold nothing back. The Gospels speak to us of the "Widow's Mite", which was all she had, but the point which Our Lord makes about our giving is not so much the size of the gift as the cost of it to us.

The Old Testament tithe was "a tenth of total income", which had to be paid for the maintenance of the Jewish priesthood and the work of God. Few Christians give anything like this. However, we must be sensible about our Christian Giving: we should remember that the Old Testament communities were simple agricultural groups, who had no other rates and taxes, and few, if any, other public commitments apart from their tithe. Their living conditions were primitive, but in spite of it, they could give one tenth of their complete living, of the little they had, to God. The challenge to a Christian must obviously be, "I have, in Christ, so much more to be thankful for than the Jews of old, can I give less than they did?"

If every member of our congregation tithed, the result would truly be staggering. Tithing means that of one's "tenth" so much would be given to the Parish Church, and the remainder carefully allocated to various Christian enterprises, particularly missionary work.

- (ii) Regular Giving: This is of the greatest importance. Our Church Records show that every year (1957 is no exception) from Whitsun to late September the weekly offertory drops by anything up to £3. It is because members of the Church are frequently away either on holiday, or for other reasons. A Church member ought to set aside a regular sum every week for the work of the Church, following the pattern set in the New Testament. The Freewill Offering can help you here.
- (iii) Covenanted Giving: This is a method by which we can almost double our giving to God without any other cost than that of a little discipline and trouble. It concerns particularly all those who pay income tax at the standard rate of 8/6d, in the £, although it also includes all who pay income tax.

This is how the scheme works: The subscriber decides what he would like to give weekly to the Church—say 2/- per week—i.e., £5.4.0d, per year. He then signs a form promising to do this for seven years. As a result the Church Treasurer can then at the end of each year claim back from Inland Revenue the refund of tax amounting to almost £4, which increases the gift to more than £9.

"WHAT YOU NEED NEVER REGRET."

There are ten things for which no one has yet been sorry. These are:—

1. For doing good to all.

2. For being patient towards everybody.

3. For hearing before judging

4. For thinking before speaking.

5. For holding an angry tongue.

6. For being kind to the distressed.

7. For asking pardon for all wrongs.

8. For speaking evil of none.

9. For stopping the ears to a tale bearer.

10. For disbelieving most of the ill reports.



I know it. I live it. I love it.

On TV this week

Freeview Sky Virgin Freesat BT

Saturday

19:00: The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader: Sky Cinema Family

23:05: Father Ted: More4 (18 136 147 124)

Sunday

06:00: Hour of Power: Sky One (106 110) **10:00: Sunday Morning Live: BBC1**

13:15: Songs of Praise: BBC1

13:30: Chariots Of Fire: Sky Cinema Greats (304 404 504)

19:15: Call The Midwife: Drama (**20** 143 130 158) 21:00: Proving God: Sky History (123 270 327)

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

Monday

19:30: Panorama: Hostage In Iran: BBC1

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

21:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12:15 & 22:00: Sister Act: Sky Cinema Family (306 406 506) 14:10 & 23:45: Sister Act 2: Sky Cinema Family (306 406 506)

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

Thursday

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

Friday

18:50: The Most Dangerous Man In Tudor England – William

Tyndale: PBS America (91 143 130 158)

20:00: Call The Midwife: Drama (20 174 273 155)

Radio programs

Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43am on Radio 4 Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4 Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB

Lent Talks Wednesdays at 8.45pm on Radio 4 Choral evensong- Wednesdays at 3.30pm and the same service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on BBC Radio 3

Thank you

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

Use this information to set up regular giving through your bank

Code 60-15-28 Account No: 66526434.
Account Name: St Paul's Church.
Reference: your name

Quiz answers

Occupations

1. Blacksmith; 2. Intellectual or Literary Woman; 3. Pedlar; 4. Stonemason; 5. One who puts the tap in a cask of ale; 6. Street Sweeper; 7. Peddler of books; 8. Bailiff; 9. Gatherer of tolls; 10. Ploughman.

Breweries

1.Murphy's; 2.Guinness;3. Smithwick's;4. Porterhouse; 5.Kinnegar; 6. O'Hara's; 7. Carlow; 8. Galway Bay; 9.Franciscan Well; 10.Eight Degrees.



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