



# CHURCH AT HOME

## Issue 23: September 12<sup>th</sup>

Welcome, brothers and sisters to the twenty-third edition of "Church at Home".

It's been a week of hopes dashed for a return to more normality. I've shared before my historical struggles with mental health and by all accounts the news this week, that after an increase in cases and further restrictions in place, should have triggered some anxiety. It didn't! I've reflected on why not?

I am desperate to get back to the worship I find spiritually edifying. It involves shared worship, unashamed sung outpouring to God and creative adoration. We haven't been able to do this together for a long time. It looked like we were almost there, almost able to have all our worship times available at St Paul's, but sadly that is not the case.

But I'm not down, I'm not feeling discouraged and I'm not despairing. It's because in my prayers I feel the overwhelming sense that God is doing "something" right now. I don't know what, but I think when we look back, we will see his hand on things.

So, for the time being most of us can't worship together. But that time will again come. Stay loyal to the Lord and exercise your faith though prayer and worship at home.

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

Rev Clive

## **Church noticeboard**

### **Jane Stafford**

Jane sends her love to everyone at St Paul's and she would love to see anyone who would like to visit. You do have to book to see her and they give you a half hour slot. You have to sign in at reception and have your temperature taken. You then wait in a room leading off the garden and they bring Jane in to you.

### **Sermon / Talks Podcast**

If you miss the Sunday message you can catch up by downloading the audio to listen to at your leisure from the church website.

<https://www.spnh.org.uk/media/>

### **Church Office Closure**

The church office is now closed as Judy is on leave this week. When she returns, we will be operating social distancing and restricting the number of people at one time. So please DO NOT just turn up at the office. You will need to phone and make an appointment if you need to see Judy for the time being.

### **Art Club**

After many years of leading St Paul's Art Club, Joan Handy is stepping down from the role. Art club members present and past wish to express their sincere thanks to Joan for leading the group and allowing them to explore their creativity.

### **Volunteers needed for key church roles.**

We are looking for new Church Wardens to take on the maintenance and management of our buildings and to manage our paid staff.

We need a new treasurer to look after our finances

We need new Church Council Members who meet 6 times a year to make decisions about the mission and ministry of the church and to decide how we spend our budget.

### **APCM**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the church<sub>2</sub> on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30pm

## Community Notices

People trafficking  
has been linked to  
the supply of illegal  
tobacco

#stampitoutlondon

**NOT FOR SALE**

If you know illegal tobacco is being sold contact the Citizens  
Advice Consumer Helpline anonymously on 03444 111 444  
or visit [www.londontradingstandards.org.uk/report-consumer-crime/](http://www.londontradingstandards.org.uk/report-consumer-crime/)



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## **ILLEGAL STREET PARTIES / UNLICENCED MUSIC EVENTS**

If you're aware of an event being planned on social media,  
or what looks like a gathering being set up, contact us as  
soon as possible.

**LET US KNOW AT MET.POLICE.UK, CALL 101  
OR TWEET @METCC WITH DETAILS.**



## Reuse & Recycling Centres

Cars plates with odd numbers can use the sites on odd dates and even numbers on even dates



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# COVID SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED NOW.

**nhs/coronavirus OR CALL 119**

Protect your friends and family

## **This week's prayer**

God of life,  
you have promised to be with us every day,  
also in difficult days, like in times like these.

Give us  
clarity in our minds,  
strength in our work and discernment,  
rest as we sleep,  
peace in our minds.

Be with those  
who need help  
more than we do ourselves  
help us to see what we can offer  
from your love.

From The World Council of Churches

### **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 (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



Ron and Margaret Richards

“Picture of our wedding in 1963 on the steps of Danson House and picture today as we celebrate our 57th Wedding Anniversary. M & R”  
*And congratulations from us all.*



Jacob, Faith, Joshua & Grace Beazley-Long with Cousins  
Cousins together after more than 8 months.



Elijah & Deborah Olibiyi  
“All set for school”



Carol & John O'Connor with friends

“This photo was taken at Danson 'Stables' on Tuesday. We are with friends and have just walked around the park.



Florence Oladeru & friends.

I was at my Local Church in my village. The picture shows Family Groups that celebrated on that day. The lady in pink is the oldest in the Church, she is Mrs Oyerinde and 96 years old. Next to her on her right is the wife of our Church vicar Mrs Ojuade. On my left is one of the Ushers of the Church. My humble self (Florence) is seen in woven blue traditional attire.

**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)**



Why We Worship

# UNDAUNTED UNRIVALLED

St Paul's Group is going to Minehead Two  
10-15 April



SPRING  
HARVEST  
2021



Booking form is on the back page





# Going back to school

With some children returning to their schools under very unusual conditions here are some simple discussion and prayer activities to help talk through the return to school.



**Ask:** What are your worries or fears about going back to school?

**Remember:**

**1 Peter 5 v 7**

Give all your worries to him because he cares about you.

**Cast away your worries**

Write or draw your worries or fears on a piece of paper then fold it into a paper aeroplane and throw it as far away as you can. Remember that wherever we are we can give our worries and fears straight to God.

**Ask:** What is going to be different to normal when you are at school? How do you feel about these changes?

**Recognise the good and the bad**

Try to find the positives in the midst of the change – talk about the many ways you have already adapted to learning at home during lockdown – why not write your own positive attitude mantra to use throughout the day!

**Remember!**

**Hebrews 13 v 8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**Ask:** What are you most looking forward to about going back to school?

**Remember!**

**Jeremiah 29 v 11**

I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.

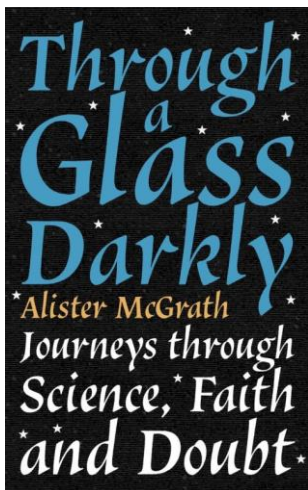
**Pray for your bubble!**

Draw a picture of all those who are in your bubble at school. Ask God to protect them and to help them all to be good friends to one another and to make sure nobody feels left out.

Why not commit to praying for one person from your bubble every day, that they would be brave, feel safe and know God's love.

## Books

This week's book suggestions come from Aslan Books.

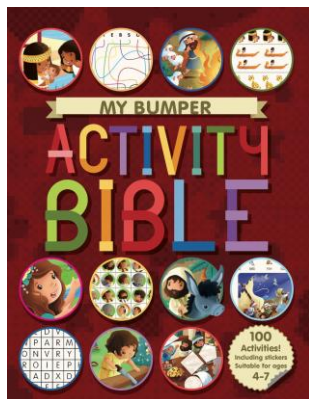


Through A Glass Darkly by Alister McGrath  
In what he anticipates will be his final book, respected scientist and theologian Professor Alister McGrath shares the story of a life spent in pursuit of truth: first through the discipline of science, then in tandem with the Christian faith he found as a young man. In *Through a Glass Darkly* Professor McGrath shares at length and for the first time how exactly he moved from atheism to faith while studying natural sciences at Oxford University, and how each discipline has informed the other throughout his life. This is a rich, inspiring read from one of today's greatest public theologians.

### My Bumper Activity Bible

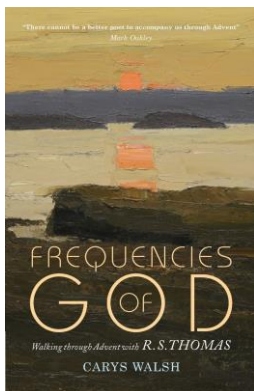
A large format activity book that helps children engage with Bible stories. This new Bible activity book has more than 100 activities inside.

Seventeen beloved Bible stories are accompanied by age-appropriate activities such as word searches, puzzles, crosswords, stickers and other entertaining and challenging games.











### Frequencies of God by Carys Walsh

R. S. Thomas, a poet of waiting and anticipation, can be a profound guide for Advent. His spiritual and poetic trajectory of discovering the presence of God - divine 'frequencies' - even in apparent absence, can help lead us into an Advent landscape of surrender, open-hearted discovery, epiphany and encounter. follows one of the traditional patterns of themes explored in each Sunday of Advent: a Carmelite pattern of waiting, accepting, journeying and birthing.



# 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	58
2	2		<b>JESUS IS KING</b> KANYE WEST EMI	1	45
3	4 ↑		<b>VITAL SIGNS</b> SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	274
4	3 ↓		<b>LOOK UP CHILD</b> LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	14
5	6 ↑		<b>MANSION</b> NF CCMG	1	160
6	7 ↑		<b>THERE IS MORE</b> HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	126
7	New		<b>GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PJ</b> PJ MORTON TYSYCOT	7	1
8	8		<b>AWAKE</b> SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	339
9	9		<b>UNLEASHED</b> SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	213
10	10		<b>GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE</b> ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	18
11	11		<b>VICTORIOUS</b> SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	54
12	12		<b>AWAKE</b> HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	47
13	13		<b>PEOPLE - LIVE</b> HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	36
14	5 ↓		<b>RESTORATION</b> LECRAE REACH	5	2
15	14 ↓		<b>VICTORY - LIVE</b> BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	84
16	15 ↓		<b>LET THERE BE LIGHT</b> HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	198
17	19 ↑		<b>GREATEST HITS (THE ATLANTIC YEARS)</b> POD ATLANTIC	6	82
18	17 ↓		<b>HOW CAN IT BE</b> LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	9	114
19	20 ↑		<b>JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES</b> CASTING CROWNS REUNION	16	32
20	Re		<b>OF DIRT AND GRACE - LIVE FROM THE LAND</b> HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	131

**Dingbats**



**Anagrams of UK Sit-Coms**

1.	Menu Doubter	
2.	Enter the Newbies	
3.	The Bored Affairs	
4.	Advancing Yeast	
5.	Touting Goon	
6.	Torched Wit	
7.	Coffee Hit	
8.	Theft Dare	
9.	Drained Lines	
10.	Botched Evil Fairy	

## **Blast from the Past**

From "St Pauls Parish News January 1948"

### **The Vicar's Letter**

Dear Everybody,

I feel it a great privilege to wish a "Happy New Year" to all readers of the Magazine, not forgetting those outside the parish in other towns in England in the North and West Country and also to those in distant lands in America, South Africa, India and perhaps other countries as well. I would also like to thank members of the Church for their loyal, unselfish and enthusiastic support of the work and for your many kindnesses to my wife and myself.

We are all bound to wonder what will happen in 1948, but in spite of all difficulties we believe that if we do all heartily as to the Lord then we shall have strength and courage from Him to help us overcome. Many have echoed the little thought,

"Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord to Thee!"

then have felt a little disappointed that nothing very much seems to have happened. But the Lord is the Master Gardener who is developing the field of our life and He, in His own time, will bring forth the fruit if only we will do all heartily as to the Lord. Such boundless possibilities lie ahead this year, such opportunities and thrills if only we will do all as to Him with all the fun and joy and enthusiasm of our being. It will bring peace to our hearts, which is the only basis of international, or even national peace. Let us take this text with us for the coming year and when we feel tired repeat it and experience the rejuvenating power of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Yours very sincerely,

A. A. CHAPMAN, Vicar.

### **Missionary Week End.**

Our Missionary Week, Saturday, Nov. 29th—Monday, Dec. 1st, began with an Overseas Afternoon in the Church Hall on Saturday, at 3 o'clock, when we were privileged to have with us Mrs. B. Beall, in place of Mrs. Crowley, who was undergoing an operation, as our Lady Opener. Both Rev. and Mrs. Beall are Missionary Recruits and are going to Alwaye in the Spring. Mrs. Beall will be taking a special interest in the work of the Dispensary at Alwaye which was built by our first Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Watson, and at which the Nurse whose salary we supply, works. The Vicar presided, and Mr.

Bengough expressed the thanks of all to Mrs. Beall, who has promised to write from Alwaye giving up-to-date news of the work there to all who would like to hear from her. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Beall by Miss Rosemary Manning, a Member of the Discoverers of the Way. The Stallholders were:—Mothers' Union (Gifts); Mr. and Mrs. Clarke (White Elephant); Sunday Schools (Stationery); Mr. and Bengough, Miss Russell (Books); Women's Fellowship (Medical); the Discoverers of the Way (Village Stores); and Mrs. Manning (Teas and Refreshments). Mr. Bennett was in charge of the sale of Programmes and the Scouts helped with the erection of the Stalls.

An interesting exhibit, "A Look at India," was supplied by the Church Missionary Society. A Puppet Show was given by the Discoverers and two of the members, Rosemary Manning and Margaret Messer gave a recitation.

Our special preacher for the Sunday was the Rev. V. T. Kurien from Alwaye. Mr. Kurien spoke of the Church in S. India, and also of the Christian work at Alwaye, telling us something of the Union Christian College there, of the Alwaye Settlement from which Mr. Mathunni who visited us in July, 1946, came, and of the Dispensary which we have helped to support since 1939. Unfortunately the programme planned for Monday—a film on India to be given by Rev. Walter F. Jones—could not be given. Owing to the dense fog it was impossible either for Mr. Jones or the projector and films to reach us.

We were particularly pleased to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Roberts and the Rev. and Mrs. Middleton from Christ Church, Bexleyheath and also members from the neighbouring parishes of All Saints', Belvedere, Christ Church, Erith, and St. Martin's, Barnehurst.

The final figures are not yet complete but we know that with donations already received the amount required for the salary of a Nurse, £40. will be reached.

We are very grateful to Mr. A. J. Mott, who so kindly gave us the bouquet, to all the Stallholders and organisations who supported us and to all who helped in any way. D.E.B.

### **Erith Council of Churches Missionary Exhibition.**

Members from St. Paul's who took part in the Missionary Exhibition in May in Christ Church Halls, Erith, will be

# 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**

**This week's pick of the pics goes to Ron & Margaret for their lovely pictures both past and present. A book is on route to you.**

## **Quiz answers**

### **Dingbats**

*1. Peppermint; 2. Smart Phone; 3. New Kid on the Block; 4. Taylor Swift; 5. Put Two and Two Together; 6. One Armed Bandit; 7. Cut out the Middle Man; 8. Bits and Pieces; 9. Cheap Skate; 10. Zebra Crossing; 11. Flip Flop; 12. Slippery when Wet*

### **Sit-Coms**

*1. Outnumbered; 2. the Inbetweeners; 3. Birds of a Feather; 4. Gavin and Stacey; 5. Not Going Out; 6. The IT Crowd; 7. The Office; 8. Father Ted; 9. Dinner Ladies; 10. The Vicar of Dibley.*



**St Paul's Booking Form**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**£285 adult / £265 Under 15\***  
 Discounts available for low income families & individuals.

Minehead week two – Please Return this form by **September 20th** to get the discounted price shown.

In order to book you in we will need a deposit of £35 per person. This is not refundable after November 26<sup>th</sup>. Spring Harvest advises you take the optional insurance available which is an additional £25.

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

Optional Extras

Insurance £25       Ground Floor Request £15       Cot £0

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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.