

Issue 26: October 3rd 2020

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

There is plenty of news this week in our church. First, harvest. We can't do a harvest service as we would normally this year or our harvest Lunch, but we do have plans to mark the festival. Details of how you can donate safely will be available next week. All your donations will be shown in church after a quarantine period. We will also be having an online Harvest quiz to replace our Lunch. This will take place on Saturday 24th October and sign up information will be available soon. Follow the guidance, encourage each other, pray and stay safe.

This year we will be having an act of remembrance at the war memorial (at St Paul's). This will take place on remembrance Sunday (8th November) at 10:50am.

We have also been thinking about Christmas and what we can do in Advent. With things changing and the R rate increasing we haven't been able to put anything in place. It is likely that we won't be able to make any decisions until mid-November so please be patient.

Rev Clive

Church noticeboard

New Service Time

We are moving the 9am service to 10am from tomorrow. This will stay in place until restrictions are eased.

Harvest Quiz social

We are having a harvest quiz online on the 24th October. More details soon.

<u>Harvest</u>

This year, October will be our month of Harvest. Donations will accumulate at the front of church over this time. We will have more next week on how you can safely donate this year.

Remembrance Sunday

There will be an act of remembrance starting at 10:50am at The War Memorial on Sunday 8th November. More details will be available soon.

Spring Harvest 2021

Booking is open. If you would like to be included in our group please fill in the form on the back page and return to Clive ASAP.

Electoral Roll

If you wish to be on the Electoral Roll (Anglican Parish Membership list) please fill in the form on page 20 and return to Peter Green / Clive /Lauraine by 4th October.

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/

<u>APCM</u>

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

Happy birthday

Jeanne Williams was 75 this week. We send our birth day wishes to her.

EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM ONLINE

Online training with Dan Randall (Hope Together) Thursday 8th October 2020 | 10-12noon Book at www.separtnership.org.uk/boost

SPORT AND

WEBINAR How to be ministers for Christ amid the nation's favourite hobbies

WELL-BEING

15 OCTOBER / 7:00-8:30PM

Speakers include:

NT ON

Martin Bateman, Ambassadors Football De Lowther, Kick London Natalie Andrews, Church of England Sport and well-being project lead

Hosted by Bishop Simon

BOOST

You don't have to shoot like Messi, bat like Stokes or run like Asher-Smith to be a part of a growing outreach – just have a love for Jesus and a sport or physical hobby.

Rochester X

Community Notices





Hall Place

From 1st October we will be switching over to Winter closing times. The Stone Arch Gate that takes you to the Glasshouses and Visitor Centre will be closed at 4pm, with the large Green East Gates that allow access and exit to the wider gardens being closed to the public at 5pm. THAMESMEAD & BEXLEY DANCE FOR CARERS AN HOUR OF 'ME TIME' ZOOM DANCE CLASS

ZOOM DANCE CLASS FREE TO UNPAID CARERS EVERY TUESDAY @ 11AM LAUNCH DANCE PARTY 6 OCT 2020

FIND OUT MORE WWW.DANCEFORCARERS.CO.UK



Community Police Report NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH WARD

From Police SNT Team - PCSO Lorraine O'Hara Email: northumberlandheath.snt@met.police.uk Tel: 020 8721

2502 Twitter: <u>@MPSNorthHeath</u>

Dedicated Ward Officers: PC Lucy Butler - PC Ali Suat - PCSO Lorraine O'Hara We have seen a considerable drop in ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) since PC Suat along with the street duties team have been conducting active high visibility patrols. The team have been spending a lot of time dealing with a number of continuous neighbour disputes.

Please be aware that any noise complaints should first be reported to Bexley council Environmental Heath Officer, noise complaints will not be dealt with by police, however we will assist the local authority in gaining evidence for extreme instances of repeated complaints.

We are pleased to say that there have been no burglaries on the ward this week. There has been a theft of a black range rover vehicle from Eastry Road, no keys were stolen, this happened overnight on the Friday 25/ Saturday 26th September.

The team are pleased to announce that whilst PC Gashi is on maternity leave, we now have a new PC who will be with us for at least the next 6 months. We welcome PC Leah Pezzato to the team.

This week's prayer

Dear Lord

In this our hour of doorknobs and droplets, when masks have cancelled our personalities; in this our hour of prickling perimeters, sinister surfaces, defeated bodies, and victorious abstractions, when some of us are stepping into rooms humid with contagion,

and some of us are standing in the pasta aisle; in this our hour of vacant parks and boarded-up hoops, when we miss the sky-high roar of the city and hear instead the tarp that flaps on the unfinished roof, the squirrel giving his hinge like cry, and the siren constantly passing, to You we send up our prayer

The Atlantic Newspaper

<u>Prayer</u>

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.

Please keep in your prayers those who usually have received home communion but are unable to currently with the Church of England not allowing these to take place.

Access Church services online

A number of places are offering closed services online. If you are able why don't you try one of the following.

Holy Trinity Brompton – Nicky Gumbel <u>https://www.htb.org/sundayonline</u>.

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

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

Watch on TV

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

Resources for children and young people

Primary

Veggietales (Netflix) Superbook (Amazon Prime & Youtube) Hillsongs: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsongkids</u> Rend Collective: <u>https://rendcokids.com</u> Bethel Kids <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOI62m</u> <u>c4bs9JEUyFP</u>

<u>Secondary</u>

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

Bible Game for Apple or Android - "The Guardians of Ancora" 7 https://guardiansofancora.com

What you're up to. - Pictures and messages





Gavin, Noah & Clair Gill We were at Leysdown. Just a quick trip after school for a fish and chip supper!

Henry, Bob & Esme Lindridge Bob celebrating his 71st birthday with grandchildren Esme and Henry on Sunday.



John & Dot Turner Dot and John Turner at East Anglia Transport Museum . Can you see the Trolleybus number? Pick of pics this week goes to Dot & John for spotting very local looking busses on holiday. Also, Thanks to Mrs T for still getting out weekly quiz page in.

Please send me your pictures and messages to each other. Let's encourage each other and stay in touch. It will be good to see familiar faces each week. <u>revclive@hotmail.co.uk</u>



evangelical alliance

With the change in weather this week, we have been left in little doubt that winter is coming. The clear message from government is that this will be a deeply difficult and challenging winter. But we as the church can never lose hope, nor lose sight of the responsibility we have to care for and love those in our communities.

I was so encouraged to see a new report, out today, which recognises the incredible work churches and other faith groups have carried out during the pandemic, and which proposes that the Government does more to enable faith communities to support those in need. Levelling up our communities: proposals for a new social covenant, which recommends a new social covenant, highlights the invaluable historic role of churches in setting up many of our public institutions as well as their ongoing commitment to local communities.

Welcomed by the Prime Minister, the report accepts there can be challenges for faith groups working with the public sector arising from 'faith illiteracy' and even 'faith phobia'. I was particularly struck by one paragraph: "There are no values-free zones anywhere. Secular public servants bring their philosophy to work too. Like religious people, they have a moral vision, strive for personal righteousness, and wish that everyone thought like they did; unlike religious people, they don't always recognise their own religiosity."

A radical new deal is proposed with faith communities as part of the report, which I encourage you take time to read: "The Government should invite the country's faith leaders to make a grand offer of help on behalf of their communities, in exchange for a reciprocal commitment from the state." Rather than money, the suggestion is that government would direct, from the very top, all public servants to facilitate the work of the faith group on the agreed mission or missions.

We, as an alliance of evangelicals, will continue to celebrate the work of churches and Christian charities, as we represent our members in government, but it is encouraging to see our political leaders recognise the role churches play and look for ways to enable more partnership, while allowing churches to remain true to their gospel calling.

Every blessing,

Gavin Calver

A message from Bishop Simon

Some stories mess with your brain, like one of those novels where you assume the narrator is the one you should be rooting for until you slowly realise, they are a psychopath. We make similar assumptions with the parables of Jesus when we latch on to one character or group in the story, when God may be asking us to look more closely. In the parable of the vineyard in Matthew 21, we imagine ourselves to be the people to whom the vineyard is given when the original tenants commit murder, but it is careless to draw such a neat conclusion. This story among others has been used to justify antisemitism. That Gentiles have inherited a kingdom from Jews who lost it because they were



were stubborn hearted. But of course, this is a story told by a Jewish person to other Jewish people. And the new tenants must produce a harvest to show the owner also. There is nothing guaranteed about this

The landlord in this parable sent a series of messengers to the tenants, who would not listen. It's interesting how we receive news. We have an endless supply of it today, and our response has been to reduce the sources and filter the content. We read things that bolster our view of the world, rather than challenge it. It gives our brain a little chemical boost to hear someone agreeing with us; it's like looking in the mirror and admiring ourselves. This means we leave unread what may disturb our view of the world. Confirmation bias is the tendency to favour and interpret information in a way that supports our existing opinions. The news brought by the messengers in the parable was unwelcome to the tenants. Today, they would have deleted the text. Back then, they beat up and murdered the emissaries. The business guru Margaret Heffernan coins the phrase wilful blindness to describe how some evidence is quite literally missed because it is unpalatable. This becomes more pronounced in groups, leading individuals to swallow their doubts and embrace group certainty. Many people in Jesus' time may have been led astray this way, especially as community inclusion was dependent on it.

So, the question to us may be: how open are we to the prophetic voice? It's the easiest game in the world to spot a prophet with hindsight. That's how we read our Bibles. The taller order is to identify this person, this voice, today. There is no fool-proof way of achieving this, but it probably means we should not discount sources just because \underline{wg} don't like them or don't agree with them. Sometimes the conversion that needs to be made is ours. The voice we are looking out for carries something of God's frequency. It may not always be crystal clear, and contain the white noise fuzziness of a carelessly

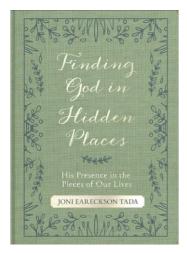
tuned analogue radio, but there are moments that make us stop in our tracks. The duty is to strain to listen, not instinctively to block our ears. There is nothing automatic about bearing fruit. Not every tree produces a harvest each year. The husbandry we need to do begins with the duty of listening. Having the answers to everything nicely sown up is no place to be, as Jesus pointed out to his angry listeners in that parable. That used to be the standard criticism of the Christian. Today it's a fair description of the culture. Distinctive, fruit bearing faith is open to the micro-conversions from which a follower of Christ is formed.

Simon, Bishop of Tonbridge



<u>Books</u>

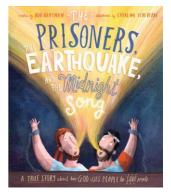
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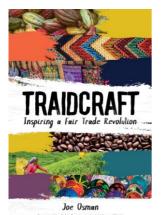


Finding God In Hidden Places by Joni Eareckson Tada Bestselling author, artist and international advocate for people with disabilities, Joni Eareckson Tada invites readers to join her on a deeply personal journey as she explores the presence of a holy God in hidden places. Stories from Joni's life shine in this collection of gathered memories. Words of encouragement, comfort, and insight will leave your soul satisfied and longing to be closer to a loving Father, who often shows up when least expected. Find encouragement and comfort in Joni's words and experience. When you train your eye to see God's work, you will find the Saviour everywhere you look.

The Prisoners Earthquake and The Midnight Song by Bob Hartman.

Based on Acts 16, this is a fun and compelling retelling of how a Philippian jailer and his family learned the wonderful truth about Jesus Christ. The ascended Jesus' ongoing power to save, and the unstoppable spread of the gospel, are imaginatively and powerfully brought to life by Bob Hartman. Bob is a compelling storyteller and author of the Lion Storyteller Bible, which has sold over 130,000 copies in the UK and has been translated into 11 languages.





Traidcraft by Joe Osman

Traidcraft was a true pioneer of the Fair-Trade movement and has played a major role in changing the landscape of ethical shopping. This book charts the history of Traidcraft from its birth in 1979 up until its 40th anniversary in 2019. The story is told through the eyes of one of its longest serving members, Joe Osman, who joined Traidcraft in its early days. The book features stories and anecdotes covering his extensive experience of travelling and putting fair trade into practice.

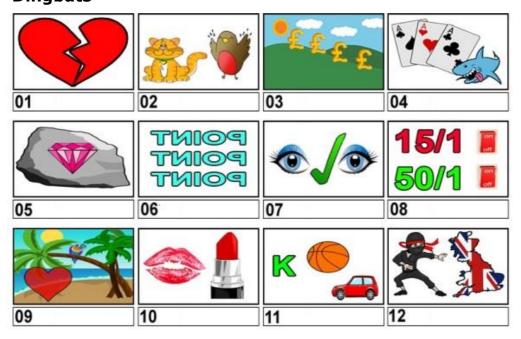
Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart Top 20

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1	1		THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	61
2	2		JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	48
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4	З 🕹	*	LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	17
5	5		MANSION NF CCMG	1	163
6	7 🛧		THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP	1	129
7	8 🕈		AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	342
8	9 🕈		VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	з	57
9	10 🛧		AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	50
10	6 🕹		VICTORIOUS THE AFTERMATH SKILLET ROADRUNNER	6	2
11	11	B and	UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	216
12	14 🕈		VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	87
13	13	UNITED	PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	39
14	12 🞍	1	GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	21
15	17 🕇		HOW CAN IT BE LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	9	117
16	15 🕹	Con damage	GREATEST HITS (THE ATLANTIC YEARS) POD ATLANTIC	6	85
17	16 🕹		LET THERE BE LIGHT HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	201
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Dingbats

Answers on Page 19



General Knowledge

- 1. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
- 2. What kind of fish is Nemo from the Finding Nemo film?
- 3 What is the name of Fred Flintstone's daughter?
- 4. What links Catalonia, Andalusia, Cantabria, Galicia?
- 5. Who landed on Timor Island after being cast adrift?
- 6. If you had pogonophobia what would you be afraid of?
- 7. Who would take silk as part of their job?
- 8. Who won an Oscar for the African Queen?
- 9. Who sang the theme song in 9 to 5?
- 10. Ringo Star narrates which children's TV series?

Blast from the Past

From "St Pauls Parish News September 1974"

FROM THE VICAR

My dear Friends,

Just think of it! Milk - without cows; pork without pigs; wool - without sheep. This is the world we live in. Modern technology - for ever increasing the range of artificial products. The possibility of a generation which no longer remembers milk, pork, or wool. Hardly any place for Harvest!

Synthetic - Or Real?

What, then, do you make of a Christianity - without Christ? Just another synthetic product of man's invention - offered in different wrappings, but only several varieties of the same product. Some, you see, say that they just accept the ten com andments as their moral code and way of life. They make it their aim to keep to the code and prove to themselves, and to others, how straight and secure they are. Strange! What Jesus said was this: "I have come to seek and to save those who are lost." Others say that they try to live a good life like Jesus did. Strange! Jesus said this: "Without Me you cannot do anything."

The Truth of the Matter

Boil it down and it comes to this. If you reckon that real pork must come from a pig and real wool from a sheep, then you need to realise, too, that real Christianity comes from Jesus Christ Himself. Real Christia ity can never be reduced to a synthetic-type formula - a system of belief or a moral code. Good as these are so far as they go, they still do not add up to the real thing. Christianity is Christ! It may not happen very often, but if any of you is kind enough to ask me to explain in simple terms what real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ I am sure even now what will be the gist of my reply. So I may as well share it in advance! Please take it from me on trust - you will always remain dissatisfied with yourself and unfulfilled as the person God intended you to be so long as you cling to a synthetic brand of Christianity. Listen to what Jesus Christ says about you (even in the statements I have included above), and count no longer on yourself but on Him - to forgive you, and to change you into the person He alone can make you. Be sure that for you. too - Christianity is Christ.

Yours very sincerely, GARTH C. GRINHAM

Photography



Carol O'Connor Carols picture of some ducks Your picture

Here.



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

Dingbats

1.Heartbroken; 2.Cat Flap; 3.Poundland; 4.Card shark; 5.Gemstone; 6.Three point turn; 7. Right between the eyes; 8. All bets are off; 9. Love Island; 10.Kiss and Make Up; 11.Cable Car; 12.Ninja Warrior UK.

General Knowledge

1.3 (Aragon, Howard and Parr); 2. Clown Fish; 3. Pebbles;

4. Regions of Spain; 5. Captain William Bligh of The Bounty; 6. Beards; 7. Queen's Counsel; 8. Humphrey Bogart; 9. Dolly Parton; 10. Thomas the Tank Engine.



PARISH OF ST PAUL NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL



Full nam	າຍ
Preferre	d title (if any)
Full add	ress
	Postcode
1: I dec	lare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)
1A	I am baptised and am aged 16 or over
1B	I am baptised and become 16* on
	*Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.
2: I dec	lare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)
2A 📃	I am a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish.
2B 📃	I am a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.
2C 📃	I am a member in good standing of a church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.
	lare that the above answers are true and I apply for clusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.
Signed:	Date:

- 1. The only churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
- 2. Membership of the Electoral Roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
- 3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add "but was prevented from doing so because" and then state the reason.
- 4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
- 5. In this form, "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.



PARISH OF



St Paul's Northumberland Heath

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

	Proposer	Seconder
We (insert names)		
of (insert addresses)		
being members of the e	lectoral roll of this parish,	
hereby nominate		
of (insert address)		
as a candidate for election	on to the parochial church o	council at the annual meeting
	Proposer	Seconder
Signed		
I declare that I am commu elected, I consent to serve	nicant of 16 years or over and i	not disqualified, and that if
Signed: Nominee		

Nominees must be:

- at least sixteen years of age;
- actual communicants;
- on the Electoral Roll of this Parish for at least six months

Proposers and seconders must be on the Electoral Roll of this Parish

No person shall be nominated unless they have signified their consent to serve, or there is in the opinion of the meeting sufficient evidence thereof. No person shall be nominated if they are disqualified from serving by the Church Representation Rules. (See right for details)

DISQUALIFICATION (Church Representation Rule 68 in Part 7)

A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if the person:

3 (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).

(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).

(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.

(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

Note

In order to confirm that you are eligible to act as a charity trustee, all newly elected PCC members will be required to sign a declaration confirming their eligibility to hold office as a charity trustee eligibility (i.e. non-disqualification under charity law) and will be asked to sign a Fit and Proper Person declaration. A copy of these declarations can be found at

<u>www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/</u>. By confirming that you are eligible for election, you are confirming that you are able to sign these declarations.



St Paul's Booking Form Saturday 10th April — Thursday 15th April 2021 £285 adult / £265 Under 15*

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>

In order to book you in we will need a deposit of £35 per person. This is not refundable after November 26th. 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	
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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.