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Tom began walking up the church aisle looking for a seat. As he tried to get into one of the pews, a smartly dressed church member stood in his way and so he continued walking to the front. Tom had seen better days. His hair was unkempt. His coat was pulled tightly around him, held by an old school tie. It wasn't possible to tell his age because his face was so creased by much exposure to the weather and the many cruelties of his fellow human beings. On his feet he wore leather sandals, with leathery toes sticking out. Tom continued walking down the aisle to the sound of grunting from the congregation. He ended up in that nameless limbo between the front pews and the chancel steps, at the top of which stood the rector, the Reverend Canon Frederick Toogood. The rector had been on the point of giving his customary warm welcome to the congregation when Tom stood beneath him. The rector looked down at Tom and Tom could do nothing but stand looking up at the rector. It was one of those timeless moments awaiting judgement. At last Canon Toogood spoke. As his powerful voice boomed out, Tom wanted to make his escape. He'd only wanted to say a prayer for his dog who'd died. But Tom wasn't being sent packing at all – on the contrary the Canon was bellowing at the gathered flock for not welcoming Tom. "Sir," he said, coming down to Tom's side, "it would make me very happy if you were to take my seat this morning." No one else but 35 incumbents, stretching back 500 years, had ever sat in the Rector's stall.

God is powerful, so you might expect him to be on the side of the powerful. But that wasn't the Blessed Virgin Mary's experience. On Saturday 15th August, the Church celebrates the life of Mary who wasn't powerful at all and yet God gave her the privilege of bearing his Son. In the words of the Magnificat (Luke 1: 46-55), no wonder her soul glorified God. The core of her being could do nothing but rejoice at such news. Certainly Mary was happy that God had done great things for her, but her soul rejoiced mainly because God's action confirmed her faith in a God

who blesses the humble and meek above those who think their wealth, status and power should earn his blessings.

Mary also experiences great joy at knowing that God who favours her with such a magnificent blessing is the God known and worshipped by Israel down the ages. It is of fundamental importance to Mary that God's choosing such a lowly person as her for the highest honour is entirely consistent with the nature of God through all time. God is the Lord of history and throughout Israel's history he had brought down great and proud empires, raising the little tribes of Jacob to new heights.

World leaders should have a copy of the Magnificat on the notice boards in their office to counter the widespread assumption that if a nation is rich and powerful it must be blessed by God. But God will not be deceived and the Bible clearly teaches that he has no favourites.

As for nations, so for churches and individuals, there are no favourites. Success of any kind brings with it a greater need for humility and generosity, a deeper sense of compassion for the weak and greater tolerance for those on the edge of society like Tom I mentioned in the story earlier. Why not read and reflect again on the words of the Magnificat? This beautiful passage of Scripture known as the Song of Mary is said or sung in Cathedrals during evening prayer every day of the year.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

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A Message from Pilsley Post Office & Village Shop



In these difficult times, especially with our maturing local residents having to self isolate, I am very happy to deliver any emergency grocery items/essentials to you in Pilsley and Edensor. We can arrange payment over the phone by card.

Let's show that the Pilsley and Edensor community can support each other!

Best wishes
Sarah Titterton

Sarah is also able to collect prescriptions from Baslow surgery for residents of Pilsley and Edensor, just contact her to let her know.

The article below is interesting, although I think that in our villages on the Estate we probably already know our neighbours and have learnt to appreciate them more than ever during this last few months.

Getting to know next door

This time last year, how well did you know your neighbours? Around one in five of us have since admitted that we had never even spoken to them.

What a difference a pandemic makes. Now twice as many of us have talked to our neighbours in the past week as compared with last year. A further one in three of us have also done something to help a neighbour. This works out to 33 million people having talked to a

neighbour in the past week, and 15 million of them even helping one during lockdown.

Seven in 10 of us also said that people in our area are now more likely to stop for a chat, and three quarters of us want their new-found friendliness to continue.

The survey was commissioned for the Big Lunch, a National Lottery-supported initiative from the Eden Project.



Let's Celebrate ~ 150 years of St. Peter's

This year, 2020, celebrates 150 years of the present St. Peter's Church, when the final payments for the work of re-building were made.



Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all the events planned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Peter's have had to be cancelled.

We hope very much that we will be able to hold some, if not all, of them next year.

Watch this space!

Your 'corona bubble'

So, you've been teaming up with others outside your immediate household. How is it going with them? As bubbles hopefully get bigger soon, here are some 'types' of people whom you might consider adding....

The kind neighbours: They are the one whom you instinctively think of when you hit a domestic crisis, like running out of milk or needing a lift to the station. Such people are treasures, and well worth befriending.

The cheerful friend: They are wonderful beacons of light just now. They face the coronavirus threat with calm and optimism, helping you deal with your fear that nothing will ever be 'right' again.

The VERY clean friend: She's been making face masks for months now and is generous in offering them to one and all. She has stockpiled sanitiser and can measure social distance to the centimetre at a glance. In these uncertain times, she is the one person you KNOW will never give you the virus.

The long-time friend: You've been through so much together already, from college to pre-marriage days to that disastrous holiday in Spain. You can't not go through coronavirus together now! Your old friends will help you keep the current crisis in perspective, as they can be relied on for a 'remember the good old days' session.

Easy Fundraising

If you already SHOP ONLINE, or if you haven't yet done so, then why not use Easy Fundraising and help raise money for St. Peter's Church? There is no extra cost to you and a percentage from your purchase will come back to the church.



To Register

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Click on **Register**
- Choose **Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park** as your charity and fill in the rest of the form

To Shop

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

Choose from over 2000 of the UK's best-known retailers including names such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and HMV and when you shop using the links on the easyfundraising site up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to St. Peter's Church.

JUST GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

We now have a **JustGiving** page, where people can donate to St Peter's at any point, the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/edensor-stpeters>.



If you normally give to St. Peter's through an envelope in Church, you can still support our mission by giving online and following the link at Just Giving. <https://www.justgiving.com/edensor-stpeters>.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club June Draw 2020

1st prize £30 no. 51 Margaret Rhodes

2nd prize £20 no.17 Vacant number

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

In view of the latest government advice, especially looking at our age profile, we have decided to suspend BASH Film Society for the foreseeable future.

Joy Thrower, BASH secretary

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

TheGivingMachine is a unique registered charity that enables you to generate sales commissions with every online purchase. They convert these commissions into free donations for the schools, charities and other community

organisations you choose. **St Anne's, Beeley** is one of the organisations you can support. The donation is calculated without going via another website so doesn't affect your shopping experience.

Please sign up at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>



1st CHATSWORTH SCOUT GROUP

Our local Scout Group has spaces for **boys and girls from 5 years 9 months** and any younger siblings or friends can go on the waiting list ready to join.

At 5 they start in Beavers, at 7 it's Cubs and then at 10 it is Scouts.

Currently meeting via Zoom so they can join now. They are going to continue through the 6 weeks holidays for those who wish to join and will have a section of summer badges and challenges for them to do during meetings.



Good news about potholes

One good thing about lockdown has been quieter roads. Quieter roads are good because councils can then repair the potholes more quickly.

This has included: Shropshire, where pothole gangs filled in more than

2000 during lockdown; **Derbyshire, where more than 28,000 were filled**; Suffolk, where 6,300 were filled, and Bury, where more than 1,700 potholes were filled. And Manchester laid more than 100,000 square metres of new road surface.

God doesn't mind if you are messy – says online service

A vicar who has nearly 170,000 followers on Instagram and who regularly broadcasts on YouTube, says that God welcomes us all, however 'messy' we may believe our lives to be.

The Revd Chris Lee, vicar of St Saviour's in Wendell Park, warned against any of us being 'embarrassed' about the state of our lives when considering whether to 'open our hearts' to God or not.

"God is not going to stand at the door of your heart, knock and look in and think to Himself 'you know what, I am not going to come in, it is a little bit messy there'," he said.

Chris Lee was leading a recent weekly online service for the Church of England.

He said that Christians are not called to be 'bouncers' who police whether people are leading 'good enough' lives to come to church.

"No, as (the Gospel of) Matthew records Jesus saying, whomever welcomes one of you, welcomes Me. Anyone is welcome, God's grace is sufficient for all of our needs."

He added: "God's welcome is wide, His love is deep, He is generous to all who come to Him. As Christians we should be welcoming. We are not called to be bouncers at the doors of our churches seeing if people are good enough, clean enough, moral enough, to come in, we should be welcoming to all people."

Carers who are over 70

Many people over 70 in this country are becoming desperate. They have been the sole carers for their loved one since lockdown, and they are struggling. In order to cope, large numbers of them have turned to antidepressants.

The figures are eye-watering: during the pandemic this Spring, more than 1.4 million people aged over 70

were sole carers for someone who was sick, disabled and often also over 70. A reduction in support from paid carers made the situation even worse.

In a poll commissioned by Carers UK, 70 per cent of these unpaid carers said that the negative impact of caring on their own physical and mental health was one of the biggest challenges they faced.

Help stop the spread

As restrictions continue to ease it's important to remember that coronavirus hasn't gone away. It's great to know we can start to enjoy pubs, restaurants, cafes and shops again by sticking to social distancing guidelines and keeping two metres apart where possible.

It's the small things that make a difference too so **please keep on washing your hands and if you're travelling on public transport wear a face covering.**

By continuing to show our Derbyshire Spirit we can help stop the spread.

Libraries to reopen with safety as a priority

We are set to reopen 7 of our libraries this week (*wk/b 6 July*) with several temporary changes in place to help keep everyone safe.

You must [book an appointment](#) to visit your local library, it's important you don't turn up without having arranged an appointment first.

The following libraries will reopen: *Heanor, Matlock, Swadlincote* (from Monday 6 July) *Dronfield* (from Tuesday 7 July) *Chesterfield* (from Wednesday 8 July) *Buxton, Long Eaton* (from Thursday 9 July).

The opening hours for these libraries are 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, and 10am to 2pm, Saturday.

Full details on how the booking system works and the safety measures we've put in place can be found on the DCC website.

Support for dairy farmers

If you run a dairy farm or know someone who does, take a look at the support available from Government specifically for dairy farmers who have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

Since the start of the outbreak the dairy industry has faced challenges of excess milk, falling prices and reduced demand from the hospitality sector.

The [dairy response fund](#) will give eligible dairy farmers the chance to apply for up to £10,000 of financial support.

You can find more information on all the support available to businesses and employers during coronavirus on our website.

Still providing help if you need it

Since the start of the coronavirus outbreak we've had a fantastic response to our Community Response Unit.

Restrictions are easing but we are still taking calls to support those in need. You can request help online or you can phone us on 01629 535091. Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Watch out for this predator

If you like bees, then keep an eye out this summer for a dangerous invader from the Continent – the Asian hornet. A single Asian hornet can consume 50 honeybees in one day.

In recent years the Asian hornet has spread across Europe, devouring honeybees by the tens of thousands. They are most likely to be found in southern England after crossing the Channel from France, or in imported soil, plants and fruit.

An Asian hornet is mostly black, with thin yellow stripes, an orange face and yellow legs. Measuring 1.2 inches, it is slightly smaller than the European hornet, and is of about the same threat to humans. But they are deadly when it comes to honeybees.

Asian hornets wait outside of honeybee hives and pounce on emerging workers, chopping them up alive and taking back the thorax to their own young.

If you think you have spotted an Asian hornet, report it through the 'Asian Hornet Watch' app:

[Asian Hornet Watch app for iPhone](#)

[Asian Hornet Watch app for android](#)

If you find a nest, don't try to remove it yourself – it can be dangerous and should only be done by experts.

More details at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/asian-hornet-uk-sightings>



Dramatic rise in home exercise injuries during lockdown

Something like 7.2 million Britons injured themselves while trying to stay fit during lockdown. There has been a dramatic rise in exercise-related injuries, ranging from sprains and strains to pulled muscles and back injuries.

Of those of us injured during lockdown, 30 per cent of us were doing classes online or via apps, 28 per cent were weight training and 22 per cent were using home gym equipment.

A doctor at BUPA points out that although “exercise is enormously important for both our physical and mental health, new regimes and workouts should be taken on with caution.”

The British Chiropractic Association (who reported a *660 per cent increase* in traffic to its website!) warned that if you do yourself a small injury, do NOT try and ‘run it off’ or ‘push through the pain barrier’. “There’s no science to say that it works. Instead you are risking more damage and a longer lay-off by not listening to your body.”



The stately Rosebay Willowherb

By Kirsty Steele, a retired teacher and active church organist.

If wildflowers were to compete in terms of height, Rosebay Willowherb would have to be one of the contenders for first prize. By mid-to late-summer its height can reach four feet or so [120cm] with pyramids of pinkish-purple flowers cheering up the most unlikely places, for it is happy to grow on railway cuttings and embankments and amongst ruined buildings and disturbed ground. Indeed, during the Second World War, Rosebay Willowherb was often one of the very first plants to cheer up London's bomb-sites, and even ground that had been cleared by fire, resulting in it having another, but far less attractive name – Fireweed.

Spring flowers tend to have white or yellow petals – snowdrops, primroses, daffodils, wood anemones and celandines. This trend is abruptly changed when bluebells make an appearance. By midsummer however, warmer colours have made

an appearance, and Rosebay Willowherb is no exception. The flowers, with deep pink petals intercepted by purple sepals account for the first word of the name, while the leaves, which grow in spirals around them, are responsible for 'Willowherb' being added, as they become narrow at each end, and therefore resemble [loosely!] those of a willow tree.

In the times of Queen Victoria this wonderful plant was a treasured addition to many gardens and it was not nearly as abundant in the countryside. However, Mother Nature soon dealt with that! Once the flower is pollinated, seed capsules form. When ripe, they split to release many, many billows of seed, all ready to be blown far and wide by autumn winds.

So, we now have a plant loved by many, often from a car or train. But while the size and vibrant colour mean it cannot hide, the fluffy seeds tell us that autumn will not be far away.

Please, please, stop buying compost with peat in it

So says the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The large-scale removal of peat from bog “is destroying one of our most precious wildlife habitats. It takes centuries for a peat bog to form with its special wildlife – modern machinery destroys it in days.”

Pandemic ‘transforms the Church into Netflix’

By the Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE.

The Covid-19 pandemic has “propelled the Church into the contemporary world,” says a new report from CPAS, an Anglican evangelical mission agency working with UK and Irish churches.

‘Everyone Welcome Online’ looks at the lockdown’s impact on churches and concludes, “Last month we were the Odeon, today we are Netflix.

“In the 1950s, the Odeon was okay, but then along came consumer choice, individualism and crowded complex lifestyles. Then came TV film channels, and now Netflix, Prime and others, where you can watch whatever you want, whenever you want, wherever you are on whatever you’ve got.”

The authors, Bob Jackson and George Fisher, say “The Government has shut our ‘Odeons’ down, so in response we have stumbled into ‘Homespun Netflix’ and it’s looking promising.

“Most churches going online have discovered that far more people are accessing their services than ever came to the building. What seemed initially to be a devastating blow to

churches may actually generate growth.”

Bishop of Sheffield Pete Wilcox described the 26-page report as “An astonishingly thorough and perceptive overview of online church.”

The authors, who devised the popular ‘Everybody Welcome’ course published by Church House Publishing, include feedback from churches experiencing increased numbers of people logging in for online services, both live and recorded.

One church reported “We’ve had a huge number of hits, many more than the number of people in church on a Sunday, connecting with people who would not come to a regular service.”

The report analyses who is responding and detects groups ranging from friends and family of church members, to the housebound with links to the church, people linked by christenings, weddings or funerals, people who have moved away, occasional churchgoers and people who have found the church through a denominational or diocesan link.

The authors encourage churches to make contact with people who are ‘dropping in’ to the services, suggesting “Contact as many people

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Support your local charity shops

Are you feeling the financial squeeze just now, but still enjoy shopping? Why not visit some of your local charity shops?

Never have charity shops needed you so much. Coronavirus has meant a huge drop in donations, and many charities face huge financial shortfalls.

The good news is that charity shops are well worth visiting this summer. Vast amounts of clothes and household items were donated following the lockdown this Spring.

Grounded at home, people decided to declutter and clear-out!

The result is that, as a spokeswoman for Oxfam says: "People can expect to find some really great treasures to buy."

It should be very safe to shop, for as Julie Byard of Cancer Research UK, explains, the charity shops put all donated items into isolation before putting them on the shelves. She adds: "We're grateful for all donations and to everyone who volunteers and shops with us."

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as you can to say hello and how nice it was to see them connect with the church, and ask how they are and how the church can help them."

People are finding it easier to access church online because they can join in the services without feeling concerned about 'doing the wrong thing' – like standing or sitting at the 'wrong' time – they don't have to enter a strange building and meet new people and they can access the services at a time that suits them.

One church reported: "One previously non-churchgoer said that online she felt comfortable, fully part of the service and so more

welcomed than if she had been in the building unsure of how to behave."

The report's authors are keen to hear from churches about their experiences during lockdown and ask people to contact them at allarewelcome2020@gmail.com The 'Everyone Welcome Online' report can be accessed free at: <https://www.cpas.org.uk/church-resources/understanding-christian-leadership/everyone-welcome-online/everybody-welcome-online/#.Xs-E7UBFxPY>

What is lurking in your garden?

Is there something alien in your garden which is beginning to worry you? Something that is growing too fast, spreading too fast, for you to keep up with?

Gardeners across the country are being asked by the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) and the University of Coventry to find – and report – the next Japanese knotweed before it ‘jumps the garden fence’ and causes havoc.

Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam both began innocently, as pretty ornamental garden plants. Then they escaped and have since marched across the UK like something out of War of the Worlds, causing immense damage to homes and waterways.

So now the question is: can you help a citizen science project to identify the next plant which could become a similar menace? The project is called Plant Alert. It offers you an easy way to report any ornamental plants in your garden that you suspect are becoming aggressive. Just go to: <https://bsbi.org/plant-alert>

Scientists say to look out for: vigorous growth, prolific self-seeding, longer flowering periods. Plants which are logged on the Plant Alert app will be studied by botanists, and potentially restricted from sale.

Kevin Walker, head of science at BSBI, says: “Bitter experience has shown that species that are invasive in gardens are also the ones that are likely to ‘jump the fence’ and cause problems in the wild.”

Still love your neighbours?

One side-effect of lockdown has been seeing more of our neighbours – which of course can be very nice indeed. But if those neighbours constantly play loud music or hold smoky barbecues, it can be tiresome. And just wait until they invest in the latest craze: a big bubbling hot tub for their garden.

The craze seems to have started when we realised that summer

holidays were not happening this year. Sales of garden Jacuzzis went up 490 per cent on eBay, and at Argos almost every style was sold out. On Amazon, hot tubs feature on the ‘most wished for’ list.

But now social media is buzzing with complaints about neighbours who flout lockdown advice with ‘hot-tub parties’, and neighbours who are inconsiderate when emptying their hot tub – sending a flood of water over into your garden.

Debts and lockdown

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers the problem of paying money back.

All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered round him (King David), and he became their commander... 1 Samuel 22:2

Over the lockdown period there has been a honeymoon for people in debt, when some official action has been put on hold. Honeymoon is perhaps not the best word; holiday may be better.

At the beginning of the coronavirus emergency, the Government introduced regulations to temporarily prevent court officials such as bailiffs seizing goods in people's homes or on highways (where your car may be).

There has also been a suspension of enforcement of house possession orders. In addition, many banks have agreed mortgage repayment holidays, or agreed overdrafts at lower interest rates. Some taxes such as VAT or other taxes will not be collected during the emergency. Many court hearings on are hold.

It all sounds too good to be true. This has been a unique experience offering a breathing space to people in debt, but what happens when the debt holiday ends? Many people must be very concerned at the reduction

in income at the moment, and dread what will happen when things begin to get back to normal and the little brown envelopes start coming through the letterbox. So, what can you do? You can start preparing now.

- Put some money aside every week if you can.
- Set a budget and stick to it.
- Talk to the people you owe money to. Make a note of what was said and confirm it by email or post.
- Get advice from a debt counsellor or free advice agency.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help or more time.
- Do not do nothing!**
- Look out for each other. If you know of someone in trouble, suggest they get help.

As always this is a light-hearted comment on a complex subject. Always get proper professional advice.

Keep your distance! (Smile...)

I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch you with a six-foot pole" would become national policy, but here we are!

CAP still helping people out of debt

CAP needs your help to carry on helping others...

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) have been thanking their donors for helping “some wonderful things happen” despite the challenge of coronavirus.

“These beautiful moments were made possible by your support,” says Paula Stringer, UK chief executive of CAP. “We’ve been able to make sure our clients don’t go without essentials like food, fuel and staying in touch with loved ones. Our frontline workers have distributed 345 instances of emergency client support so far, and they will be able to continue providing this for many more.

When one client could not get to the supermarket because her car needed repairs, she was astonished

to find that her Debt Coach, Beth, had arranged for a delivery of groceries to her house. In return, she sent this message:

“I was so shocked and welling up. It was such an amazing thing to do. Your gift came at the right time, as I wouldn’t have had enough to get that much food.”

During lockdown, CAP has adjusted its service to offer phone appointments to clients, 479 of these so far.

“We’ve also seen a fabulous 494 people become debt free during lockdown! Despite the new challenges, we’re seeing that there really is always hope,” says Paula Stringer.

Fewer young men die

Ironically, lockdown actually saved a number of lives. Recent five-year averages have revealed that the death rates for young men aged 20 to 24 plummeted by more than 30 percent this spring.

Of course, mortality rates across the population rise steadily with age, but there is normally a significant spike

for younger men. But it seems that coronavirus has smoothed out the curve, because fewer young men have been dying in car accidents, or from alcohol-related or risk-taking incidents.

So something good came out of fewer drivers on the road, and all the bars, pubs and clubs being shut: far fewer admissions to accident and emergency units.

Atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Tim Lenton looks back on the most awesome weapon ever used...

Atomic bombs were dropped over two Japanese cities 75 years ago. This first was at Hiroshima, on 6th August 1945, when the centre of the city was totally destroyed, and 80,000 people were killed immediately. A further 60,000 died by the end of the year. It was the first city in history to be hit by a nuclear weapon.

Three days later the US Army Air Forces dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, killing 40,000 people immediately and about 33,000 more by the end of the year. It was the second (and last) city to experience a nuclear attack.

Both cities had military significance, but most of the dead were civilians. Japan surrendered to the Allies on 15th August. There is little doubt that a conventional invasion of Japan would have cost many more lives, but there is still much debate about the legal and ethical justification of atomic bombing. The Vatican felt that

the inventors of the weapon should have destroyed it for the benefit of humanity, and the Rev Cuthbert Thicknesse, Dean of St Albans, prohibited using St Albans Abbey for a thanksgiving service for the end of the war, calling the use of atomic weapons "an act of wholesale, indiscriminate massacre".

Nagasaki was targeted in place of Kyoto – the original choice – because of Kyoto's historical, religious and cultural significance. It was also where Henry Stimson, the US Secretary of War, had gone for his honeymoon.

Hiroshima was further devastated just over a month later, when it was struck by Typhoon Ida. Both cities have been rebuilt, with peace memorials.

Four years later the Soviet Union detonated an atomic bomb, and the United States responded by developing a hydrogen bomb – a thousand times more powerful.

Do you remember this? 10 years ago, on 5th August 2010, a cave-in at the San Jose copper and gold mine near Copiapo in northern Chile, trapped 33 workers 700 metres underground. An international rescue operation was launched, and they were brought to the surface on 13th October after being trapped for 69 days. Around one billion people watched the rescue on TV.

Whatever happened to Christopher Robin?

For those of us who loved Winnie-the-Pooh.... By Tim Lenton

One hundred years ago this month, on 21st August 1920, Christopher Robin Milne was born. He was the only son of the author A. A. Milne and appeared as a character in his father's Winnie-the-Pooh stories and verses – a role he enjoyed at first but later found difficult to handle.

The characters in Winnie the Pooh were based on his own soft toys or items purchased later. The setting was inspired by Ashdown Forest in East Sussex: his family owned nearby Cotchford Farm and spent weekends and holidays there.

His relationship with his nanny, Olive 'Nou' Brockwell, was close

and continued into adult life, but when he went to boarding school near Guildford in 1930 he was bullied because his father's work was well known: one poem, *Vespers*, brought him "toe-curling, fist-clenching, lip-biting embarrassment".

He married a cousin, Lesley de Sélincourt, in 1948 and opened a bookshop in Dartmouth. He was close to his father but not to his mother, Daphne, who did not see him during the last 15 years of her life.

Milne had one child, Clare, who had cerebral palsy. He himself had myasthenia gravis in his later years and died in 1996; he was described by one newspaper as a 'dedicated atheist'.

Concern for the children

During lockdown this Spring, the NSPCC was receiving a call every hour about children who were at risk from domestic violence. Reports to its helplines about children caught up in abuse had risen by 32 per cent, from 140 a week before the pandemic to 185 a week during lockdown.

Child abuse concerns have been intensified by the closure of schools. This is because the teachers, who can act as an early warning system for abuse, are not around to detect it.

One of the most senior judges in England and Wales, Sir Andrew McFarlane, has warned that once social services can function normally again, the volume of child protection cases "may surge".

125 years of the Proms in London

Tim Lenton looks back on the start of a national treasure...

It was 125 years ago this month, on 10th August 1895, that the Proms (Promenade Concerts) began in London.

In fact, the idea of promenade concerts went back to 1838, referring to outside concerts during which the audience could walk about – but in the form introduced by Robert Newman at Queen's Hall in Langham Place, London, the promenaders were standing members of the audience, and this usage has persisted. Henry Wood – also a talented organist – was the original conductor, and his name became firmly attached to the annual series of concerts. He was knighted in 1911.

The concerts have been sponsored by the BBC since 1927, except for

1940 and 1941, when there was fear of bombing, and in fact Queen's Hall was bombed in 1941, with the concerts moving to their current home at the much larger Royal Albert Hall.

The Proms have now become a huge summer musical festival lasting for eight weeks and with many innovations. The Last Night in particular has become a traditional feature of British life and celebration of Britishness. The Proms have been described by Czech conductor Jiří Bělohlávek as "the world's largest and most democratic musical festival".

In the current coronavirus crisis, the Proms will continue, but in a much-changed form – "not as we know them, but as we need them", say the organisers.

What am I? *(smile...)*

A teacher gave her young class a lesson on Zoom on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a short test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I am strong and attractive. I pick up lots of things. What am I?"

When the answers were sent in, the teacher was astonished to find that more than half her students had answered the question with the word: "Mother."

Music in our churches and cathedrals

The Church of England, together with the Royal School of Church Music, has encouraged the Government to be proactive in ensuring music-making can resume in church buildings, once it is safe to do so.

Responding to the latest guidance, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: "We are encouraging the Government to be alert to the consequences of our choirs' continued silence - and to take a proactive approach to allowing

singing to return to our churches and cathedrals as soon as it is possible to do so safely.

"We look forward to a time where worship and music can once again be combined, in all their different expressions, as they have for centuries, turning our hearts to God."

During the Coronavirus pandemic, the Church of England partnered with the RSCM to provide [free hymns](#) for parishes for use in streamed worship, which have been downloaded more than 45,000 times.

Update on church and cathedral monuments

The Church of England has more than 16,000 churches and 42 cathedrals, almost all of which are home to memorials and monuments to individuals from a period spanning more than a thousand years.

A recent statement put out by the Church of England explains: "Monuments and memorials tell us a lot, not just about individuals, but about who and what was valued by the society that put them up.

"What we value and seek to memorialise now is not the same as it was in any other historical period. A prominent memorial in a church in some cases is a mark of the esteem in

which the person was held in their community and beyond. In others, it will reflect a donation given to the church at the time by an individual or family – or a combination of the two. In addition to this there are millions of gravestones in churchyards.

"The events of the past weeks in response to the tragic death of George Floyd have brought into focus the question of monuments to individuals who have participated in systemic and targeted discrimination or exploitation based on race."

The Church of England's Director of Church Buildings and Cathedrals, Becky Clark, says: "Action is being taken by parishes and cathedrals

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across England to consider monuments which have links to slave trading or the exploitation of people. Some churches have previously acknowledged and exposed this legacy, but many are just beginning this work in response to the spotlight shone on these questions by the Black Lives Matter movement.

“While it is not possible to provide a single answer, which could apply to all circumstances and which would satisfy all legitimate viewpoints, we must be as one in acknowledging the real and justified anger of those who believe monuments in churches and elsewhere must be reviewed.

“Key to determining what should be done in each context is the creation of a dialogue within communities. This must be open and honest, and acknowledge that there are monuments in our churches and cathedrals to individuals and events whose destructive impact is still being felt by people living in the UK today.

“Meaningful dialogue needs to engage with this reality, recognise that these voices have often not been listened to in the past, and make decisions that allow these unjust experiences to form a recognised part of both the history and future of our churches.

“The local and national church should play a leading role by helping to lead and facilitate the conversation, not purely as a discussion around historical monuments, but also how we, as a broad and diverse society,

value and represent people of all ethnicities and backgrounds.

“As the Archbishop of Canterbury has said, we can only forgive the actions of the past when we have justice in the present, and statues and memorials need to be seen in both the context of the past and the present.

“Dialogue alone is not sufficient. It must have real outcomes. These may include re-interpretation, or in gaining permission for the alteration or removal of monuments. The outcome and possible follow-up action will be different in each case, and will depend on the particulars of the monument or memorial itself, recognising the rights of descendants as well as the artefacts as heritage assets.

“Although these decisions will be taken locally, dioceses and national bodies like the Church Buildings Council have a part to play in facilitating those conversations and we have been offering advice and support to churches as they confront the complex challenges of the past and the reality of the present.

“In doing so, we must seek to confront and understand the past whilst recognising the reality of how it impacts people living today.”

God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Parable: The Strength of a Seed

At this time of year we enjoy the fruits of our gardens, fields and hedgerows: vegetables ripen, crops are harvested, and berries begin to show bright among the leaves. Much of this growth started with a few seeds in spring: the miracle of life coming from small dead-looking things. There is a league table of long-lived seeds. The winners so far are from the narrow-leafed campion, buried by squirrels in the Siberian permafrost over 30,000 years ago. When those seeds finally germinated, they became healthy plants that flowered and produced seeds of their own.

The Bible contains many links between seeds and spiritual growth, and the parable of the sower is the most famous (in Matthew 13). A person may hear or experience something of God which has the potential to germinate into a life of following Him, resulting in the fruit of others coming to know God too. But things can happen that snatch that seed away, killing it before it has finished germinating, or choking its growth.

What about the knowledge of God that gets trampled, churned too deep in the mire of life to receive the warmth and light it needs to develop into faith? Buried seeds don't always die, but they can lie dormant, remaining alive but inactive until the earth is turned over. The possibility of that moment of connecting with something divine, a scrap of knowledge, or snatch of conversation resulting in a changed life may seem infinitesimally small, but it's not zero. The seed may be incredibly tough, just waiting for a chance to grow.

The Gospel narrative plays on the fact that it took a long time for the disciples to understand the full implications of Jesus' teaching: a germination process that took many of them three or more years. They could have been discouraged, but Jesus was not. I don't think it's too much of a stretch to draw out of the parable of the sower to include the observation that it can take a long time, sometimes decades, for people to work their way through the various barriers, sticking points, and phases of forgetfulness that may keep them from following through on their spiritual experience. When we finally receive – or are open to – the encouragement, challenge, or experience that helps our faith in Christ grow, we can experience the rich fruit of a transformed life.

When Christ stood in Trafalgar Square

by Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former Director of Communications with the CofE.

I'm not a big fan of statues – but my favourite was the life-sized figure of Christ that stood in London's Trafalgar Square during the Millennium celebrations.

It stood on the square's previously-empty fourth plinth, going almost unnoticed among the surrounding grand statues and with Nelson's Column towering above it.

The statue, called *Ecce Homo* (Behold the Man), was built by conceptual artist Mark Wallinger and erected in 1999. He explained: "I consciously made Him life-size. We are made in God's image, and He was made in our image."

"So for the statue to stand in contrast to the overgrown relics of empire was definitely part of the plan."

The figure was made of white marble resin, and depicted Christ standing before the multitude with His head slightly bowed.

I found the statue of Christ deeply moving and kept returning to Trafalgar Square to stand and gaze at it.

Because to me, the statue declared Christ's vulnerability. It stood as a reminder that the God of all creation came to earth as a man and lived among us. He gave up His life so that we might have salvation.

There, with London's traffic rushing by, pigeons coming in to land, and tourists snapping photographs of each other, Christ stood unobtrusively. Standing, you could say, at the door of our consciousness, and asking to be let in.

In a BBC interview at the time, the artist said that he wanted the statue to be an antidote to the "spiritually empty celebration" then taking place at the Millennium Dome in Greenwich.

It certainly had a deep effect on me. In April 2017, the statue of Christ was placed on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral during Easter. Again, I watched as tourists passed by not noticing the figure. It was a modern-day parable in marble resin.

When the Apostle Paul took a stroll around Athens, he spotted the various altars and statues to the Greek gods. He found an altar 'To an Unknown God' and declared that this was "the God who made the world and everything in it" who had made Himself known in Jesus Christ.

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Just as Mark Wallinger took possession of the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square for Jesus Christ – the reason for the Millennium celebrations – so Paul claimed the ‘unknown God’ altar in Athens for the Christian gospel.

The Bible has always been wary of putting people on pedestals. It shows us all sides of the people it describes, warts and all.

It tells us that Moses was a murderer, that David was an adulterer, that Paul persecuted the first Christians and that Peter denied Christ.

But all of us have feet of clay, and few of us deserve to be memorialised for centuries in stone or marble. Rather, we are gently encouraged to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Maybe that’s the best way to make our mark in history.



THE WAY I SEE IT: What have you missed most during lockdown?

Canon David Winter is feeling very solitary just now...

It's a good question, because it is about the things that make us tick. When I examined my list, I found obvious things - going to church, live sport on TV, meeting up with friends for a coffee or a beer.

But as I thought more deeply about it, I realised that what I missed most was TOUCH. For nearly four months I have not touched another human being!

That is an astonishing deprivation. When a baby is born, its first

experiences are all of touch. The strong hands of the midwife, mother's excited and loving embrace, tiny hands reaching out to feel mummy's face. We touch our way into life.

And then it goes on. Holding hands with friends, being hugged by grandma, your first serious kiss, and perhaps a last tearful one at the end of a much-loved life.

We greet each other with a holy kiss, the Bible says. And why not?

Sight, smell, hearing and touch. Four senses. And I think lockdown has taught me that the greatest of these is touch!

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

Appointment Times: Clinicians are still available for consultations and medical advice. Please contact the surgery and a GP or Nurse will call you back to discuss your concerns and if necessary arrange to see you in person. Many problems can be dealt with over the telephone.

Patient Online: Have you registered to use the online service? This allows you to book or cancel appointments on line (during normal service) and order your repeat medications? You can also request access to your Summary Care Record, and Detailed Coded Data contained within your medical records. You can also look at your test results.

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Normal Surgery Opening Times

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Wednesdays 7.30am - 6.30pm

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

Surgery Closure for training -

Wednesday 9th September and

Wednesday 14th October from

1.00pm, re-open at 8am on the

Thursday morning.

Ordering Repeat Medication

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

- In writing or with our on-line access service
- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post or Fax
- Please allow **three** working days before collection and **collect between 8am and 5pm**
- If you have any queries regarding your prescription please ring the surgery between 10am and 2pm if possible, this keeps the phone lines free to allow patients to get through regarding medical problems.**

Prescriptions can be collected via the side window near the back door.

Samples – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and returned in a bag, if provided, either through the letterbox or at the side window.

Test Results – **Please ring for test results after 2.30pm** as we do not receive test results back from the hospital until lunchtime.

For Urgent Calls when we are closed call 111

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Sudoku ☞

Think about making a will and planning your funeral

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers funerals during coronavirus

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. John 11 17-19

We have been living in strange times throughout the lockdown. Many of the life event services in church have been postponed or have gone ahead in a very different way. Funerals have had severe limitations on the numbers who could attend.

Many people have been thinking about the meaning of life and have made wills during the coronavirus crisis. We should all make a will to avoid the disappointment and worry for our loved ones if we do not. Only today I had to advise some grown 'children' that their father's estate would all go to the estranged wife because they were still married at

the time of death. Probably not what the father had wanted!

Sometimes I get asked about the funeral arrangements; or rather, told that so-and-so should not be allowed to attend. Sometimes families do fall out, but can you stop someone coming to a funeral when it is really a public event?

Funerals are usually arranged by executors and they can keep the ceremony as quiet as possible by not announcing it in advance. Church services are public, and it is difficult to stop people attending. Many cemeteries are public places and again anyone can visit them. Crematoria are not usually public and there it is easier to control who is invited and who is not.

If you are worried about what will happen at your funeral, perhaps now is the time to think about putting things right. You could do a letter of wishes to go with your will to say that you hope that people reconcile and let bygones be bygones.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 2020

Although we are not able to meet as a congregation, you may wish to follow the Sunday readings at home.

Readings for August

Sunday 2nd August:

Trinity Eight

Isaiah 55: 1-5

Matthew 14: 13-21

Sunday 23rd August:

Trinity Eleven

Isaiah 51: 1-6

Matthew 16: 13-20

Sunday 9th August:

Trinity Nine

1 Kings 19: 9-18

Matthew 14: 22-33

Sunday 30th August:

Trinity Twelve

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

Sunday 16th August:

Trinity Ten

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Matthew 15: 10-28

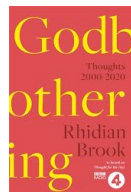
Godbothering

By Rhidian Brook, SPCK, £9.99 (*Book review*)

For 20 years, bestselling novelist Rhidian Brook has pondered such questions as ‘Why bother with God?’, ‘What matters in life?’, ‘Why doesn’t God intervene?’ on Radio 4’s Thought for the Day. He has encouraged, nudged, and sometimes provoked millions into thinking

about the possibility of a God who is intimately and cosmically involved in the human story.

Over 100 of his Thoughts are presented here, forming a kind of alternative history of the 21st century, and inviting us to reflect on the deeper spiritual dimensions of our lives and times.



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