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On 25th July the Church celebrates the Feast of St. James the Apostle. Before Jesus called him to be one of his disciples, he worked as a fisherman in his native Galilee. After his calling, James and his brother John stayed with Jesus throughout his years of teaching and preaching and appears to have been among his closest friends. It was James and John who requested that Jesus reserve them seats in heaven at his left and right hand. As you can imagine James will have become quite a celebrity as he followed Jesus around witnessing all the miracles he performed in front of the many crowds that gathered.

We know that “Celebrities” can make money from books in which they reveal secrets of their own lives and the lives of others. If the secrets revealed are those of politicians or members of the royal family then the book is likely to bring in very substantial sums indeed.

What would have happened if our technology and information systems had been around two thousand years ago? Would James, one of the “inner circle” of Jesus' followers have been approached by a publisher to record memories of life with Jesus? Would a newspaper have paid for the exclusive rights to serialise the book? Who would have made attempts to stop publication through fear of what it might reveal?

Perhaps James would have jumped at the chance to have his stories about Jesus published throughout the world and to use the money for charitable work. We will never know, of course, but what we can perhaps guess from the Gospel writing we do have, is that the central character on every page in the book would have been Jesus, not the author. All the other people and events would have been described in terms of their relationship with Jesus and what he said and did.

Maybe this would have been one chapter of James' book:

“How could we ask Jesus to give us special places in his Kingdom? He'd already spoken enough about the first being last and the last being first. He'd shown us that the people who aren't respected in our society matter to God. He treated children, women, lepers and gentiles as equals and he was

always reaching out out to people even when he was exhausted.

I think my brother John and I were still captured by the vision we saw on the mountain top when Jesus talked with Moses and Elijah. We glimpsed God's glory in a way we never had before and there was Jesus at the centre of it. It gave us the idea that we were really special to Jesus, but he soon put us right. When we asked him about reserving us a place in heaven he asked if we were prepared to experience what he would have to experience. When we said we were, he told us that even so he could not guarantee us any place in his Kingdom – that was for God his Father to decide.

I don't know if at that time I could have said I'd be prepared to suffer as Jesus did if I'd known what that meant: his terrible sadness at that last meal we had together; his anguish, almost despair, in Gethsemane and the pain of harrowing torture and death. I still fear that I may have to face death as he did.

The lesson he gave me that day wasn't new but it was the lesson we all found the hardest to learn. Yes, Jesus is raised from the dead. He is the Christ. Yet whenever I picture him, he's with people, healing, teaching, encouraging, always giving of himself, never demanding. If Jesus lived like that what can I do but follow his example? It isn't easy. Life in the Kingdom of God is a free gift but it costs everything."

James and the other disciples have to be taught over and over again the lesson of humility, of putting others first and not wanting to be the centre of attention or rewarded with honour and glory. It is a lesson that we, too, need to be taught again whenever we are tempted to do things in the hope of gaining thanks, rewards or power over other people.

It is a lesson the Church needs to be taught again whenever it is tempted to exercise authority over others or to be arrogant in its moral teaching which it declares to be the only truth.

It is a lesson we all need to learn if we are to offer service to others in the humility and love of Christ.

God calls us to be different in a world that values power, riches and fame. Are we able to respond to that calling?

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

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.

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St. Peter's Church 100 Club May Draw 2020

1st prize £30 no. 37 Kim Youd
2nd prize £20 no. 8 Daphne Feeney

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

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.



We hope that the event below might still take place as planned. However, we will be following Government and NHS advice. Watch this space for further updates or check on our website: www.stpetersedensor.org

Thursday 17th September 7pm

James Mackay: Acting Animals. A zoologist and former CEO of the UK's National Federation of Zoos, James trains animals for TV and films but how did he get involved in this? What are the 'dos and don'ts'? Find out through this lecture and live demonstration. Tickets £12:50

Now too frightened to go out

Agoraphobia, the fear of open or crowded places, is on the rise. That is the warning from two charities who work to help those with anxiety problems.

Calls to mental health organisations such as Sane and Anxiety UK have rocketed in recent weeks. Both have extended their helpline hours in order to offer support.

Sane has reported a 200 per cent rise in calls for help, and warns that residents of tower blocks and

substandard housing are going to experience 'more and more' fear of going outside.

Anxiety UK has reported more than double its normal calls and has recruited a large number of new volunteers to cope with the increased demand.

If you would like to contact either, go to: <http://www.sane.org.uk> or <https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk>

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>.

I am only one

I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do,
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

- Anon



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



'Safe spaces' in Boots

Boots has become one of the first high street stores to create 'safe spaces' to help victims of domestic abuse who need help during the coronavirus lockdown.

The pharmacy chain, which is the biggest retailer of its kind in the UK, has opened consultation rooms in its

2,400 high street stores. People who have been unable to seek help while trapped at home with an abusive partner can access these 'safe space' rooms.

There they will find posters providing the phone numbers of the key support services, as well as helplines whom they can call without fear of their abuser eavesdropping on them.

Use your old clothes to help others in poverty

Lockdown drove many of us to do a Spring clear-out of our wardrobes. But what do you do now do with the old clothes you no longer want?

Charity shops may be closed for the time being, but there's still a way to donate your old items and support your favourite charities. Just go

online and visit [Thrift+](#) . It is an online store where you can buy and donate great quality second-hand clothes. And you get to choose which cause to support when you make a donation.

While lockdown measures are in place, they've introduced a doorstep collection service, so you don't need to leave your home to support life-transforming charities.

Jane White sent this email to me:

I have written this poem and wondered if at some point you may like to put it in The Bridge, thought it may add a little bit of cheer at present. Keep safe, best wishes .

Where else would you wish to be
When May leaves her mark
Than walking across from Edensor
To stroll in the park.

Where else would you wish to be
When the river goes flowing by
And the sun reflects on the water
Like a thousand diamonds from the sky

What more could you wish to see
Than sheep with their lambs, grazing
The deer appearing over the hill

Sights and sounds, so amazing
What better view could you see
Neath the watch of The Hunting Tower
Than Chatsworth House sitting proud
Showing such strength and power

Stand and drink in the colours
Of the ever changing trees
Catch the beauty of the flowers
Smell their scent upon the breeze.

Where else would you wish to be
Than walking back to Edensor
With grateful thanks
It's home to you and me

*Jane White
Edensor resident*

Online book of remembrance opened at St Paul's

St Paul's Cathedral has launched [Remember Me](#), an online book of remembrance for all those who have been living in the UK who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. People of all faiths, beliefs or none are invited to contribute to Remember Me.

HRH The Prince of Wales, who recorded a video message, said: "This virtual book of remembrance is here not just to recall our loss and

sorrow, but also to be thankful for everything good that those we have loved brought into our lives."

Family, friends and carers of those who have died can submit, free of charge, the name, photograph and a short message in honour of a deceased person via the Remember Me [website](#). The deceased person must have been living in the UK. Remember Me will be open for entries for as long as needed. It is intended that the Remember Me site will become a physical memorial at the Cathedral.

New Archbishop of York to be confirmed

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York this month.

The service, at 11am on Thursday 9th July, will be broadcast entirely via video conference due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

The service, which had been due to take place in York Minster, will be in two parts. A legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music, will be followed by a film marking the start of Bishop Stephen's ministry as Archbishop of York.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell says: "I am looking forward to beginning my ministry as the 98th Archbishop of York. This isn't quite how I imagined it would begin. It is certainly the first time an Archbishop's election will have been confirmed via video conference. But we're all having to re-imagine how we live our lives and how we inhabit the world.

"These are difficult times. My hope is that through this service the love of God that is given us in Jesus Christ will shine out, perhaps even to those who while never attending a service in York Minster, might have a look online

Following in the footsteps of my many predecessors, I look forward to serving our nation and bringing the love and peace of Christ to our world, especially here in the north."

The service will be available on the Church of England website.

Arrangements for Bishop Stephen's enthronement service will be announced later in the year.

Your garden is good for you

Spending time in your garden will do your wellbeing as much good as if you were living in a wealthy neighbourhood.

So says a recent study by the University of Exeter and the Royal

Horticultural Society (RHS). It has found that 71 per cent of people who used their garden went on to report good general health, as compared to 61 per cent who did not use their outdoor space. A similar difference in wellbeing was seen between the highest and lowest income groups.

Toilets and Bakewell stallmarket to reopen

The District Council's 10 public toilets will reopen from 22 June on a restricted-hours trial basis between the hours of 11am and 3pm, ensuring the facilities can be operated and cleaned safely during the continuing coronavirus crisis. Our award-winning Bakewell stallmarket will also reopen on 22 June, with a maximum of 90 stalls and a new social distancing configuration.

Respect the beautiful Dales

We make no apology for appealing to everyone out and about in Dales beauty spots to show *RESPECT* and please - no barbecues or open fires.

- 👉 Respect our parks
- 👉 Respect our communities
- 👉 Respect social distancing
- 👉 Please take litter home

Thank you

#DerbyshireDales small & micro businesses struggling to survive due to [#coronavirus](#) lockdown can apply now for new discretionary grant funding. <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/discretionarygrant...>

Help if you need it

As many people across the county return to work, some residents could find themselves with no or limited

support. Our Community Response Unit is still taking requests for the most vulnerable in [#Derbyshire](#) during the [#coronavirus](#) crisis. Read more: <https://crowd.in/lp3Y6W>

Be a Safe Shopper

We're working with other councils to make town centres safer for shoppers and encourage people to shop local. Some roads are being closed or made one way so that we can make pavements wider. We may also be taking out some on-street car parking bays to help with social distancing.

You can do your bit to help keep yourself and others safe too:

- Remember to follow social distancing rules
- Walk or cycle where possible to reduce demand for car parking
- Shop local where you can, town centres are expected to be busy

Remember where there are signs please follow them. Let's all do our bit to make sure shopping in Derbyshire is as safe as possible.

Green waste collections

Another appeal please to only put out your normal amount of garden waste for collection so we can complete rounds and some households don't miss out.

Buttercups – treasure in our countryside

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

Buttercup! What a delicious name! Rumour has it that, as they were frequently to be found in meadows where cows grazed, they were responsible for butter's yellow colouring. So the name was an obvious choice.

However, since buttercups are poisonous and therefore are avoided as far as possible by our four-footed friends, this is somewhat unlikely. But surely, we all remember having a buttercup held under our chin to see whether the reflection proved that we liked butter! The shiny surface of the petals actually has two real purposes. Firstly, to help attract insects and secondly to act as a kind of mirror to aid the temperature regulation of the plant's reproductive organs.

We are fortunate that buttercups do not suffer from the same unpopularity as other poisonous plants, because if eaten, not only do

they taste nasty, but the poison will also cause blisters in the mouth of the consumer. Extensive handling can also damage the skin, but presumably the size of bunch that many of us picked as children did not count as 'extensive'. Fortunately, Health and Safety experts do not yet seem to have forbidden this source of pleasure for little people. Incidentally, the poison is reduced as the plant dries, and hay that includes buttercups is safe for cows and horses to eat.

Buttercups help form the traditional view of the British countryside. Differing varieties range in height from small to quite tall and although at their peak in early summer, the golden blooms can often still be seen in mid-autumn. Jan Struther, who wrote '*Lord of all hopefulness*' also wrote a children's hymn entitled '*Treasure*'. It starts:

*Daisies are our silver,
buttercups our gold:*

This is all the treasure we can have or hold.

Does the fruit you buy look a bit wonky?

That's because growers have faced a labour shortfall, when many seasonal workers from eastern Europe were unable to reach the UK due to the pandemic. So instead, there has been

a British recruitment drive, targeting inexperienced furloughed workers.

As Martin Lines, of the Nature Friendly Farming Network says: "Fresh produce may not be as evenly cut as usual, given that people are learning on the job."

The crash that killed off Concorde

Tim Lenton looks back on a dreadful day for aviation.

It was 20 years ago, on 25th July 2000, that an Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris after taking off for New York. All 109 people on board were killed, as well as four people on the ground.

The plane was a charter flight from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris to New York, and most of the passengers were German tourists on a 'dream trip' which would have seen them catch a cruise ship from New York to the Caribbean. But as the Concorde hurtled down the runway, a fire started under the left wing – possibly caused by a metal part that fell from a plane that took off moments earlier.

The exact cause was never determined: the Concorde was also

overweight, and the landing gear mechanism was slightly defective. The wind had also shifted slightly before take-off.

The aircraft was unable to gain height and plummeted on to a small hotel in nearby Gonesse, where a 20-year-old guest who had just arrived escaped miraculously by jumping from a window as her room caved in.

It was the only fatal Concorde crash in 24 years, but Concordes were grounded as a result, and although they returned to service in November 2001, all Concorde services stopped permanently two years later.

Did any of our readers ever fly on Concorde, and if so, where did you go?

The queue (to make you smile....)

While waiting in a long queue early one morning for the supermarket to open for us 'seniors', I was surprised to see a young man saunter along and try to cut in at the front of the queue. A furious old lady waved her cane at him, and he quickly backed away.

A moment later, the young man tried again. He managed to dodge the old lady, but then two old men started

shouting at him. Again, the young man backed away.

But he wasn't giving up, and soon the young man approached the queue for the third time. By now, all of us pensioners were ready for him, an angry wall of opposition. The young man stood there for a moment, and then shrugged his shoulders. "If you people won't let me unlock the door, none of you will ever get in to shop."

The reasons for going to church

Terry Warburton speculates on what the future holds for our churches.

Strange times we are living through. The future consequences of coronavirus are going to be challenging, to say the least. How will our churches fare when our buildings are allowed to re-open?

One could say that the reasons for churchgoing can be put into three slots, 'Culture', 'Faith' and 'Community'. Many churchgoers would probably recognise in themselves elements of more than one.

Culture is for those who feel comfortable in church. They like the history, the language, the buildings, the liturgy and the music, which have probably been a part of their lives since they were children. All hold comforting memories.

Faith is a link with the meaning of life and its eternal promise, somewhere to seek guidance through worship and sacrament, and on which to lean in times of trouble. A belief in the words of Jesus that they are not on their own, even if sometimes it feels like it in this world.

Community is for those who like coming to church or being associated with it as a flying buttress (a phrase

of Winston Churchill, who described himself as someone who supports the church from the outside). They don't have to have a commitment to the faith of the Church but are sympathetic and don't mind being with those who do.

It is likely that the 'old normality' will not be the 'new normality' and this provokes a few thoughts:

- * How many people, now out of the habit of regular community worship, will wish to return to it?*
- * How many people on the periphery of church life, will come back to it, at least in the short term?*
- * How many of those who have had a regular commitment to the church, for example by serving at the altar or in its refectories, singing in choirs, doing flowers, ringing bells and polishing brasses will feel that this is a good time to make a break and do something different?*

As church people, we must consider where we go from here. The Church, everywhere in the infected world, will need to know our answer to its call. To thrive, it needs us back.

The NHS – bearing one another's burdens

The Ven John Barton writes in praise of our health service.

“Save the NHS” was the slogan chosen by the British government when the coronavirus began to spread. Meant to evoke public compassion, and compliance with emergency regulations, it sounded as though the NHS was an endangered species. In fact it was the public themselves whose lives were in jeopardy; the National Health Service existed solely for their benefit. The slogan did manage to stir gratitude for a service which had been taken for granted, as well as appreciation of its 1.5+ million staff, many of whom were now putting their own lives at greater risk.

The idea for a countrywide medical service came from the Beveridge Report, instigated by the coalition government during World War II. “Medical treatment covering all requirements will be provided for all citizens by a national health service”, is how it was defined, though it had to wait until 1948 for its implementation to begin.

It was part of a programme for reconstruction, aiming to eliminate Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness. Sir William Beveridge, who gave his name to the report, was close friends with two other social reformers: R H Tawney, and

William Temple, who was to become Archbishop of Canterbury. Today's Archbishop, Justin Welby, wrote this about the trio: “Drawing on Christian understandings of justice, generosity and human dignity, they described the kind of country that they felt reflected God's values better.”

St Paul couldn't have thought he was providing a slogan for a welfare state when he wrote, “Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ”, but that is a neat summary of the way the National Health Service works. We all pay in when we can and we all benefit when we need.

One estimate of the cost of the NHS today is £158.4 billion, which in real terms is 10 times as much as in 1950. In the meantime, it's no longer completely free for all. Prescription charges and dental fees have been introduced. The development of ever-more sophisticated life-saving drugs and medical procedures will inevitably mean higher costs - and a heightened moral dilemma. Must there be further limits to the provision of “medical treatment covering all requirements”?

The colossal task of rebuilding a shattered economy in the years to come may compel the British people to choose between what is essential and what is optional. The Christian principle now sounds particularly demanding: “Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ”.

Could under-fives be the key to significant church growth?

New research has shown that young families with children under five could be a vital element for church growth.

The Talking Toddlers report, using recent research by Savanta ComRes, found that 74% of all parents with children under the age of five have attended a church-based activity in the past year.

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, assistant director of HOPE Together, said: "We so often hear about ageing church, but here is something new – very young church. Can the church reach a generation of under-fives and their parents? Could they be the missing link for church growth?"

"These families are already in touch with us, many are open and questioning and the opportunity is now."

The research was commissioned by HOPE Together, the Church of England, and the Evangelical Alliance, to highlight the potential for sustained church growth if the church nurtures the faith of under-fives and their parents. The findings include:

- Churches are already in contact with nearly three-quarters of all parents of under-fives in Great Britain.
- 74% of all parents with children under the age of five have attended a church activity in the past 12 months.
- 12% of all parents of under-fives are practising Christians, double the number of practising Christians in the population.
- 62% of all parents of under-fives are not active Christians, but they have attended a church activity for this age group in the past year.

More info at:

www.hopetogether.org.uk/talkingtoddlers

Lost in translation (Smile....)

Last year, some friends took their six-year-old on a car trip to France. To help pass the time on the way down to the Channel, they encouraged their son to practise his new reading skills by calling out road signs.

He fell asleep just before they entered France. When he awoke, he saw the French motorway signs and said in a worried tone, "I think I forgot how to read while I was asleep."

Lockdown in Bethlehem

Mike Truman reports on one group badly hit by lockdown.

The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a heavy toll of death and illness around the world. However, the statistics don't always tell the full story.

On the face of it, Palestine has escaped lightly, with only two deaths and under 400 cases at the time of writing; but the economic impact on the people has been devastating.

This is particularly true of the Christian artisans in and around Bethlehem, who make their living carving nativity sets, crosses and other souvenirs from olive wood for sale to tourists and pilgrims. It's a tradition that started early in the 14th century, when the Franciscans first settled in Bethlehem. They brought in Italian wood carvers who taught local people how to make olive wood carvings for pilgrims, and the craft has been handed down within families ever since.

A group of Christian pilgrims from Greece brought Covid-19 to Palestine in late February. The first local cases in Bethlehem were discovered on 5th March, and within 48 hours the city was locked down, with no visitors coming in or out, the churches, mosques, shops and schools all closed.

That may seem an extreme reaction, but Palestine's healthcare system is fragile. If the virus spread through the crowded refugee camps it could be unstoppable.

With no tourists coming in, the artisans have no income. They are growing vegetables in their back gardens to survive. The lockdown was in place until early June, but even then, tourists will not be visiting for months, perhaps a year or more. Their only hope is to sell overseas.

'Made in Bethlehem' is a part-time not-for-profit fair-trade business importing the work of these artisans from two fair-trade wholesalers in Bethlehem. The prices are set to just cover the costs of buying, shipping and selling. Normally the goods are sold at craft markets in the UK, but these too are closed at the moment.

If you would like to help the Christian artisans of Bethlehem, please visit the online shop at Facebook, @MadeInBethlehem or email made.in.bethlehem@gmail.com



The man who created Sherlock Holmes

Tim Lenton looks back on the creator of a legendary detective. If you're a Holmes fan, what's your favourite story?

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the multi-talented writer who created Sherlock Holmes, the world's most famous detective, died 90 years ago, on 7th July 1930 at his home in Sussex, probably of a heart attack. He was 71.

He had been born in Edinburgh to a prosperous Irish-Catholic family with a dysfunctional father and a loving mother who had a talent for inventing stories. He spent seven years in a Jesuit boarding school in England, which he loathed, and qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Edinburgh. He added 'Conan' to his name at that stage.

He wrote the first Sherlock Holmes story, *A Study in Scarlet*, in 1887. In all, he wrote nearly 60 novels or short stories involving Holmes and his sidekick, Dr Watson. He did not regard them as his best work – he wrote prolifically on many subjects – but their characterisation and ingenious plotting made them by far the most popular.

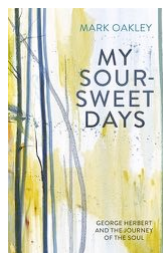
He was married twice – first to “gentle and amiable” Louisa Hawkins, the sister of one of his patients, and then, after she died of tuberculosis in 1906, to the “strikingly beautiful” and talented Jean Leckie. Towards the end of his life he developed a strong interest in the occult and spiritualism. He was knighted in 1902.

My Sour-Sweet Days – George Herbert and the Journey of the Soul

By Mark Oakley, SPCK, £6.99 (Review)

Mark Oakley reveals George Herbert as a fine companion with whom to examine the journey of the soul. His poems are 'heart-work and heaven-work', embracing love and closeness, anger and despair, reconciliation and hope. There is, too, an appealing and audacious playfulness about Herbert: he seems to take God on, knowing God will win, confident God will not abandon him. This sense of relationship with God as primarily friendship is one of many intriguing and healing aspects we are invited to consider.

This book contains 40 well-chosen poems by George Herbert (widely considered the greatest devotional poet in the English language), each of which is followed by a short reflection by Mark Oakley.



Churches soon to lose a friend in the media?

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

Are British Christians in danger of losing their best friends in the media?

One of the many casualties of the coronavirus shutdown has been the country's local and regional newspapers.

As businesses have closed or cut back, they have withdrawn advertising in local titles. Sales have dropped as people in lockdown can't venture out to get a newspaper.

In response, Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick has called on people to buy a paper to help local, regional and national publications survive the coronavirus shutdown.

Speaking at a Downing Street briefing, he said: "A free country needs a free press and the national, the regional and the local newspapers of our country are under significant financial pressure."

The thousands of local papers and their associated websites and social media feeds have often been – alongside parish magazines – the best ways for local churches to promote

their services, activities, and events to the community around.

Local titles have often given the best coverage to grassroots church projects and been open to publishing regular Christian comment columns.

But now the outlook looks increasingly bleak. Even before the lockdown, local titles were facing major challenges with much advertising revenue going to Facebook, Google and other digital platforms. People are increasingly consuming their news free online, with often the originators of the news receiving little or no payment.

Research shows that people value local news. Objective, professional reporting cannot be replaced by community Facebook or WhatsApp groups. The local and regional media play a vital role in holding elected officials to account, and keeping people informed of decisions being taken in their name. They highlight the work of numerous local charities from food banks to debt counselling services and publicise their fund-raising. They promote voluntary groups that bring people together.

Christians can play their part by paying for their news – online or in print – promoting support for the local media in their church networks and supplying them with news and information.

Local is back!

Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers the effect of coronavirus on our lives.

Odd things have been happening to my world in these past weeks of lockdown.

It's got bigger. I've been speaking regularly via the web with friends in Australia and the United States. Worshipers from Canada and South Africa are taking part in our online church services. Other churches are telling the same stories, with increasing numbers of people logging on.

It's got smaller. Even with the relaxation of regulations, many people are still working from home, home-schooling and mostly exercising within walking or cycling distance from where they live.

It's got faster. Arrangements for a funeral in my family were speeded up, with registration and funeral planning carried out over the phone. A doctor's appointment by telephone significantly cut down waiting time.

It's got slower. Shopping takes longer with queues that people would have complained about before the lockdown. The shops have done a great job to keep the shelves stocked and maintain social distancing. I've been thinking about what the long-term impact of the Covid-19

lockdown might be. One of the key outcomes is that local is back.

For decades, we've been hearing about globalization, and how the world is a much more connected place. It is, and the internet has kept many vital businesses running these past weeks.

But we've also come to value what's on our doorstep and in our local streets.

Neighbours have become more important. We're valuing local shops, pubs and restaurants, parks and open spaces. All the people working hard to keep local services going.

Christianity is now a major global religion, with billions of followers around the world. But it began local. It began with Jesus Christ, travelling by foot, preaching and healing around a small area of the middle east. From its local roots, the faith spread around the world.

Today, churches around the world are deeply rooted in their local communities and are seeking to follow Christ's example of love and caring.

Each of us is rooted into our family, into our key relationships and into where we live.

During this pandemic, each of these has grown in importance.

22nd July - The 'Other' Mary

As the traditional Easter story is remembered again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus but Mary of Magdala, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being, male or female, actually to meet the risen Christ. That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils'. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman', a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus. And while there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman', the contrast is sublime: Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity and Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the

woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to Him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because His resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they couldn't believe her.

Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.

The Coronavirus, Church & You Survey

You are invited to take part in this national survey...details below

The Covid-19 pandemic has obviously had a profound effect on churches. The lockdown has severely restricted ministry in areas such as pastoral care, fellowship groups, and serving the community. On the other hand, for those with online access, worship has taken on new and creative forms over the last few weeks. Many clergy and ministry teams have risen to the challenge of operating in the virtual environment.

As we pass the most severe period of lockdown, it seems a good time to assess how churchgoers have responded to the experience, and what they think the future might hold. How well have people coped with the pandemic? Has it strengthened or weakened their faith? How has it been for clergy and ministry teams trying to work in this new environment? How have those receiving ministry found this novel experience? Will virtual ministry become part of the post-pandemic landscape, and will this be a good move for your church?

We have developed a survey over the last few weeks in discussion with bishops, clergy and lay people which we hope will enable you to record your experience of the pandemic, the

ministry you have given or received, and what you think will happen to churches in a post-pandemic world.

In an article to launch the survey in the Church Times, the Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, wrote: "This survey is an attempt to go beyond anecdote... It will capture evidence of both excitement and fears for the future, of where stress levels have changed, and whether personal faith has weakened or grown."

This is an online survey, which we estimate it will take you about 20-30 minutes to complete. Most of the questions simply require you to tick boxes, though there are options to specify your particular circumstances, and an opportunity at the end for you to tell us your views in your own words. Alongside questions about the pandemic and ministry there are sections which ask about you: these are important because they will allow us to see how the lockdown is affecting different sorts of people in different contexts.

The survey can be completed on mobile phones, though it is more quickly completed on devices with larger screens such as tablets or computers. You can access using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yqsq9fy2>

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Please forward this link to any churches or churchgoers you feel might want to take part in the survey and support this research. We should have some initial results within a few weeks and will make these available as widely as we can.

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What will your office life be like?

The days of 'hot desking', sitting opposite one another, lending your colleagues a pen, or chatting while making tea together are over. Instead, when we get back to work, desks will be spaced out, and factory-style shift times may be introduced.

"Coronavirus has turned everything upside down," says Janet Pogue McLaurin, a Gensler workplace expert. "Before we can ask people to

return to the office, we've got to make sure they feel safe, healthy and valued in their workplace."

And – vitally important: "Employees must not assume that now they have returned to work, they no longer need to keep away from people. Unless people are wearing face masks, the 6ft social distancing rule should apply in the physical workspace until there is a vaccine and the coronavirus is no longer a health threat."

Nigel Beeton writes: Many of us, during lockdown, have enjoyed making bread; working with yeast and dough is very therapeutic!

Our Daily Bread

Give us we pray
The bread we need today
Or, Lord, at least
Provide us with some yeast!

We'll feast our eyes
To see the yeast-dough rise
No fun we lack
When we then knock it back.

Once more it proves,
Then to the oven moves
And then we haste
That nice fresh bread to taste!

By Nigel Beeton

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.

A Scientist Reflects: Suffering and the Image of God

As I write, volunteers are distributing food to people who have been deprived of their usual ways of earning an income during the lockdown in a Majority World country. I became involved in raising money for this initiative very recently, and saw videos from the first people to receive packages. There were expressions of happiness, hope, quiet sadness, resignation, desperation – most often a mixture of several of these feelings at the same time.

I believe that our cries for answers at times like this, and our deep longing for things to be better, kinder, more just, less painful and chaotic, are a sign that we are made in the image of God. The Bible describes God creating men and women, instructing them to rule over the earth, and giving them the freedom to choose what they will do. The world God made was described as “very good”, but human wrongdoing caused a rift between

people and God, and also between us and the rest of creation.

From a scientist’s perspective, it seems that the potential for accidents, disease and death – for both animals and humans – may have been part of God’s very good creation, and there was a real threat of famine, albeit far rarer than in our current mismanaged version of creation? How would we have managed life in what Genesis describes as an un-subdued world if our relationship with God hadn’t broken down, and evil hadn’t been unleashed? Maybe painful experiences would have been experienced as challenges that brought us closer to each other and to God, rather than bringing us the experience of suffering (which I would define more particularly as involving distress, isolation and fear)? Of course, these are theoretical questions that no one can answer, but perhaps they are worth exploring.

God has already responded to suffering at a root level by taking it on Himself. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of sin and death. We do not yet see the final results of those decisive actions – the end of suffering for all those who trust Him – but we can already feel their impact. For example, many people have

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experienced the wonderful effect, either in their own lives or by receiving kindness from others, which is described by these words: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26).

Some of the people who received food yesterday were, in the words of

the community team leader, “really desperate”, but yet they still trust God to meet their needs. My hope is that the worldwide Church will, with God’s help, be part of the answer to their prayers – demonstrating our true status as people made in the image of God.

The new absolutely-must-have item for your kitchen

Here is a curious winner in the coronavirus crisis: the humble egg cup. It has been flying off the shelves in recent months, as more of us find solace in a cooked breakfast.

At one point, John Lewis had sold out of most of its egg cups, with even the most expensive lines selling out, (such as Le Creuset’s set of six egg cups for £45, or Emma Bridgewater’s set of six for £27.95.)

As Nicola Hattersley, tableware buyer for John Lewis, explained: “One positive from being at home more is taking the time to make mealtimes more of an occasion.

“The humble egg cup – something many of us haven’t used since childhood – is gracing tables once again and hopefully we’ll see a new generation becoming familiar with ‘soldiers’ and debating the best way to smash open a boiled egg.”



High point of the day

The Royal Mail reports that 45 per cent of us have been receiving more parcels since lockdown began. 53 per cent of us say that receiving parcels has become more important to us, while just over a third of us even admit that receiving our parcels has become a highlight of our day.

There is a downside, however. Andrew Goodacre, chief executive of the British Independent Retailers Association, recently warned MPs that one in five high-street shops could close permanently as a result of the pandemic.

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, allowing you to book and cancel appointments on line 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.

Telephone Numbers:

Reception: 01246 582216

Surgery Fax: 01246 583867

Dispensary: 01246 582366

**District Nursing Team - now CAP
(Community Access Point)
01332 564 900**

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

(The Dispensary line is open 12noon –
1.00pm and 2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Normal Surgery Opening Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8am-6.30pm;

Wednesdays 7.30am - 6.30pm

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

Surgery Closure for training -

These are currently suspended due to the pandemic.

Ordering Repeat Medication

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

- In writing or with our on-line access
- Over the telephone – please ring the surgery between 9am and 5pm
- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post/Fax/
- **Please allow two working days before collection**

To reduce the footfall into the surgery there will be no access into the surgery building. 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 2pm as we do not receive test results back from the hospital until lunchtime.

If you are unwell and self-isolating from coronavirus and require delivery of essential items Christine & David Upton from Baslow Village Shop will take requests by telephone (01246 582108) and a community volunteer can deliver to your home where possible.

For Urgent Calls when we are closed call 111

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Gardening Against the Odds?

The Conservation Foundation has relaunched Gardening Against the Odds as a virtual network and is getting some excellent interest.

As a result, it may be making a radio series soon, featuring some of the projects it has discovered over the years which show how people combat 'odds' – mental, physical and environmental - by gardening, even when they have no garden.

These people plant seeds which they watch grow, eventually producing growth leading to flowers and fruit. Sometimes they work alone, sometimes there is an opportunity to share, producing a sense of community. All this is nothing new, but many

people are discovering the benefits of gardening as a result of lockdown – discovering how gardening can help combat loneliness and depression with a sense of caring and wellbeing sometimes with life changing results.

This is a very topical issue and so if you have discovered the benefits of gardening recently – or know someone who has – the Conservation Foundation would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Please contact:

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website <https://conservationfoundation.co.uk/projects/gardening-against-the-odds/>

READINGS FOR JULY 2020

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

Readings for July

Sunday 5th July:

Trinity Four

Zechariah 9: 9-12

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Sunday 19th July:

Trinity Six

Isaiah 44: 6-8

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Sunday 12th July:

Trinity Five

Isaiah 55: 10-13

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sunday 26th July:

Trinity Seven

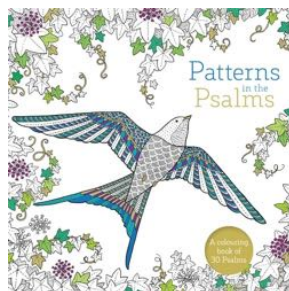
1 Kings 3: 5-12

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Patterns in the Psalms – a colouring book

SPCK, £9.99 (Review...)

This summer, if you have time on your hands, why not colour your way through the beautiful imagery of the Psalms?



This book contains 30 illustrations with a corresponding verse, all designed to appeal to an adult market. The designs include animals, flowers, leaves, waves, stars and other patterns. Readers can enjoy the creativity and freedom of adding colour to these intricate designs, whilst scripture provides inspiration and reflection for each page.

Items for the **AUGUST** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 13th JULY** email to: liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk

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