



CHURCH AT HOME

Issue 18: August 8th 2020

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

On holiday I was reflecting on how God made us all to be curious. We did loads of fun stuff but it was amazing to be able to hunt and find fossils on the famous (to geologists) beach at Naze Point. Dozens of people of every age and level of expertise looking for the elusive shark's tooth and asking the experts (very obvious to spot) what their finds were. We found lots of fossil wood and it's impossible to miss the coprolite (dinosaur poo).

But what draws us to learn? Why do we thirst for knowledge? Well partly because of the fall, but I believe that God made us this way. It was a deliberate act for our benefit. And I don't mean just so we can learn ways to survive and thrive. God made us curious for the sheer joy of discovery. Like the joy on the child's face when they find their first dinosaur poo!

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

Rev Clive

P.S. I understand you want to talk to each other after our church services, but could I gently encourage you to do so outside, so we can ensure we are following the guidelines.

Church noticeboard

Tearfund Appeal

Our missions' group has assigned £250 to the recent emergency appeal from our mission fund on your behalf. For more information go to

https://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/coronavirus_emergency_appeal/

Christianity magazine

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

YouTube

We now have a YouTube channel. You can find it here -

www.youtube.com/channel/UCyGRf-T_6vpzeD4G_bc8l4Q

Spring Harvest

Next years Spring Harvest dates have been announced. We will be taking a party to Minehead week 2 which will be **10-15th April 2021**. Post Easter next year because of the late School holidays. We will be taking bookings and deposits when we have the prices and more information.

Social Media

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

Foodbank

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

Facebook

Our facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnorthumberlandheath> but with the recent changes it might be easier to go straight to the posts page which is

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/stpaulsnorthumberlandheath/posts>

Church noticeboard (cont.)

Acting on Advice from the Church of England this is what to expect when you come to Church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Mark 10:25) 01-10-2007
**YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FIT A CAMEL
THROUGH A NEEDLE**

Community Notices



Would you like to improve your maths?

We have flexible courses running at different levels, to suit everybody. To register your interest or for more information, please email: MathsEnquiries@lec.ac.uk

Learning & Enterprise College Bexley
BEXLEY
founded by Bexley residents



HM Government

Book a free test if you have symptoms of coronavirus.

nhs.uk/coronavirus



Reuse & Recycling Centres

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

LA11 BEX
LA12 BEX

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Bexley heroes' awards

The Mayor of Bexley is calling on residents to nominate local heroes for a special commendation award that recognises exceptional contributions and acts of kindness made during the pandemic. The special commendation awards will celebrate the invaluable contribution that Bexley heroes have made to the community during the coronavirus outbreak.

If you know someone or a group/business who has gone out of their way or been a good neighbour this is your chance to make sure they get the recognition they deserve.

<http://ow.ly/y7wV50Av434>

Erith Library

Erith library is now open. There will be self-service only in the mornings and returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being available for lending again.

Healthy Start

With Healthy Start, families on some benefits can get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain fresh, frozen fruit & vegetables, & infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins. Check to see if you qualify - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk>

This week's prayer

Grant wisdom to the Government, World Health Organisation and other leaders as they monitor, assess and lead through this pandemic. Give strength afresh to those on the frontlines of medicine and health care. In their weariness enable them to lean into your strength.

Give wisdom and insight to those researching for a cure. Bring them clear thinking and a breakthrough.

You are the God who comforts. Embrace those who are grieving the loss of loved ones with your grace. Surround those experiencing trauma and loss, with your compassionate love.

For those in isolation, who are fearful and suffering anxiety be the Prince of Peace and the Wonderful Counsellor.

You are the God of hope. May we as your people choose hope and faith. May we be beacons of hope and light to those around us.

In this season may many come to know you, Jesus, as Lord and Saviour.

Amen

By Elim Church UK

Prayer

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

Ann Easter, Ann Batchelor (Reader at St Martin's), Andrew Bennett, Charles Brooke, Elizabeth Foster and Joan Handy. For Marjorie and Eileen Hoare, Monica Lindridge, Christine Meaton and Christine Minns. For Carol & John O'Connor, John Ralph and Amanda Ralph. For Jane & George Stafford. For Karen Vaughan (Cameo), Jeanette Watts and Mark Williams.

Elizabeth Williams our Pastoral Assistant is beginning the process that will see her move away from Northumberland Heath to live close to her daughter. Please pray for the right home for her and son Mark. In due course we will mark her ministry with us at St Pauls.

Access Church services online

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

Holy Trinity Brompton – Nicky Gumbel

<https://www.htb.org/sundayonline>.

Freedom Church – Sim Dendy

<https://www.freedomchurch.uk>

All Souls Langham Place

<https://www.allsouls.org>

Watch on TV

TBN (Freeview 65 / Sky 582)

Hillsongs TV (Sky 595)

Resources for children and young people

Primary

VeggieTales (Netflix)

Superbook (Amazon Prime & Youtube)

Hillsongs: <https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsongkids>

Rend Collective: <https://rendcokids.com>

Bethel Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOI62mC4bs9JEUyFP>

Secondary

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

Bible Game for Apple or Android - "The Guardians of Ancora"

<https://guardiansofancora.com>

What you're up to. – Pictures and messages



Beazley-Longs

On Holiday in Walton-On-The-Naze & Clacton



Brenda Reid & Martin Bray

"Brenda Reid and her son-in-law Martin Bray inaugurate the garden furniture"



Faith Beazley-Long
8th birthday this week



Bob & Monica Lindridge with Ron & Margaret Richards
Margaret and Ron helping Monica and Bob celebrate their 48th Wedding Anniversary



Cavan & John O'Connor
John 'shearing' Cavan when he came home last weekend.

Pick of the Pics this week goes to Brenda Reid & Martin Bray. For their picture in the garden. One of the suggested books is on route. You'll have to fight over it!

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

Books

This week's book suggestions come from SPCK



JEROME F. D. CREACH

DISCOVERING THE PSALMS

CONTENT | INTERPRETATION | RECEPTION

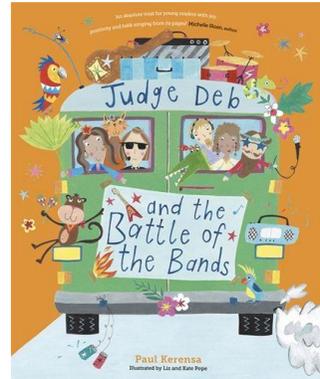
Discovering The Psalms by Jerome D. Creach

This introduction to the interpretation of the Psalms encourages in-depth study of the text and genuine grappling with the historical, literary and theological questions that it poses. It draws on a range of methodological approaches as complementary rather than mutually exclusive ways of understanding the text. It also reflects the growing scholarly attention to the reception history of the Psalms, increasingly viewed as a vital aspect of interpretation rather than an optional extra.

Judge Deb and the Battle of the Bands by Paul Kerenza

Who's that blaring out music night and day? It's Sisera's Boisterous Boyz! But the locals aren't happy about all the noise, so Judge Deb and her singing superstar Barak come up with the perfect plan: a battle of the bands!

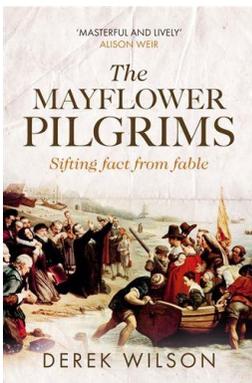
With fabulous illustrations throughout, be charmed by this modern-day retelling of the story of Deborah, the only female judge in the Bible.



Paul Kerenza
Illustrated by Liz and Kate Pope

The Mayflower Pilgrims by Derek Wilson

The voyage of the Mayflower in 1620 has come to typify those qualities that many believe represent the best of America and the values it holds up to the rest of the world. And yet, if they lived today, the courageous men, women and children who made that journey would not recognize themselves in the story in popular books and movies of the last century or so. So, what were the motivating forces behind this momentous voyage? Derek Wilson strips away the over-painting from the icon to discover the religious, political and commercial concerns that led this group of hopeful but fallible human beings to seek a new life on the other side of the world.



'MASTERFUL AND LIVELY'
ALISON WEIR

The MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

Sifting fact from fable

DEREK WILSON

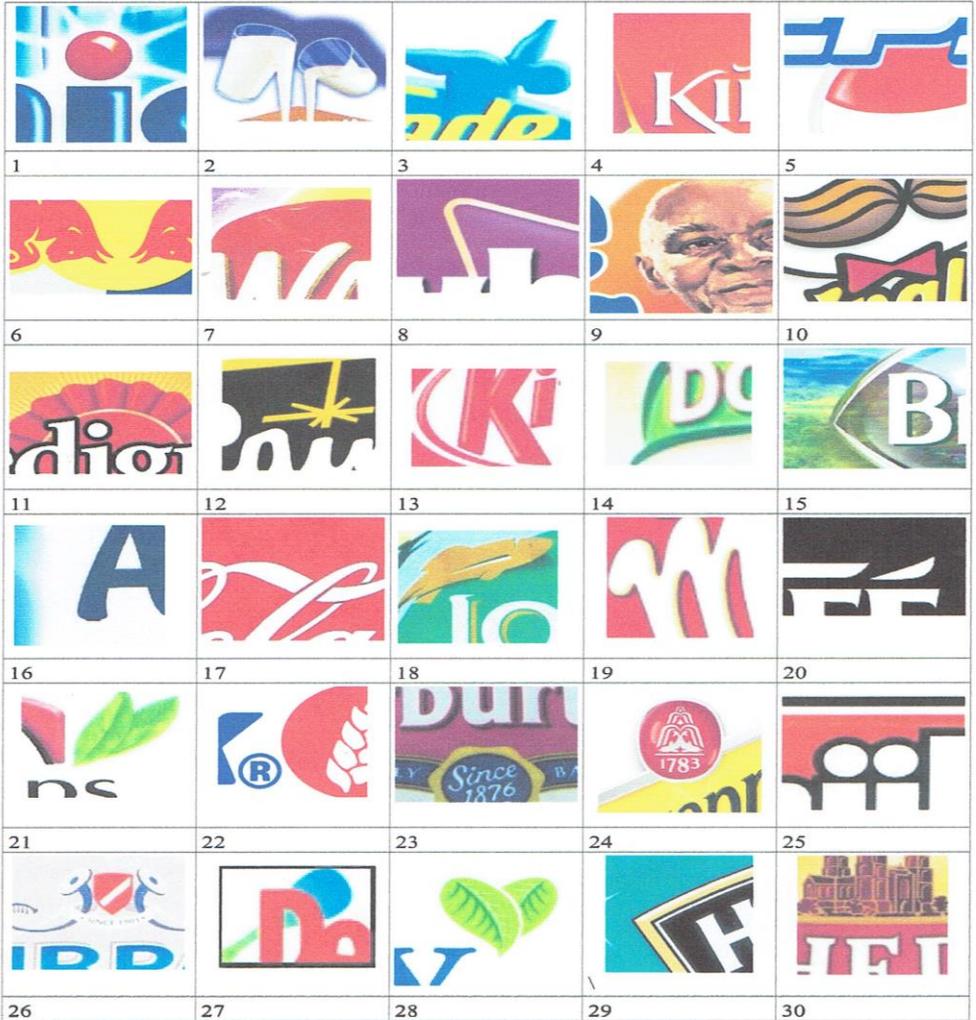
Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, Artist	Peak Pos	WoC
1	1	 THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	53
2	2	 JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	40
3	4 ↑	 LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	9
4	3 ↓	 VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	269
5	5	 MANSION NF CCMG	1	155
6	6	 THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	121
7	7	 AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	334
8	13 ↑	 VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	49
9	8 ↓	 GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	13
10	10	 UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	208
11	11	 PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	31
12	9 ↓	 AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	42
13	12 ↓	 VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	79
14	14	 LET THERE BE LIGHT HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	193
15	16 ↑	 THE ESSENTIAL KIRK FRANKLIN KIRK FRANKLIN VERITY	11	10
16	Re	 HOW CAN IT BE LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	9	109
17	15 ↓	 JESUS IS BORN SUNDAY SERVICE CHOIR INC	3	31
18	17 ↓	 JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS REUNION	16	27
19	19	 GREATEST HITS (THE ATLANTIC YEARS) POD ATLANTIC	6	78
20	Re	 THE END IS WHERE WE BEGIN THOUSAND FOOT KRUTCH HASSLE	8	7

Mrs T's quiz page

Can you identify the brands?



Ann's simple recipes for everyone

St Paul's resident culinary queen Ann Easter is recovering from her operation, if anyone would like to take over her recipe page please let Clive know.

Photography



Passion flower
by Elaine
Fermer



Cotswold's Panorama
by Bob & Monica
Lindridge



Gift Aid

**Do you support our mission and ministry by regular giving?
Do you pay tax?**

If you answered yes to both those questions then we can claim an extra 25% from the government at no cost to you.

It's very easy to sign up

See Charles Brooke or Dot Turner and they will help you.

Blast from the Past

From "St Pauls New Leaf Magazine November 1982"

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Paula's
Palaver



Here I am, rejoicing to be back with you all, and praising God for His goodness. I see that in October's magazine I wrote "maybe by the time the October magazine is in your hands I shall be back with you all". I was discharged from hospital on 1st October - "prophetic words" do I hear you say? Maybe - I think the fact matters more than the foretelling of it.

What did I learn in hospital? I believe one of the things our Lord, in His infinite wisdom, had to teach me a lot about is patience. I am just beginning to have a tiny inkling of what it is all about, and I would like to share with you a little of what the word PATIENCE came to mean to me as I wrestled with it.

P - stands for both Peace and Power - the Peace of God can give us the Power or the strength to stand against Satan's darts.

A - is for Acceptance - the sooner we learn to accept the things we cannot change, the easier our lives will be. This does not mean a negative reaction - Acceptance can and should be positive - this is so when we accept trouble with its attendant problems and say "right, this is my situation, now, how do I use it for God?"

T - for Trust we need to be able to Trust Him at all times - many things are unpleasant, some are downright painful, but God knows how much pain and distress we are bearing - He is in it with us - we are not alone, and if we Trust in Him, He will bring us through victorious. Trust means becoming as a small child, putting our hand in the hand of God. Just as a small frightened child will gain confidence from the grasp of his father's hand, so we too, can Trust our Father to bring us safely through.

I - stand for Independence, and this is something we need to learn to give up - to learn to be dependent upon somebody else requires a phenomenal amount of patience - one of the things we 'have' to remember is that, however Independent we wish to be, there are others whose joy lies in their ability

to help others - who are we to deprive others of the joy of service!

E - Endurance - yes, we need to learn to Endure, not with gritted teeth and an air of determination, but with the Peace of God - it is His Peace which shines in the eyes of many severely disabled people I have met - if we have His Peace we can Endure all things. St. Paul in his letter to Phillipians 4:5 says "Let all men know your forbearance (Endurance), The Lord is at hand" (R.S.V.)

N - Notwithstanding, or in spite of. God's gift of Patience is granted to us whatever our situation - we may be filled with fear and foreboding; the outlook, humanly speaking, may be grim; nevertheless, if we look to God in faith and trust, in His time He will answer our prayers - we need to practise that Patience which He will grant to those who ask.

C - is for Certainty, Oh! what joy it is to have the Certainty that Jesus died in order that we might be forgiven, not only the big sins - the ones that show, but that we might know the Certainty of His forgiveness for all those wrong thoughts; for those times of doubting; for the times when we hold back the good that we could do.

E - the final E for me, stands for Empathy - the ability to enter into another person's life. I know that this is what Jesus does for me, He enters my life. He is not only there when I am full of joy, He enters into my pain, He feels it with me - He enters into my distress, when I am sad He weeps with me - He enters into my frustrations, my anxieties, my self-pity, my anger, and I hear Him say "Peace, be still."

These are just a few of the thoughts that came to me as I begged God to help me to understand more of this particular part of the Fruit of the Spirit - I am sure it will mean something different to each one of us. So often I hear people say "I've no Patience", yet, patience is part of the Fruit of the Spirit. If God's Spirit is living within us we have Patience, maybe we need to think a little more about it before we claim to have none. All I can claim is that God does provide us with the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) when, and how, and in what quantity we need it. We have only to ask.

V.I.

On TV this week
Freeveiw Sky Virgin Freesat BT

Saturday

08:00: Jesus His Life: Sky History (123 270 327)
09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39 148 192)
23:20: Father Ted: More4 (18 136 147 124)

Sunday

06:00: Hour of Power: Sky One (106 110)
10:00: Sunday Morning Live: BBC1
12:00: God Is Bigger Than Elvis: Sky Documentaries (114 277)
13:15: Songs of Praise: BBC1
14:35: Evan Almighty: Comedy Central (112 132 307)
15:20: Call The Midwife: Drama (20 143 130 158)

Monday

20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)

Tuesday

20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)
21:00: I Saw The Light: Sony Movies (32 321 425 302)
22:00: This Country: Dave (19 111 127 157)

Wednesday

18:40: The Prince Of Egypt: Sky Cinema Animation (312 412)
20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)
21:00: Treasures Decoded: Sky History (123 270 327)

Thursday

20:00: Wonders Of The Coast Path: ITV (St Patricks Chapel)
20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)
21:15: The Life And Times Of Captain Sir Tom: ITV
22:45: Inside The Bruderhof: BBC1

Friday

20:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)

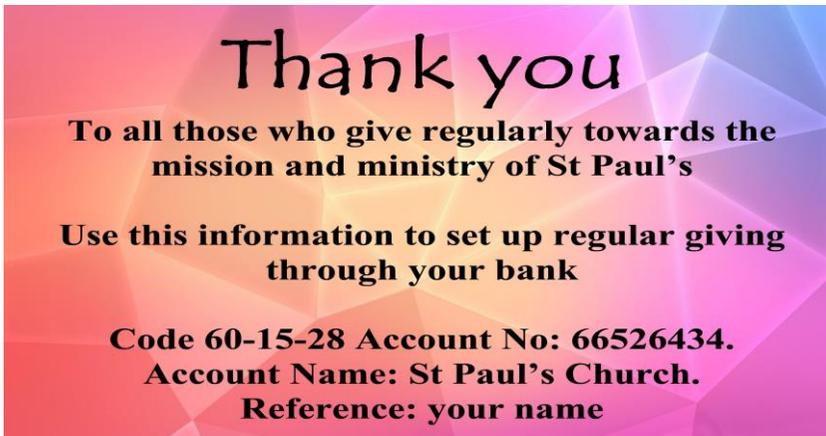
Radio programs

Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43am on Radio 4

Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4

Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4
Longwave and DAB

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



Quiz answers

- 1.Finish dishwashing tablets;
- 2.Cadbury's Dairy Milk;
- 3.Lucozade;
- 4.Mr Kipling;
- 5.Pepsi Cola;
- 6.Red Bull;
- 7.Walker's Crisps;
- 8.Whiskas;
- 9.Uncle Ben's Rice;
- 10.Pringles;
- 11.Pedigree Chum;
- 12.McCain Chips;
- 13.Kit-Kat;
- 14.Dolmio sauces;
- 15.Bird's Eye;
- 16.Andrex toilet tissue;
- 17.Coca Cola;
- 18.John West;
- 19.Maltesers;
- 20.Nescafe;
- 21.PG Tips;
- 22.Weetabix;
- 23.Warburton's bread;
- 24.Schweppes;
- 25.Muller Yogurt;
- 26.Lurpak;
- 27.Persil;
- 28.Tetley¹⁵ tea;
- 29.Heinz Baked Beans;
- 30.Cathedral City cheese.

