

Issue 31: November 14th 2020

Welcome, brothers and sisters to the thirty-first edition of "Church at Home".

I've been struck by people's generosity this week. So many in our community have been asking about our annual toy collection. People were genuinely worried they wouldn't have the chance to give some toys to the women's shelter.

On top of that I asked Lorraine & Danny (who some of you will know) from North Heath business "The Movie Shack" if I could buy some vouchers as prizes for our children's colouring competition. They have very generously given us two prizes of £30 as a donation. Even more generous since I suspect, as their main outlet is at conventions and fairs around the South East, I'm guessing like many others, business is hard just now.

Paul writes this in 2 Corinthians ⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

So, can I ask we return "The Movie Shacks" generosity and buy one of your presents from them this year. www.themovieshack.co.uk or www.facebook.com/movieshack.

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

Rev Clive



Christmas at St Paul's

December 6th at 10am

Final chance to bring toys for children with Women's Aid

December 12th at 2pm

Christmas film for all the family - Nativity

December 19th At 2pm

Christmas film for all the family - The Star

December 19th

Children Nativity Colouring Competition ends

December 19th at 7:30pm

Online Christmas Quiz

December 24th

Christingle at home
Sign up to have your Christingle, **
packs delivered to your children on
Christmas Eve. **

December 24th at 11:30pm Midnight Communion

December 25th at 10am

Family Celebration

We will do our best to run all these activities as long as restrictions allow.

To apply for the Children's Nativity Colouring Competition, visit www.spnh.org.uk.

Toys can be delivered to Church on Wednesdays 9:30-10am or Sundays 10-11am.









Church noticeboard

Women of Faith - Advent for Women 2020



This year's event will be online but with the usual mix of worship, teaching and craft. To get the zoom meeting details and information about what you will need on the night email womenoffaithbexley@gmail.com



<u>Services</u>
There will no services in the church building until 6th December due to the current national lockdown.

Children's Nativity Colouring Competition

We are running a colouring competition for our children. Entry is on the back page.

The Rose's

There was a misunderstanding regarding their leaving and we apologise for any hurt this may have caused Janet and Jonathan and look forward to when they are worshipping at St Paul's again.

Private Prayer

During the lockdown the church will be open for personal private prayer on Sundays 10-11am and Wednesdays 9:30-10am.

Church Cleaner

We are looking for a Church Cleaner. Please see the advert on page 20 and pass on to anyone you think might be interested.



New Finance Team

As no one has come forward to be our church treasurer the role is now vacant. We have decided to try splitting the role into a number of smaller jobs.

Please consider prayerfully if you are able to fill one of these roles.

Banker (Incoming) [Role Filled - the Lindridges]

Co-ordinate the paying in of physical cash / cheques.

Oversee the Sunday counting team.

Send counting sheets and yellow envelopes to Gift Aid Secretary.

Co-ordinate any miscellaneous incoming payments to bank account. (i.e. non regular incoming payments).

Banker (Outgoing)

Pay bills.

Pay expenses.

Provide office petty cash when requested.

Pay Parish pledge.

Bookkeeper

Prepare monthly accounts for PCC.

Prepare draft budget.

Prepare annual accounts.

Send annual accounts to Diocese & Charity Commission.

If required send accounts to HMRC.

Record Keeper

Keep a financial record of incomings and outgoings.

Gift Aid Secretary [Role filled - Dot Turner]

Co-ordinate the claiming of gift aid from the government.

Please contact Clive for more details.

Community Notices

Bexley Fire Brigade Update

Over the previous 7 days there have been 17 incidents within Bexley borough that have required an attendance from the LFB. Of these 7 were false alarms and 5 were special services (1 x assisting other agencies, 2 x road traffic collision, 1 x effecting entry to residential properties, 1 x flooding).

We also attended 5 calls to fires, 1 of which involved tree scrub adjacent to the East Rochester Way in St. Mary's & St. James ward. On Wednesday 5 pumping appliances and an aerial appliance attended a incident in Becton Place Northumberland Heath ward. This was following a smell of burning from the property which originated from a defective storage heater. No persons were involved and minimal damage was caused.

Also on Wednesday two pumping appliances from Sidcup station attended a an electrical sub-station at Fire Arches business estate Sidcup ward. This was due to overheating which caused some rubber insulation to give off smoke. Once the power was isolated by UK Power Network the fire extinguished itself.

One pumping appliances attended an underpass near Nordenfeldt road Erith ward, where a consumer unit for lighting had overheated. Minimal action was required from us and again required the attendance of UK Power Network. Our final fire incident was also on Sunday evening was to a Post Box on Merewood Road Barnehurst ward. This was following a firework being placed inside. We utilised a dry powder extinguisher to smother the fire and reduce the damage to the mail. The busiest wards were Barnehurst, Bexleyheath, Erith, Northumberland Heath, Slade Green & Northend and St. Mary's & St. James all with 2 incidents each. As we approach Bonfire Night we want people to stay safe whilst still enjoying

fireworks. To assist with this we have provided an easy to follow leaflet which details The Firework Code. Please take the time to read this and take note of the advice.











NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 NOV - 2 DEC

- You must stay at home
- Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work
- You must work from home if you can
- Avoid travel unless essential
- Schools and essential shops will remain open
- Remember: wash hands, cover face, make space

For the latest guidance, visit gov.uk/coronavirus



This week's prayer

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to
health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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, Ron and Joan Handy. For Marjorie and Eileen
Hoare, Monica Lindridge, Christine Meaton and Christine Minns.
For Carol & John O'Connor, John Ralph and Amanda Ralph. For Jane
& George Stafford. For Karen Vaughan (Cameo), Jeanette Watts and
Mark Williams.

Access Church services online

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

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

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

All Souls Langham Place https://www.allsouls.org

Watch on TV

TBN (Freeveiw 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=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOl62m

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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



Bethany Hand Happy 17th Birthday to Bethany this week.



Chris Meaton and grandchildren
Our little Lockdown baby
Tryston is now 6months old and
recently helped his grandad
celebrate his birthday



John Turner
John has been busy making hanging boxes
from thrown out decking, just so Dot
doesn't have to bend to pick the
strawberries!



Henry
Our grandson Henry
celebrating his 7th
birthday.
Bob Lindridge.



Linda Mayes Grandchildren
My granddaughters in Coventry
enjoying a special treat and caught in
the act. We haven't seen them since
September but my son Russ sent me
these to keep me going!!
Linda

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

Ministry @Home







These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light in the name of the Maker, who lit the world and gave everything life.

I will light a light in the name of the Son, who saved the world and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light in the name of the Spirit, who is present everywhere in the world and gives me strength.

Together:
We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

Welcome

Song: Here I am to Worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXq2ztqe8f0

Reflection Time

Talent Contest: Ask each person in your home to show everyone something they are good at. Maybe they can stand on their head, play a guitar, tell a story, give a hug? Go round as often as you can – you may need to encourage each other as we are often shy or embarrassed. Think of this as an 'X Factor' opportunity!

This story is called the Parable of the Talents. A parable is a type of story Jesus would tell so we would learn something from it.

Bible passage: Matthew 25:14-30 read this together from the International Children's bible.

And watch these short videos which tell the story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVetd67zGZs

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=BNH4IiGWI-8

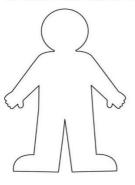
When Jesus told this story a talent was a weight of money worth about 20 years of pay. But it can also mean our gifts or abilities. Something special and amazing God gives just to you, almost like a super power.

The man in this story is like God and the man's servants are God's people; us. The man in this story trusted his servants and believed that they would take care of his valuables. Two of the servants worked hard to make their master's money grow but the third man buried it! He had time, he could have done all sorts but he didn't bother. So the master stops trusting him.

The point Jesus was trying to make is that if you use your special gifts and abilities God will give you more to keep doing these things you are good at.

God has given us all gifts or talents. Some are skills we have learnt and practised like music or art, others are abilities we need to learn like reading or maths. Others again are the 'things' we have – like our toys, our money or our time.

Sometimes it is hard to know what gifts or talents God has given us. Other people often see them better than we do ourselves.



Draw an outline for everyone in your household. Take it in turns to write or draw on them the gifts you see in each other.

Keep adding to them as you spot new gifts.

Also try to encourage and compliment others if you notice something special in them. Your friends, teachers and parents might forget that God put something special in them and you might see it. Tell them that they're good at it and remind them that it's a special ability given to them by God.







Use whatever gift
you have
received to
serve others
I Peter 4:10



Make a treasure bag as a family, decide how you can use your gifts to serve God and each other. Be imaginative — everyone enjoys cookies.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Way Maker

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV 2H9xD0

Song: You Got This

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqFcetG7wGQ

Thank You Prayers. Pass round some sweets or chocolate coins. As you taste the sweetness thank God for the gifts he has given every one of you. As it dissolves think of that delicious taste and how you can use your gifts to show other people God's goodness and love for them.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heave...
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen

Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week — sing

Happy birthday to you To Jesus be true May God's richest blessings Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore.

Amen.

Closing Responses.....

Song: Be Happy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXXKJrxoChU

From where we are to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- Hide the treasure
 - Choose an object to be the treasure. Take turns to hide it somewhere and to try and find it. If you have soil or sand available that could be fun.
- Take some time to practice something, remember God gave you gifts to enjoy but sometimes they take a bit of effort.
- Make a special effort to bless another home with one of you gifts, a picture? some cookies?
 Pray for that home too.

With thanks to Trueway Kids.com

Reflection on Nehemiah 3

The story of Nehemiah is one of prayer, obedience, courage and hope. Allied to compassion, careful planning, negotiation, co-operation, firm and visionary leadership, hard work and miracles. It is a story of exile, of spiritual renewal, and restoration. It is a story for today.

To read the story of Nehemiah, can be confusing, a bit like tuning into the middle of a TV programme or series, without any explanation of what is going on or how we got there.

Nehemiah, saw the exile, as a punishment on the Israelites for breaking God's commands, decrees and laws. They'd worshipped other gods and not looked after their neighbour or the stranger. Society had become very unequal a few people had great wealth, many lived in abject poverty. Worship became only an outward show that neither engaged the heart nor lives.

Repeatedly over the centuries, prophets had spoken out against these abuses in worship and society, calling the people to repent and return to God, or suffer his punishments. Repentance and reforms did not last. Again and again the people and Kings were described as doing evil in the sight of the Lord. Punishment came. The Northern country of Israel fell to the Assyrians and the people were deported to Assyria. The Babylonians attacked the Southern country of Judah, sacking Jerusalem, destroying the Temple exiling the elite and skilled craftsmen to Babylon and leaving behind only a remnant.

A dejected people mourned for Jerusalem and the Temple. Yet they saw their Exile as fulfilling the prophecies of God's judgement and punishment. Yet the Exile marked a new beginning as the Prophets encouraged the people to look beyond judgement, to the hope of God's mercy, forgiveness, restoration and return to Jerusalem. Through spiritual discipline, reflection, repentance and reorientation a time of adversity became one of spiritual renewal as the people learnt afresh to rely on God and truly worship him.

The exile ended when Cyrus, the Persian King who had defeated the Babylon Empire, issued a decree saying that the Lord God of Heaven has charged him to rebuild God's house in Jerusalem and his people are now permitted to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the house of 14 the Lord, the God of Israel. Those whose spirit God had stirred, returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple, under Ezra the scribe. It was not any easy task, they encountered

opposition, became discouraged, but the Temple was rebuilt.

Many years later Nehemiah, who was living in Susa the Persian capital, received a delegation from Jerusalem. The people living there were in great trouble and shame for the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and the gates were destroyed by fire. Distraught Nehemiah wept, and mourned for days and nights, fasting and praying to the Lord Almighty. He confesses the sins of his nation, his family and himself, acknowledging that the Exile was a punishment from God. Nehemiah reminds God that he has fulfilled his merciful promise, that if people return to Him and keep His commandments, He will gather them bring them to the place He has chosen to establish His name. But now those gathered people are in great trouble. The Jerusalem and her walls are in ruins, leaving them open to attack. So, Nehemiah prays that God will answer their prayers and his and give him success. For Nehemiah has a plan he wants to rebuild the walls and gates of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah is cupbearer, a wine taster, for the Persian King Artaxerxes. It was a position of trust, which gave him access to the King. Nehemiah was still sad when he next served the King and became afraid when Artaxerxes remarked on his sadness, for it was forbidden to be sad in the Kings presence. However, taking courage and making most of his opportunity Nehemiah explains that he is sad because the city, the place of his ancestors' graves, lies waste and its gates have been destroyed. Surprisingly the King asked "What do you request" First sending an arrow prayer to God, Nehemiah asked the King to send him to repair the city of his ancestors. When the King answered his request, Nehemiah also requested letters for the provincial Governors to grant him safe passage and for the keeper of the King's forest to provide the necessary timber. Nehemiah prayers were answered for the King granted all his requests and provided an armed escort.

After three days in Jerusalem, possibly waiting for a full moon. Nehemiah went out secretly at night with a small group of men to inspect the walls. Only after this inspection did he tell the priests, nobles and officials and the people of Jerusalem that God has put it on his heart to rebuild the walls, and how through the King's support God had answered his prayers. All his Jewish hearers were eager to rebuild the walls and committed themselves to the common good. But some influential foreigners mocked them, accusing them of rebellion. Nehemiah answered saying "The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building"

And start building they did. In the passage, in the list of those working on the wall, we get a

a picture of mutual co-operation for the common good, as Priests, Jews from Jerusalem, men from Jericho, foreigners and those from outside the province each toiled on rebuilding the gates, some even in defiance of their nobles.

For many Christians this time of pandemic feels like exile. We have been locked out of our churches, deprived of the Communion wine, forbidden to sing praises to God when we can meet in what can seem truncated unfamiliar services, can feel a time of exile. We yearn for what we have lost in our church and daily lives and long for them to be restored as the Jews yearned for Jerusalem in their exile. The Jews were exiled for their sins against God and their neighbours. I am not saying the pandemic is a punishment for our sins. But to rule out the idea is to miss out on opportunities for examining ourselves, the church, society and world in the light of God's commandments. And to miss out on the grace of repentance, forgiveness, mercy, renewal and restoration.

We each need to pray and ask. God am I breaking your commands, decrees and laws? Am I worshiping other gods? Am I caring for, or neglecting my neighbours and strangers? Does my worship, prayer, and Bible study engage my heart and change lives? The present crisis has shone a spotlight on the inequalities in our society, Pray and ask God, what do you want me to do? The Archbishops have called on us to use this lockdown as a time of prayer and fasting. To do so would turn this time from one of deprivation, to one of blessing and spiritual renewal. I'm sure not alone in imagining how our lives and society can be rebuilt when the pandemic ends. In this we can learn from the story of Nehemiah. He would have considered himself an ordinary man, even if we consider him to be extraordinary. But he is an example of what an ordinary person can achieve with God, and we can learn much from him.

Nehemiah faced down the opposition saying we are God's servants and he will give us success. He believed that prayer and practical action went together. Ezra attended to the spiritual life of the returned exiles. When we come out of the pandemic, we need to follow Nehemiah example of prayer, planning and practical action for that is how our society will be rebuilt and renewed spiritually and physically. Let us use this present time wisely, so spiritually renewed we are ready to hear and carry out what ever call God puts on our hearts. Amen.

Rev'd Ann Norman 16

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Christmas is coming! Let us remember our hope as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Amid the uncertainties and challenges of this year, our God remains constant.

This year has been tough in many ways for so many people. Even our Sunday worship hasn't quite looked the same! But we are so grateful to churches who, despite the circumstances, have continued to pray and faithfully give this year.

This Christmas, we'd love to share Alaya's story with you.

Alaya lives in Malawi with her husband, Bazwell, and their three young children. Work is scarce and they frequently have to survive on just one meal a day – a meal that often includes leaves. Sometimes, Alaya and her husband go without food altogether so there's enough for their children. Alaya fears one of her children may die from hunger.

You can find more information about Alaya's story on our website, including details on how our local partner is getting ready to help bring transformation to her village.

Your church's gift is empowering households to feed their families and lift themselves out of poverty through training in new farming skills.

Thank you. May God bless you and your church family this Christmas,

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Testimony Time

Blessed by the Psalms

I, like many others, have found this year difficult at times and for those who love the Book of Psalms, I've been blessed by the music of Shane & Shane (an American group who can be found on YouTube). Many of their songs are based on the Psalms and I've particularly enjoyed 'Our sins they are many, His Mercy is More'. I hope some of you will also find these songs a blessing.



Margaret Richards

Shane & Shane's music can be found on streaming services. More Info at www.shane&shane.com

Do you have any God moments to report?

Did God do something in your life this week?

Have you had an answer to prayer?

Are you giving thanks for something?

There is nothing more encouraging than hearing reports of our Lord at work.

Send them though to Clive to encourage others.

Books

This week's book suggestions come from Christianity magazine

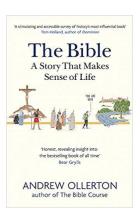


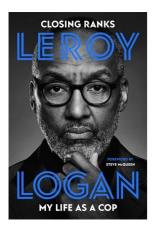
<u>A Call To Act by Martin Charlesworth & Natalie Williams</u>

A practical tool for individual, churches, and small groups, and incorporating discussion questions and accompanying videos, A Call to Act demonstrates that, in order to engage with poverty and need, we must re-evaluate our own attitudes and adopt a poverty-busting lifestyle. There are undoubted challenges to embracing a life of simplicity but these are broken down into ideas for action.

The Bible A Story That Makes Sense Of Life by Andrew Ollerton

The political, social and cultural upheaval of our times can leave us feeling bewildered and wondering where to turn for trustworthy guidance. As unlikely as it may seem, could the Bible provide ancient wisdom that helps us flourish today? Join Andrew Ollerton as he explores the storyline of Scripture, connecting six major biblical events with six definitive human needs: for meaning, freedom, peace, community, love and for an ultimate home.





Closing Ranks by Leroy Logan

Closing Ranks is a lively and entertaining read. It's also a history lesson in race relations in modern-day Britain, and a manifesto for anyone with a desire to mentor young people. Throughout, Leroy's passion for good policing shines through, as does his concern to guide and empower young people. Underpinning all is his strong Christian faith, which helped him 19 persevere in a frequently hostile work environment.

Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, A	rtist	Peak Pos	WoC
1	1	-	THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	67
2	3 ↑		JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	54
3	5 1	Stoller	VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	283
4	6 +	*	LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	23
5	8 +		MANSION NF CCMG	1	169
6	2 +		A JOLLY IRISH CHRISTMAS - VOL 2 REND COLLECTIVE CCMG	2	2
7	10 т		THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	135
8	9 🛧		AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	348
9	4 +	Θ	RE//CHOIRED HOUSE GOSPEL CHOIR ISLAND	4	2
10	11 🛧		AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	56
11	12 🛧	5	UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	222
12	13 🛧		VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	63
13	14 🛧	UNIVED	PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	45
14	17 ↑		VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	93
15	15	展)	VICTORIOUS THE AFTERMATH SKILLET ROADRUNNER	6	8
16	16	4	GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	27
17	New	BEAVER BAS COME	HEAVEN HAS COME SOVEREIGN GRACE MUSIC INTEGRITY MUSIC	17	1
18	Re	50 50	SONGS OF PRAISE - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS VARIOUS ARTISTS PARLOPHONE	15	3
19	20 🛧		LET THERE BE LIGHT HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	207
20	Re	.255 (2.41.2) 	JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS REUNION	16	40

Answers on Page 21

Mrs T's quiz page

Dingbats



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1	Not the Oldies.	
2	Highest Cog.	
3	A Lab rador on your wrist?	
4	Ancient act on the street.	
5	Hump ty Dump ty and family.	
б	Lead jacket required in this department.	
7	Where the chain broke?	
8	The American check	
9	Female home makers at wit's end.	
10	The Queen.	
11	A battle of a place.	
12	Doub le move.	
13	Cockneys.	
14	It's just below freezing.	
15	Prepared unwavering chef.	

Photography



Bob & Monica's Office By Bob Lindridge



Decorated canvas bags by Carol
O'Connor

Poem written by Joyce to the tuge of 'One more step along the world 1 go'

Joyce wrote this poem in stages after our church closed and completed it
for the re-opening on 11th October 2020.

Verse 1 - June 2020

1. One more day when I'm alone indoors,
Obeying all the isolation laws,
Coronovirus makes me blue,
Keep it right away from me and you.
So keep, keeping on until the very end,
In the meantime we'll just phone a friend!

Verse 2 - July 2020

2. Still in lockdown wondering what to do,
Can you come to me or me to you?
Venture out or stay indoors,
Put on mask and gloves to visit stores.
So just tell us Boris what are we to do
Our decisions will depend on you.

Verses 3 and 4 - October 2020.

3. Faces covered and our distance kept,
Lots of people living lives in debt,
News seems bad, what shall we do?
Here's some good advice from me to you.
Don't give in to doubt remember skies are blue
And the Lord above is watching you.

4. Love and help each other day by day
Keep the faith and don't forget to pray,
History shows bad times pass by
Hope eternal is the battle cry,
So keep, keeping on until the very end,
The sun will shine at last for you my friend.

Joyce Wilkins.

Pick of the Pics
this week goes
to John Tuner
for his
excellent
upcycling. A
book is on
route to you.

<u>Poem by Joyce Wilkins by Linda Mayes</u> (Joyce is her friend)

Poet's Corner

Christ in Creation

I see his blood upon the rose And in the stars the glory of his eyes, His body gleams amid eternal snows,' His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower; The thunder and the singing of the birds Are but his voice-----and carven by his power Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn, His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea, His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn, His cross is every tree.

> Joseph Mary Plunkett 1887-1916

Suggested by Carol O'Connor



Thank you

To all those who give regularly towards the mission and ministry of St Paul's

Use this information to set up regular giving through your bank

Code 60-15-28 Account No: 66526434.
Account Name: St Paul's Church.
Reference: your name

Quiz answers

Dingbats

1.Moonraker; 2.Jam on the Brakes; 3.Crocodile Rock; 4.Drive a hard bargain; 5.Engineer; 6.House of the Rising Sun; 7.There's something about Mary; 8.Rolling in the Deep; 9.Eyes Down; 10.Red Rooster/Red Roosters; 11.Life on the Line; 12.Return of the Mack.

Cryptic television

1.The News; 2.Top Gear; 3.Watchdog;4.Antiques Roadshow; 5.Eggheads; 6.X-Ray; 7.The Weakest Link;8.The Bill; 9;Desperate Housewives; 10.ER; 11.Wateroo Road; 12.Relocation/Relocation; 13.Eastenders; 14.A Touch of Frost;15.Ready, Steady,Cook.



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

Discounts available for low income families & individuals.

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

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

We need details of each member of your party. Please fill in the form below

Name	Address ("As above" if the same)	Postcode	Date of Birth	Telephone	(over 16) E Mail					
Optional Extras										
Insurance £25 Ground Floor Request £15 Cot £0										
Signed		Date								
* We will do our best to secure accommodation at this price. If we are unable to and you don't want to										

^{*} We will do our best to secure accommodation at this price. If we are unable to and you don't want to pay any extra then your deposit will be returned and your booking cancelled. We do our best at St Paul's to make sure anyone who wants to attend Spring Harvest can go. If you are worried about finances please speak to Clive confidentially.

through the church letter box or you can email a scan or photo of your entry to revelive@hotmail.co.uk You can pop your entry **Free entry** 2 prizes of £30 vouchers for The Movie Shack www.themovieshack.co.uk Contact details in case your child should win. To be filled in by Parent / Carer Phone or e:mail Address Name Northumberland Heath Children's Closing date for competition is 19th December **Nativity Colouring Competition** St Paul's Church Presents... Child's Name Child's Age_