



CHURCH AT HOME

Issue 37: January 9th 2021

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

Let me begin by wishing you all a very happy new year.

Like many I am very glad to see the back of 2020, but 2021 is already giving us challenges. Sadly, as you know we have closed our church building for services and for at least the next 6 weeks will be trying to provide a meaningful worship time online. This is not ideal and we are aware there are many who don't have the means to join us. Do bear with us as we learn the technology and join us as we try our best to continue to worship together in difficult circumstances.

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

Rev Clive

Church Noticeboard

Visiting Church

A reminder that entry to the church building is by permission of Peter Green our church warden. This is to ensure we fulfil our legal requirement to log those who are present and to ensure we are following quarantine and cleaning procedures correctly. One of our neighbours has noted that on at least one occasion the church has been occupied very late at night. If you have been in church without informing Peter please contact him so he can fill in the required paperwork.

Demelza Christmas Card

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Demelza Christmas Card. St Paul's will be sending a cheque for £140 to Demelza Children's Hospice.

Vacuums

George Stafford has 2 Panasonic upright vacuum cleaners that work perfectly. If you would like one mail gjstafford@virginmedia.com

Tier 5 - Worship Online

As you have probably heard we have moved our services online. Here is the schedule for the coming weeks

| DATE | THEME | READING | TIME | SERVICE | ZOOM ID | ZOOM PASSWORD |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|---|---------------|---------------|
| | Return from Exile 1: Nehemiah's Prayer | Nehemiah 1:1-10 | | https://youtu.be/frzih06enP8 | | |
| 9 TH JANUARY | Church at Home | | | | | |
| 17 TH JANUARY | Return from Exile 2: Jerusalem in ruins | Nehemiah 2:1-20 | 10:30am | Family Worship | 812 5269 6351 | Paul |
| 23 RD JANUARY | Church at Home | | | | | |
| 24 TH JANUARY | Return from Exile 3: Rebuilding begins | Nehemiah 3:1-7 | 9am | Morning Service of the Word | 828 9567 8474 | Paul |
| 31 ST JANUARY | Return from Exile 4: Opposition to rebuilding | Nehemiah 4:1-6 | 10:30am | Family Communion | 819 0068 5928 | Paul |
| 6 TH FEBRUARY | Church at Home | | | | | |
| 7 TH FEBRUARY | Return from Exile 5: God's People repent | Nehemiah 9:1-18 | 9am | Morning Service of the Word | 856 4483 1250 | Paul |
| 14 TH FEBRUARY | Return from Exile 6: God's People Celebrate | Nehemiah 12:27-44 | 10:30am | Family Worship | 895 8528 0381 | Paul |
| 21 ST FEBRUARY | The Thessalonian letters 1: Opposition & Willingness | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-12 | 9am | Morning Service of the Word | 856 5789 7730 | Paul |

Using Zoom

Zoom is a computer application that allows groups of individuals to interact with each other remotely. We will be using it for our online services. Even if you have limited experience with using computers following this guide will help you to join us.

What you need

- A computer with an internet connection or a smart phone.**
- The Zoom Application (app). Also called Zoom client.**

Also helpful: -

-A Video or Web Camera (most modern devices have this built in). If you don't have a camera then you will be able to see others but they will be unable to see you.

-A microphone if you are using a computer. Again, most modern computers will have a microphone built in. If you don't have a microphone, others will not be able to hear you.

How to get the Zoom Application

Go to <https://zoom.us/download> and click the blue "download" rectangle under the title "zoom client for meeting" and follow the installation instructions.

When you have done this you should see the zoom icon on your computer or smart phone.

How to join an online service

Open the zoom application by double-clicking on a computer or selecting on your phone.

Click / Select "Join Meeting"

You now have to enter some information.

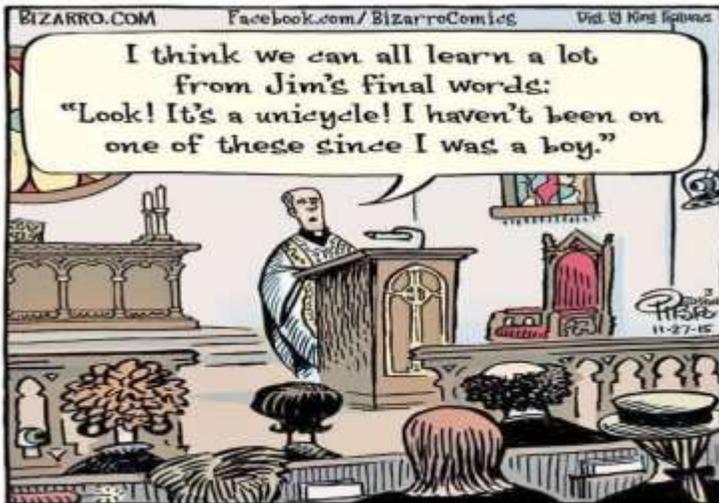
Firstly, the **zoom meeting ID**. This is like a phone number to the host of the meeting. You can find this on our online schedule (page 2 of Church at Home)

Secondly, you will need to type in our **password**. This is currently **"Paul"**. You will now be given some options such as if you want to join the meeting with your camera (if you wish to be seen by others) or without (if you just want to observe the service).

Christingles

We delivered over 80 Christingle bags on Christmas Eve. Here





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

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Are you pregnant or have children under the age of 4?
Don't miss out on vouchers worth over £900 per child*
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Bexley Homeless Protocol

The mayor has activated the rough sleeping severe weather protocol. If you see anyone sleeping rough please log their location via streetlink so the outreach team can find and help them.

www.streetlink.org.uk

This week's prayer

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am
ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I
am worried.

Today I am feeling (*name how you are
feeling*) because (*reasons you are feeling this way*).

Help me to remember that you love me and are with
me in everything today.

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.

What you're up to. – Pictures and messages



Monica Lindridge

Here I am in our front garden "celebrating" my 70th birthday on Christmas Day with a cake and balloon from our daughter Jessica. Not quite what we had planned!!



Noah Gill

Noah celebrating his eighth birthday.

Your
Picture
Here!



Andrew Bennet

Andrew Bennet and friends perform "An Inspector Calls via Zoom over Christmas.

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.....

As you gather sit and listen to this song.

Song: The Blessing

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+blessing

How would this blessing and peace look for you?

Reflection time: As we think of our New Year looking ahead it feels rather like the old one.

As a family share about some of the Blessings you found in 2020. Time together? Talking more? Enjoying the outdoors more? Remind yourselves of the goodness of God in our lives even in difficult times.

Today, we are thinking of endings and beginnings. Of lives changing, turning towards Jesus. It is better than simply the beginning of a new year. It is the beginning of a new life; a new life in Jesus.

Bible passage: Read Together Mark 1:4-11
AND / OR Watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88JYcN2-FIQ>

Jesus decided to do as God wanted and be baptized even though there was no need – he had never left God so had no need to turn back to Him. Talk about how you would feel standing on the banks of the Jordan. This seemingly ordinary man being referred to as The Son Of God by the prophet you have come to see; the skies opening and God speaking. It is not clear that others heard it – but can you describe how it would be to have been there? Would it impact on your decision to turn your life to God?

Interactive Learning.....



Spend time colouring this carefully thinking about how it would feel to hear God say those words to you.
Thanks to Mina Munas at Flame Creative Kids.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Faith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUG4AXD8RqI>

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
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.**



Share about how your church celebrates a baptism service, what do you remember happening and why. If you have photographs of family baptisms, look at them together, look for similarities or differences. Is baptism something you are considering?

Celebration....

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

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

Closing Responses.....

Song:

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

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**

Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories....

- What would you like to change as a family in 2021? Make it simple and achievable.
- What challenge could you give yourselves for this year? Survival is an acceptable answer!
- How can you follow Jesus more closely in 2021?

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Happy New Year!

As we face an uncertain start to the new year, may you be blessed and filled with hope. Christmas and the past few months have been so challenging for many, being kept apart from our loved ones. Many of us have experienced deep loss and loneliness and we will need to face restrictions for the next few weeks at least in order to protect those around us.

It can be hard to know how to respond after such a tough time – especially in the New Year which, traditionally, has been about looking ahead and making hopeful plans and resolutions for the future. I am writing to encourage you to hold onto hope. To have faith that, this year, God will still be with you and working around the world in wonderful ways.

Thank you for helping to bring hope into the lives of others too.

Your regular giving opens doors for us to help people see their lives and communities completely transformed – bringing a hope that is sustainable and making a whole *World of Difference!*

I wanted to share with you one of the stories that has brought immense hope to me this last year. It's a story of the church being a beacon of light in Northern Brazil.

The local community had suffered three years of droughts. Their only source¹² of water was from government trucks, but these deliveries were irregular, and

‘Our work is not about drilling a well, we are developing a community,’ shares Lindon Carlos, from ACEV. He is describing one of the key ways that Tearfund and our partners work to help communities lift themselves out of poverty – equipping them to find a solution to the problem, and partnering with them to help make it happen.

Celeste and her husband, Jocelio offered their land to use for the dam, and got to play a leading role in helping families across the village lift themselves out of poverty.

‘We have crops the whole year round,’ adds Celeste. ‘We have enough food for the family now... We don’t have to worry any more.’

Lives are being changed through the church and community coming together to help people escape poverty. The future is bright – Jocelio and Celeste are excited about what this means for their daughter’s generation.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us this year. Through your faithful prayers and support, we can continue to share God’s love with those most in need. We can show the world that, even in the hardest times, we can have hope.



Church Curmudgeon

@ChrchCurmudgeon

Correction to this morning’s
bulletin: The pastor will be
collecting PANTRY donations
all week. With an “R.”



Happy New Year! Together, may we step forward into 2021 with an attitude of prayer, realism and hope.

It's a tough season for each one of us as all nations of the UK have either continued in or re-entered a lockdown. But, right now, why not choose to remember the examples in your life, including in the last year, when you have experienced God's faithfulness, and make a resolution to talk about these in your witness to others?

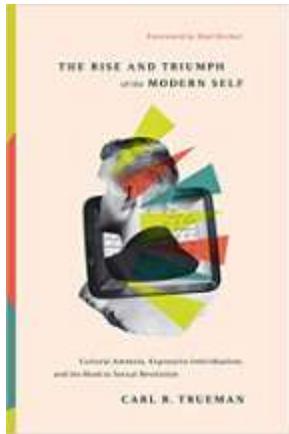
We want our communities to know our faithful God in 2021, so I invite you to use our new resource, [eauk.org/g/rememberwhen] Remember When. It's a sermon series and small group resource which explores how we can all be a witness for Jesus by reflecting on our journey of faith and drawing out those moments when God was faithful.

Remember When helps us to share these moments with those around us, as we are reminded of just how faithful God has been. It gives us energy to press forward in our witness, but also allows us to remember the path we've walked with Him so far.

There are so many questions, challenges and hurdles ahead. I'm praying particularly for the least, the last and the lost at this time. I'm reminded of what the Lord requires of me, and indeed all Christians in Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord

Books

This week's book suggestions come from Beautiful Christian Life Blog

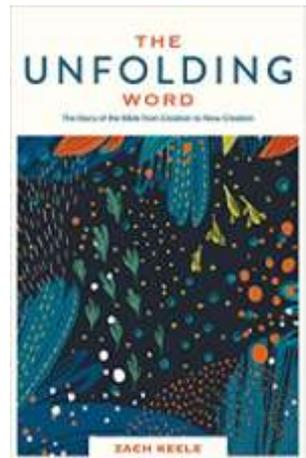


The Rise And Triumph Of The Modern Self by Carl R Trueman

While the sexual revolution has been going on for some time, it has rapidly advanced in recent years, to the point of normalizing various self-identities including transgenderism. Why is society seeing such a dramatic break from traditional sexual boundaries in which long-established biblical teaching on what it means to be male and female is now considered to be morally oppressive?

The Unfolding Word by Zach Keele

Do you want to make better sense of the Bible from beginning to end, from the garden of Eden in Genesis to the New Jerusalem in Revelation, from man's creation and fall to his redemption and glorification? According to Zach Keele, pastor and seminary lecturer in English Bible Survey, Greek, and Hebrew at Westminster Seminary California, "When we read the Bible, we need to hold together both slow and fast reading. Scripture is like a large mosaic, where each tile is its own image.



A Field Guide On False Teaching by Ligonier Ministries

Can you explain to your "name-it-and-claim-it" friend why the prosperity gospel is actually a false gospel? If Mormons came to your door, would you be prepared to share biblical truth with them? With all the available teaching on the Christian faith out there, it's not always easy to discern biblical truth from error.

Thankfully, the highly respected Ligonier Ministries organization has published a handy field guide covering errant doctrinal teachings.

Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

Top 20

| Pos | LW | Title, Artist | | Peak Pos | WOC |
|-----|------|---|---|----------|-----|
| 1 | 1 |  | BELIEVE ANDREA BOCELLI DECCA | 1 | 7 |
| 2 | 2 |  | THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC | 1 | 75 |
| 3 | New |  | CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY KING'S COLLEGE CHOIR KING'S COLLEGE CHOIR KING'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | New |  | THE CAROLS ALBUM HUDDERSFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY PARLOPHONE | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 5 |  | JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI | 1 | 62 |
| 6 | 4 + |  | LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC | 1 | 31 |
| 7 | 6 + |  | VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS | 2 | 291 |
| 8 | 7 + |  | MANSION NF CCMG | 1 | 177 |
| 9 | 3 + |  | A JOLLY IRISH CHRISTMAS - VOL 2 REND COLLECTIVE CCMG | 2 | 10 |
| 10 | 13 + |  | THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC | 1 | 143 |
| 11 | 14 + |  | AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC | 2 | 356 |
| 12 | 8 + |  | THE PEACE PROJECT HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC | 1 | 25 |
| 13 | 17 + |  | RE//CHOIRED HOUSE GOSPEL CHOIR ISLAND | 4 | 10 |
| 14 | 11 + |  | BEHOLD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC | 8 | 10 |
| 15 | 15 |  | UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER | 1 | 230 |
| 16 | 9 + |  | ADORE - CHRISTMAS SONGS OF WORSHIP CHRIS TOMLIN UMC | 2 | 26 |
| 17 | 10 + |  | CAMPFIRE CHRISTMAS - VOL 1 REND COLLECTIVE UMC | 1 | 39 |
| 18 | 19 + |  | VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS | 3 | 71 |
| 19 | Re |  | VICTORIOUS THE AFTERMATH SKILLET ROADRUNNER | 6 | 12 |
| 20 | Re |  | AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC | 2 | 63 |

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BRITISH ISLES?

1. As a rough estimate, how many islands make up the British Isles?
2. What is the largest English county by area?
3. What is the name of Britain's longest river?
4. What is the name of the southernmost point of mainland Great Britain?
5. What is the highest mountain in England?
6. What is the name of the biggest lake in the UK in terms of area?
7. What city is known as the Granite City?
8. Which range of hills in the west country has Cheddar Gorge and its caves as well as Wookey Hole caves?
9. On which island are the Cuillin Hills?
10. Aquae Sulis is the Roman name for which modern city?

WHO SAID THAT?

1. Which historical figure said, "Veni, vidi, vici" or "I came, I saw, I conquered"?
2. Which British politician said, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat"?
3. Which royal said, "British women can't cook"?
4. Name the character who said "Here's looking at you, kid" in the 1942 film Casablanca?
5. Who famously said "I did not have sexual relations with that woman"?
6. Which sportsman said "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee. His hands can't hit what his eyes can't see. Now you see me, now you don't"?
7. What astronaut said "To Infinity and beyond"?
8. "Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale." is a quote by what Danish author?
9. "You're gonna need a bigger boat." was said by Chief Brody in what film?
10. "If you can make a woman laugh, you can make her do¹⁷ anything." Jack obviously made this one laugh! Who was it?

THE GOVERNMENT IN EGYPT HAS INSTRUCTED THE CITIES TAXI DRIVERS TO DRIVE AROUND CAIRO SOUNDING THEIR CAR HORNS. IT'S HOPED THAT A RETURN TO FAMILIAR CITY SOUNDS WILL HELP RESTORE CALM FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC. OPERATION TOOT N CALM EM WILL LAST FOR A WEEK.

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Quiz answers

Answers to British Isles: 1.6,000+; 2.North Yorkshire; 3.The Severn; 4.Lizard Point; 5.Scafell Pike; 6.Loch Neagh; 7.Aberdeen; 8.The Mendips; 9.The Isle of Skye; 10.Bath.

Answers to Who Said That?: 1.Julius Caesar; 2.Winston Churchill; 3. Prince Philip; 4.Rick Blaine; 5.President Bill Clinton; 6.Muhammad Ali; 7.Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story films; 8.Hans Christian Andersen; 9.JAWS, 1975; 10.Marilyn Monroe.

