



CHURCH AT HOME

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

What a disaster the proposal for a European super league turned out to be for the clubs involved. Basically, they didn't expect people to be so angry that effectively clubs considered lesser or poorer had no way to take part.

It made me reflect on just how good we are as a worldwide church. Because regardless of your status you can be part of the family of Christ and strengthen by it.

Soon we will be able to return to church properly and so now is the time for a challenge. People have been asking questions and becoming interested in faith, more and more during this pandemic. Now is a good time to invite your friends and family to give Jesus a try. Even if you haven't had success before, their experience over the past year may have softened their hearts to the Lord.

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

Rev Clive

Church Noticeboard

APCM

This year's APCM will be held on the 5th May at 7:30pm in church. The Archdeacons have advised parishes to do a shortened meeting this year without wide reports. Only items required by law will be on the agenda.

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is the official Church of England parish members list. If you are not on our Electoral Roll you can't do a number of jobs in for our church. If you are not currently on the roll a simple form is on the back pages. Please return to Peter or Clive.

Elected officials

There are a number of vacancies for official church roles. We need a second warden to join peter in looking after the Buildings and fabric of the church. We have spaces on our PCC which focuses on the buildings, finance and legal matters. And, finally have a number of roles that need filling in our financial team. For more information see Clive or Lauraine. Nomination forms are on the back pages.

Sylvia McAtamane

Some of you may remember Sylvia who was a Brownie leader at St Paul's in the 1980's. She sadly died on 3rd April.

Mission Reps

Are you passionate about mission? If you are, then we are looking for mission representatives for Beryl Baker and CRIBS. The mission reps will sit on our Mission Outreach Group (MOG) which meets approximately 4 times a year and co-ordinates our mission partners, responds to emergency appeals, advocates for mission in the church and decides on mission spending at St Paul's

Communion Linen

Are you able to get wine stains out of white linen? We need someone to wash our communion fabrics on a regular basis. Mostly the small napkins but approximately once a month the table cloth as well. Contact Clive or Lauraine for more details.

Nature and the Environment - our mental health - Thursday 13 May, 6pm – 7pm

During Mental Health Week, the Diocese of Canterbury's Environment Group invite you to join this session on how nature helps with our mental health.

Guest speakers include Dr Caroline Jessel - NHS England Lead for the South Regional Sustainability and Health Network and Stevie Rice - CEO of West Kent Mind.

Register here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-and-the-environment-part-of-mental-health-awareness-week-tickets>

Zoom service login.

Use the following to access our online services

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86786281546?pwd=OWRtVC9BcXBka21nalpPR0ViSFZKUT09>

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This week's prayer

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of 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.

What you're up to. – Pictures and messages



Deborah & Elijah Olibiji

It was so lovely to see so many of our church children, delivering easter goodie bags. Some very smiley faces. Clive & Pippa



Florence Oladeru

Following an unexpectedly long stay in Nigeria, Florence will be back with us soon.



Alan Brockwell & Elaine Fermer

Alan and I visited Lullingstone Castle, a few weekends ago.



Joanne & Jason Tyler

Jason and I celebrated our silver wedding anniversary on the 13th April. Here is a photo of us on our wedding day at St Paul's and one 25 years later.



Monica, Bob & Family

After 5 months, we have met up with all our children and grandchildren!!

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 5



I hope you had a very happy Easter celebrating the new life and hope found in Jesus, who laid down His life for us.

This week, we've been reminded of some of the challenges of leading in public, where sometimes you will be commended, and sometimes condemned. Danny Webster, our head of advocacy, has posted a response on the website to this week's news about Sir Keir Starmer's apology following his visit to London-based church Jesus House.

When it comes to servant leadership, whether our leadership roles are great or small, Jesus truly is the ultimate example for us. And now, this spring, after such a difficult year in lockdown for the UK, there has never been a greater need for Christian public leadership as we look to new horizons. Leaders who, in service and humility, bring positive and life-changing transformation. All because they follow the greatest leader of all, Jesus.

Finally, let's pray for all those in positions of leadership, church and political leaders alike, as 1 Timothy 2:1-2 directs us: "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."

Every blessing,

Gavin Calver
CEO, Evangelical Alliance



Here in the UK, we are walking the roadmap to recovery from the pandemic, and slowly starting to see the restoration, as a nation, of our health and our hope. What a privilege!

Our rapid vaccination rollout is putting us on track to reopening and rebuilding our lives and our communities, but the story is not the same in many of the places where Tearfund works.

Estimates are that most lower-income countries will only be able to vaccinate one in ten people in 2021*, and the World Health Organisation predicts that some won't complete vaccination programmes until late 2023.

This poses a direct threat to people's lives; increases the continued risk of coronavirus spreading; and means that many of the most vulnerable communities around the world will be pushed further into poverty.

This affects us all. The only way out of this pandemic is to recover together.

That's why Tearfund has partnered with the People's Vaccine Alliance to campaign for everyone – in every country – to have fair and free access to a tested Covid-19 vaccine.

We are standing up for the rights of people in the countries we work in, like the thousands of Venezuelan refugees currently residing in Colombia, and we are ⁷ asking the UK government to do even more to support lower-income countries.

We're also equipping church leaders around the world to prepare their communities for a vaccine, dispelling harmful myths and sharing accurate information about the Covid-19 vaccines.

In the meantime, it is crucial that we continue the work we've already been doing to prevent the spread of coronavirus, and to empower people to work their way out of poverty. As the Bible calls us: 'Let us not become weary in doing good...' (Galatians 6:9)

We need your help to show the love of Jesus, in the most practical ways, to people around the world who are facing this giant without the same access we have to easy and free vaccinations – and often, too, without life's most basic necessities such as food and clean water.

Poverty is not God's plan. We, his church, are.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Harris".

Nigel Harris

CEO, Tearfund

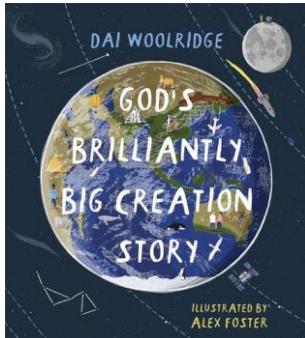
*Oxfam, December 2020

Tearfund is one of St Paul's Mission Partners.

For more information see our Tearfund rep, Grace Allan

Books

This week's book suggestions come from SPCK



God's Brilliantly Big Creation Story by Dai Woolridge

Experience the wonder of creation and the power of God in this beautiful picture book retelling of Genesis 1 for 3- to 6-year-olds. Full of rhythm and rhyme, God's Brilliantly Big Creation Story takes children on an incredible journey through the days of creation to teach about the world and the universe we live in.

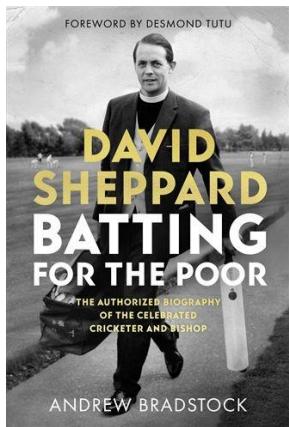
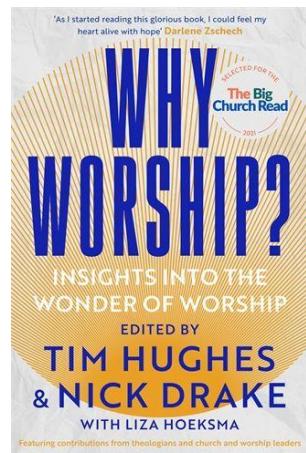
Why Worship by Tim Hughes & Nick Drake

What does it mean to be a worshipper?

Together, Tim Hughes and Nick Drake explore who, where, why and how Christians worship, what happens when we do and where the future of worship may take us.

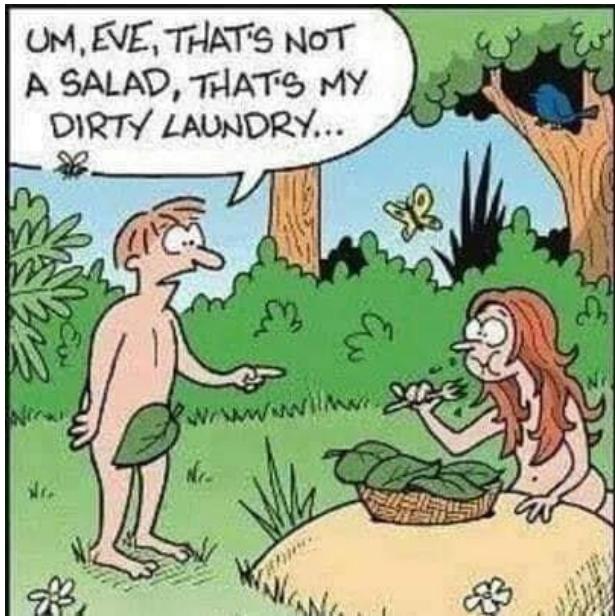
With contributions from Graham Kendrick, Lou Fellingham, Kees Kraayenoord, Dr Helen

Morris and many more, this book offers a fresh reminder that worship isn't just music and the songs we sing, it is so much more.



David Sheppard Batting For The poor by Andrew Bradstock

From his time as Captain of England's cricket team to his pioneering work as Bishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard led a remarkable life. Batting for the Poor draws on the papers left by Sheppard in the Liverpool Central Library as well as other archival material, conducted by Andrew Bradstock, all brought together to create a picture of a diligent and passionate man who helped break down divisions and turn Liverpool's fortunes around.



Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, Artist		Peak Pos	WOC
1	1	 CLOUDS NF	NF REAL MUSIC	1	3
2	2	 THE SEARCH NF	NF REAL MUSIC	1	90
3	New	 FREEDOM. JUSTIN BIEBER	DEF JAM	3	1
4	5 ↑	 JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST	EMI	1	77
5	4 ↓	 BELIEVE ANDREA BOCELLI	DECCA	1	22
6	6	 VITAL SIGNS SKILLET	WARNER BROS	2	306
7	3 ↓	 MY SAVIOR CARRIE UNDERWOOD	EMI	3	3
8	9	 MANSION		1	192
					
9	7 ↓	 LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE	CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	46
10	9 ↓	 THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP	HILLSONG MUSIC	1	158
11	10 ↓	 AWAKE SKILLET	ATLANTIC	2	371
12	14 ↑	 UNLEASHED SKILLET	ROADRUNNER	1	245
13	13	 AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP	HILLSONG MUSIC	2	78
14	12 ↓	 VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC	BETHEL MUSIC	1	102
15	16 ↑	 JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS	REUNION	12	58
16	19 ↑	 VICTORIOUS SKILLET	WARNER RECORDS	3	86
17	18 ↑	 GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP	ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	44
18	Re	 GREATEST HITS (THE ATLANTIC YEARS) POD	ATLANTIC	6	97
19	17 ↓	 PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED	HILLSONG MUSIC	1	62
20	15 ↓	 THE ESSENTIAL KIRK FRANKLIN KIRK FRANKLIN	VERITY	10	33

FOOD AND LITERATURE QUIZ

1. What is the national dish of Hungary?
2. An Indian meal which included 'masoor' would have what ingredient? (
3. Which type of tea, originally from the Chinese province of Fujian, gains its distinctive flavour from being smoke-dried over pinewood fires?
4. 'Black Krim', 'Green Zebra' and 'Yellow Pear' are all varieties of which salad ingredient?
5. Mutton is meat from a sheep that is older than what age?
6. Production of Singha beer began in which country in 1934?
7. If you saw 'chou-fleur' on a French menu which vegetable would the dish include?
8. What was the cartoon cat Garfield's favourite food?
9. What is in the centre of a Victoria sponge?
10. What are the full names of TV's two 'Hairy Bikers'? (or Hairy Dieters!)
11. Who created Perry Mason
12. What was the girl's school created by Ronald Searle and portrayed in several comedy films?
13. In which book by William Golding are Piggy and Ralph shipwrecked?
14. Victor Hugo wrote The Hunchback of Notre Dame. What was his other famous book, the story of an escaped convict, Jean Valjean?
15. Which character in David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens, always insisted that he was 'very 'umble'?
16. In what London street did Sherlock Holmes live?
17. Peter Ustinov has portrayed Agatha Christie's detective Hercule Poirot in films. What nationality was Poirot?
18. By what romantic name was Sir Percy Blakeney known in Baroness Orczy's novel?
19. Which character lived at Sunnybrook Farm?
20. Jeeves was the perfect butler. Who was his employer?

Photography



Hoo Marina by Tim Luff



Post box at junction of Barnehurst and Fairford Avenues! by Linda Mayes.



We are back at Rainbows in May.
by Monica (Snowdrop).



Poets Corner

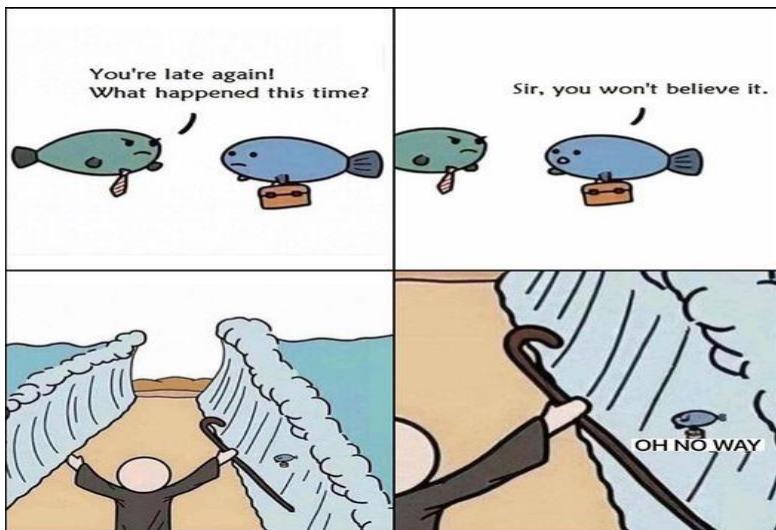
The Salt of the Earth

Somebody somewhere gave someone a smile
Someone helped somebody over a stile
Someone for somebody prayed in the night
Someone was comforted, something came right
Somebody laughed when a quarrel seemed near
Someone kept silence and fought back the tear

These are the people who do what they can
to lighten and brighten this brief human span
Unknown and unnoticed their small part they play
making life bearable, little they say
but these are the great ones who fight the good fight
the salt of the earth and the children of light.

By Patience Strong

Selected by Carol O'Connor



Thank you

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Reference: your name



Quiz answers

- 1.Goulash; 2.Lentils; 3.Lapsang Souchong; 4.Tomato; 5.Two years; 6.Thailand;
- 7.Cauliflower; 8.Lasagna; 9.Berry Jam and Cream; 10.Simon King and Dave Myers;
- 11.Earl Stanley Gardener; 12.St Trinian's; 13.Lord of the Flies; 14.Les Miserables; 15.Uriah Heep; 16.Baker Street; 17.Belgian; 18.The Scarlet Pimpernel;
- 19.Rebecca; 20. Bertie Wooster

PARISH OF

St Paul's Northumberland Heath

**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
We (<i>insert names</i>)		
of (<i>insert addresses</i>)		
being members of the electoral roll of this parish, hereby nominate		
of (<i>insert address</i>)		
as a candidate for election to the parochial church council at the annual meeting on _____		
	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Signed		
I declare that I am communicant of 16 years or over and not disqualified, and that if elected, I consent to serve.		
Signed: <i>Nominee</i>		

Nominees must be:

- at least sixteen years of age;
- actual communicants;
- on the Electoral Roll of this Parish for at least six months

Proposers and seconds must be on the Electoral Roll of this Parish

No person shall be nominated unless they have signified their consent to serve, or
there is in the opinion of the meeting sufficient evidence thereof. No person shall
be nominated if they are disqualified from serving by the Church Representation
Rules. (See right for details)

DISQUALIFICATION (Church Representation Rule 68 in Part 7)

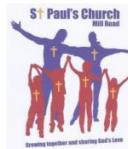
A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if the person:

- 3 (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).
- (2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
- (3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).
- (4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.
- (5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

Note

In order to confirm that you are eligible to act as a charity trustee, all newly elected PCC members will be required to sign a declaration confirming their eligibility to hold office as a charity trustee (i.e. non-disqualification under charity law) and will be asked to sign a Fit and Proper Person declaration. A copy of these declarations can be found at www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/. By confirming that you are eligible for election, you are confirming that you are able to sign these declarations.

PARISH OF ST PAUL
NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH
APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT
ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL



Full name _____

Preferred title (if any) _____

Full address _____

Postcode _____

1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)

1A I am baptised and am aged 16 or over

1B I am baptised and become 16* on _____

*Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.

2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)

2A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish.

2B I am a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

2C I am a member in good standing of a church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Notes for electoral roll form

1. The only churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the Electoral Roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add "but was prevented from doing so because" and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form, "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.