



St Hilda's  
Ashford

# St Hilda's News



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## Extend free school meals to all families on Universal Credit, says Children's Society

THE Children's Society has suggested that 885,000 children are "going hungry" without free school meals and that the pandemic has "made the situation worse".



On Friday, the charity highlighted the results of a survey last month of 1002 parents of children aged five to 16. The survey had asked them how much they were spending on food each week for their eldest school-age child.

Seventy-one per cent of those surveyed said their children were not receiving free school meals. Forty-two per cent of parents who said they were struggling to make ends

meet had spent less on food for their families owing to the lack of free school meals.

Twenty-two per cent had borrowed money from friends or relatives, while 17 per cent had delayed their bill payments, they said.

The parents surveyed said that the cost of school meals, combining both lunch and breakfast, could add up to £5.10 per day. This meant that some families could need to spend £1000 on feeding each child each year.

The Government gave families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) temporary access to school-meal vouchers during the pandemic but is planning to halt this at the end of the autumn. The Children's Society is urging the Government to make the scheme permanent.

Earlier this month, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler appealed for free school meals to be given to all families on Universal Credit.

The Government, however, plans to provide them only for families on Universal Credit whose earned income is less than £7,400 a year.

An open letter signed by 200 children's authors and illustrators was published on Friday. It condemned the Government's actions after a Labour motion to extend free school meals during the half-term break — inspired by a campaign led by the footballer Marcus Rashford — was rejected by 322 to 261 in the House of Commons. Signatories included Anne Booth, Philip Pullman, and Matt Haig.

"Regardless of our individual personal backgrounds, political and religious positions, we all recognise the unique position children and their families have been placed in because of this pandemic, and believe that no child in this nation should go hungry this winter," the letter says.

The Conservative MP for South Dorset, Richard Drax, told the *Dorset Echo*, however: "The Government believes, and I concur, that the best form of help comes from the welfare system and not through schools — schools are not welfare providers."

The Conservative MP for Hexham, Guy Opperman, said in a statement: "This Government has actually expanded the eligibility of free school meals to a further 50,000 children, and expanded breakfast-club programmes."

The chief executive of the Children's Society, Mark Russell, said that free school meals were sometimes the only healthy meal that disadvantaged children would have in a day.

"No one likes the idea of a child going hungry, but we know that right now there are children across the country who are. We also know that the pandemic has only made the situation worse.

"The current threshold for free school meals is too low: it leaves many hard-working families, who earn just slightly above the cut off, but often still living in poverty, having to find the money to cover their child's food during the school day.

"Extending free school meals to all families on Universal Credit would make a huge difference. Not only would it relieve some of the immense pressure low-income families face to feed their children; it would help the children themselves. For many disadvantaged pupils, free school meals provide the only healthy, nutritious meal they get each day.

"The Government has the power to make this change. We urge them to act now, to help struggling families and ensure no child is facing the prospect of trying to learn on an empty stomach."

## **'Freedom to worship is given by God, not government': Pastor defends having church during lockdown after police shut down service**

A pastor in Wales has said the Welsh government ordering places of worship to close to the public during lockdown is neither moral nor legal, after police interrupted and ended his Sunday evening service.

Officers turned up at New Hope Community Church in Llanrumney, Cardiff, after receiving calls from members of the public.

After being allowed in by the pastor of the church, Wade McLennan they told the congregation they were breaking the law and needed to go home.

In a 22 minute Facebook Live video filmed during the ordeal, a member of the church shouts: 'It's an unlawful regulation.'

The officer continues to describe the gathering as "illegal" and tells the congregation they have to leave and "worship at home and worship in other ways".

Pastor McLennan told *Premier* it was an upsetting moment for some for the church members and insists the government shouldn't have the right to stop public worship.

"It was quite distressing for many of them. One of our older ladies, she actually went home and what she said to us is she cried all night long.



"Worship is something that's given to us by God. It's not something that's actually given to us through government, that's given to you by your Creator.

"One of the things in Wales is you can't sing. The Christian faith is one that singing has always been a part. We have an entire book of the Bible given towards singing, it's the centrepiece of the scriptures."

The congregation obeyed police ordered but Pastor McLennan told Premier they will most likely have another service this upcoming Sunday.

"We've had so many people that have said 'it's wonderful what you're doing and 'we're glad that you're standing'. But not many people want to do the standing themselves.

"We're not a lawless kind of people. We're not out riding and destroying things but we wanted to gather, and certainly we should have the liberty to gather."

Pastor McLennan said the church has put all Covid-19 safety protocols in place during its services. The 150 member church has been holding three services every Sunday in order to obey social distancing rules.

A Welsh Government spokesperson told Premier: "We appreciate how incredibly difficult these restrictions are for many, but they have been introduced for two weeks to prevent the spread of this deadly virus and save lives.

"We support all faiths in Wales and have not stopped people from worshipping, but we face a very serious situation; people are dying every day as a result of coronavirus. We need everyone to work together to make this firebreak successful if we are to prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed and even more people losing their lives over the weeks and months ahead.

"We are absolutely aware of the serious impact loneliness can have on individuals, and we are determined to do everything we can to support people through these difficult times. We have made changes to our regulations to allow people to form an "extended household" if they live alone, whilst our Looking Out For Each Other campaign offers advice about how we can support others."

Meanwhile, South Wales Police told Premier: "Officers followed the policing style which we have adopted throughout the pandemic of explaining the rules and encouraging people to comply. Officers moved outside the church to allow five minutes of prayer after which all those present left. No fixed penalty notices were issued.

"We know civil restrictions are frustrating and disheartening for people, but by following them, we can all play a part in protecting our communities and the National Health Service."

Last week a group of Christian leaders in Wales urged the Government to not close churches during the firebreak lockdown.

They wrote to First Minister Mark Drakeford asking him to review the restrictions and threatened also threaten legal action against the Welsh Government for an "extreme interference" of the Human Rights Act.

## **Christian groups demand 'safe and legal' routes for asylum seekers after migrant boat deaths**

Christian refugee campaigners have demanded that French and UK governments provide a safe and legal way for people to escape their countries.

It's after French authorities said a five-year-old, an eight-year-old and two adults died after the vessel which sunk off the coast of Dunkirk on Tuesday.

More than a dozen people were taken to hospital and searches have been carried out for any others caught up in the tragedy.

It is believed to be the single biggest loss of life during the current migrant crisis, and brings the total number of deaths since 2018 to ten.

Clare Moseley, who founded the Christian refugee charity Care4Calais, called for the incident to be a "wake-up call" for those in power in the UK and France.

She said: "We are grieving for the victims, we stand in sympathy and solidarity with their families and friends.

"It is cruel and horrifying that, this time, young children are among the victims.

She added: "We have to provide a safe and legal process by which refugees can have their UK asylum claims heard, that's the way to put an end to terrifying, dangerous sea crossings and stop tragedy striking again."

Her views were echoed by Adam Baker, head of Christian charity Refugee Roots. He told Premier the Home Secretary's plan to make the trip unviable by intercepting boats at sea isn't the answer either.

"If anything, that will make things a lot worse and people will take even greater risks. The countries and the situations that people are fleeing, those circumstances will still exist, people will still need protection and they'll still need to find safety. A safer way to claim asylum, a legal way of claiming asylum would be a positive way forward."

The people on board are thought to have been trying to cross to the UK, despite wind gusts of up to 18mph.

Fifteen people were taken to hospitals in Calais and Dunkirk, according to the Maritime Prefecture of the Channel and the North Sea.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "We have offered the French authorities every support as they investigate this terrible incident and will do all we can to crack down on the ruthless criminal gangs who prey on vulnerable people by facilitating these dangerous journeys."

But Rev Steve Tinning, who works with the Baptist Union to campaign for asylum seekers, told *Premier* the UK's policies seem to be against refugees.

"At the moment, the UK's policies mean that once they're in Europe, there is an next to zero opportunity for them to come legally. We had the Dubs Amendment, which allowed unaccompanied children to come to the UK from European countries, that's now closed," he said.

"We have this EU law that sees children that have been separated from their family be able to be reunited with them in the UK, and come the 31st of December that is closing. So we will have no safe and legal routes for children in Europe who are desperate to come to the UK and the consequences are being felt."

According to data from the PA news agency, nearly 7,500 people have crossed to the UK on small boats during 2020.

## **‘Religious life is not going back to normal’: New study will examine covid-19 impact on religious practices**

A new major research project will look into how our religious habits have changed during the coronavirus pandemic.

The University of Chester together with Manchester Metropolitan University will analyse how faith communities are adapting their customs.



The project is being led by Dr Alana Vincent and Dr Josh Edelman. Speaking with Premier, Dr Edelman expects that the changes seen so far will continue once the pandemic is over.

“Religious life is not going to go back to normal after the pandemic, any more than any other part of our life.... what is being developed in this pandemic is going to shape the future of church life in this country.”

The 12-month research project, entitled British Ritual Innovation under COVID-19 (BRIC-19), will also study the role technology is playing in this period of adaptation. Dr Edelman believes technology has always shaped religious practices.

“Technology has always changed religious life; the Book of Common Prayer was a technology that changed the way worship happened in this country. You start by just using the technologies that you know, but very quickly, the technology starts to shape how anything happens, including worship.”

Dr Edelman thinks the coronavirus pandemic has created an opportunity to rethink the way we live out our faith.

“[Almost] all the clergy members that we surveyed have said that some of the technologies and innovations that they're discovering during this pandemic will still be used afterwards.

“That means this is a real opportunity to think hard about what we want from our ritual lives in our churches and communities, and how we can achieve that. We want to be part of that discussion” Dr Edelman added.

To help with the study, researchers are asking for religious leaders and believers to complete a survey about their experiences during the covid-19 pandemic.

## This is turning from a sprint to a marathon

So how do people cope? *Justin Welby* and *Stephen Cottrell* write that resilience can be found through faith and a bit of self-care

WE COULD not be more inspired by some of the stories of selflessness and kindness which we have heard about clergy and lay people in our churches in these past months.

And yet we are hearing, over and over again, how exhausted they are. Working such long hours, and sharing in the pain of those they serve, takes a deep toll on mental and physical well-being. You can't pour from an empty cup, but many of us are left trying.

There are also bigger factors at play. As a society and a Church, we cannot continue to function in crisis mode, living on adrenaline. Now, we are in maintenance mode: accepting that this "new normal" will be around for a while. And it's tiring: more Zooms, less physical contact, more grief — not just for the people we have lost, but for our old way of living.

This week sees the publication of *How Clergy Thrive: Insights from living ministry*, by Dr Liz Graveling. Wise, well-researched, and full of good advice, it's a toolkit to help clergy reflect on their own well-being — and support the well-being of others. This would be welcome reading at any time; in the middle of a pandemic, it's indispensable.

We cannot sprint indefinitely, or be like the Duracell bunny, bouncing along with an empty smile on its face while others topple over. That's not resilience. Resilience is the capacity to go on trusting God in the middle of lament, protest, celebration, joy, and any variety of the above. RESILIENCE is part of the bedrock of the Bible. In Isaiah 7.9, Isaiah says to a panicked King Ahaz: "If you do not stand by faith you will not stand at all." Ahaz has justifiable worries: an army is threatening to besiege his city. Isaiah says that God is bigger.

How can faith be sustained in the face of all the pain and confusion?

First, God offers his people a relationship rooted in transparency and acceptance, one where they can always be honest. This does not mean grumbling without ceasing, but God gives space for lament, grief, anger, and tears. As one who intimately understands pain and grief from the cross, he will stand with people in their suffering.

This foundational relationship with God gives us the opportunity to be radically honest with each other as well. We can say when we are worn down. We can ask for prayer and support. The gospel calls us to be people of truth, even — and perhaps especially — when that truth makes us feel vulnerable.

When we feel overwhelmed and exhausted, it is vital that we remember to take sabbath time. God knows the importance of rest: he loves us because of who we are, not because of what we do.



Are you doing things that give you strength and joy — just because they are fun to do? Are you doing things that build you up as well as the things you are doing to meet people's needs?

Finally, don't be afraid of your own fragility and failings. Everybody gets things wrong, sometimes. But our God is in the redemption business. Jesus gathers up all the fragments. With God, nothing is ever lost, and in his grace we can learn and grow. That is the true wonder of God: his ability to draw hope out of despair, joy out of pain.

EVEN in the darkest moments, to be a Christian is to declare the possession of hope — because God's steadfast love endures for ever; because, just when things looked most hopeless, Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead.

Sometimes, even if it cannot be felt, the goodness of God is working, waiting to come into the light. In the bleakest moments, in Christ's death, on Holy Saturday, God was doing his most miraculous work.

Neither of us pretends to be especially resilient, especially strong, certainly not especially clever or wise. Yet we know that, despite everything, we are deeply loved by God, and, when we seek to love God back, we find some resilience, a little wisdom, perhaps the odd insight.

It doesn't take much of a fresh vision to become the people of hope. God does the heavy lifting. This country needs a Church that is hope-filled, generous-spirited, humble, accepting, and open.

The Church will have declines and advances. But what we are doing to bless and serve our communities — through schools and 35,000 social projects, with partners and friends, other churches and faith groups — contains the seeds of new resilience, hope, and energy.

This is a profound crisis for the nation, and thus for its Church, and there is a long way to go. But we will come through it, mourn those we've lost, and celebrate the faithfulness of God. For all our failures, we pray we may do that with faith in God and hope for the future.

*How Clergy Thrive: Insights from living ministry by Dr Liz Graveling £2.99. Do Nothing to Change Your Life: Discovering what happens when you stop by Stephen Cottrell (second edition) is £7.99 (£7.19).*

## **The Parakeet who fell down our Chimney**

On Wednesday we heard the fluttering of a bird who had fallen down our tallest chimney which is about 7 metres high. We followed our usual procedure: cover up furniture with newspaper; close all curtains except for one open window and open up the fireplace ready for the bird's arrival. From the garden we could see a distraught parakeet holding onto the chimney pot and squawking down to his mate. She could not fly up through the chimney pot and was refusing to find her way down to our open fireplace.

Jane sought advice on Facebook and the 'Self-Isolating Bird Club' and soon had over 100 suggestions. We put down some food and water, put a light in the fireplace and evacuated the sitting room so all was quiet, but still she did not make the journey down. She had obviously found what she thought was a 'safe' place.

On Thursday the whole family set about trying to coax and tempt the bird down to no avail. Jane played some recordings of Parakeets but neither of us can speak Parakeet so we did not know if the message was, "Come this way madam, follow me down", or, "Danger! Alert! Fly for your life!"



On Friday afternoon there were not so many noises from the bird, so we called J's Chimney Sweeps who came along with a stack of one-metre long rods, various brushes and an electric drill. With seven rods connected, we could see the brush sticking out of the chimney pot, but no bird. They did not have a chimney camera so tried several other flails etc without any success. They climbed onto our roof, looked down the chimney pot and said that they could see some green feathers about half way down. They tried sending smoke up the chimney and even got out a blow-lamp, at which point I said, "Stop! We will take it from here. Thank you." We set everything up for another night and covered the fireplace with a plastic sheet to reduce the draught going up the chimney.

Then, on Saturday, we could hear the Parakeet behind the plastic sheet. In a few moments she pecked a hole and popped her head out. We couldn't see if she was injured, but saw that she was very dirty with soot and dust, and judged that she was suffering from shock. We managed to move her into the Cat's carry box, and put her into the vacant Rabbit's hutch. Jane squirted some salty water at her to wash her eyes and clean her up; so she spent the day in the hutch eating and drinking. We did not know if she could fly so we decided to continue with her R & R treatment into Sunday.

On Sunday she was wet and shivering so we put in a small heater to warm her up and get her dry. In the afternoon we were ready to see if she could fly. We opened the door of the Rabbit's hutch and the Parakeet stepped out, looked around and flew 3 metres to our bird feeder; she then flew 6 metres to another bird feeder and ate peanuts. After a few moments she returned to feed on sunflower hearts. We were glad to see her fly and she appeared to be OK after her adventure and noticed that she was not frightened of us and allowed us to be very close. She flew around, but always came back to our garden.

Eventually she settled high up in our crab apple tree. Suddenly another Parakeet flew over and settled high in our cherry tree about four metres away. There was an exchange of calls between the two birds which was a great joy to hear; clearly they were partners. Our Parakeet then took off and settled close to her partner. After a few minutes, he took off and she followed close behind to their Home. All's well that ends well!

I made a note that we must cap all our chimney pots, ASAP if not before!

P.S. Our two Parakeets have returned to our garden several times.

Robert Dobbie

## Remembrance Art Installation / Candles of Remembrance

This year St Hilda's are creating an art installation of poppies, knitted or crocheted by members of the congregation and the Saturday knitting group.



As we weren't able to offer the Easter lilies this year as in previous years, it has been agreed that we will incorporate this into the Remembrance period.

Alongside the art installation we will have an arrangement of lilies, we are offering you the opportunity to dedicate a lily in memory of a loved one, we will display all the names next to the art installation as well as publish with the Newsletter.

If you would like to dedicate a lily in memory of a loved one, please complete the application form that is available on the website, at the rear of the Church, or call the Parish Office and we will drop one through your door.

In addition, all of the names that are dedicated will also be displayed on the Candle of Light that is being created for the service of Remembrance on All Souls Day by Alison Garner.

There is a suggested donation of £5 for each lily that you wish to dedicate.

Please let us have any application forms by 5<sup>th</sup> November for inclusion.

*NB Even though the poppy is a long used symbol of restful sleep, peace in death and resurrection and eternal life, the RBL unfortunately raised a concern to our use of the poppy for this purpose, we are therefore using the lily as per Easter. In addition, we originally planned to donate 10% of any monies raised, however, the RBL doesn't feel comfortable accepting this. If anyone would like to have their money returned either in full or the 10%, please contact the parish office, and we will arrange a refund.*

**We have exceeded our original target of 1,000 poppies, and more are still coming in.  
Thank you to everyone who has been very busy in recent weeks.  
I'm really looking forward to seeing the final work of art.**

## St Hilda's Parish News

**Thank you** to all those you joined the Annual Vestry and APCM meeting last Sunday, for those who weren't able to join, the following appointments were made.

**Church Wardens** Bobbie Bedford and Frances Forsbrey

**Deanery Synod** Carolyn Clark and Elizabeth Bate (1 vacancy)

**PCC Members** Chris Brown, Christine Makriel (2 vacancies)

A big thank you to **Stuart Young (Church Warden), Rosemary Greenwood (Deanery Synod), Chris Davenport, Jane Dobbie (PCC)** who all stepped down at the meeting for their service to St Hilda's.

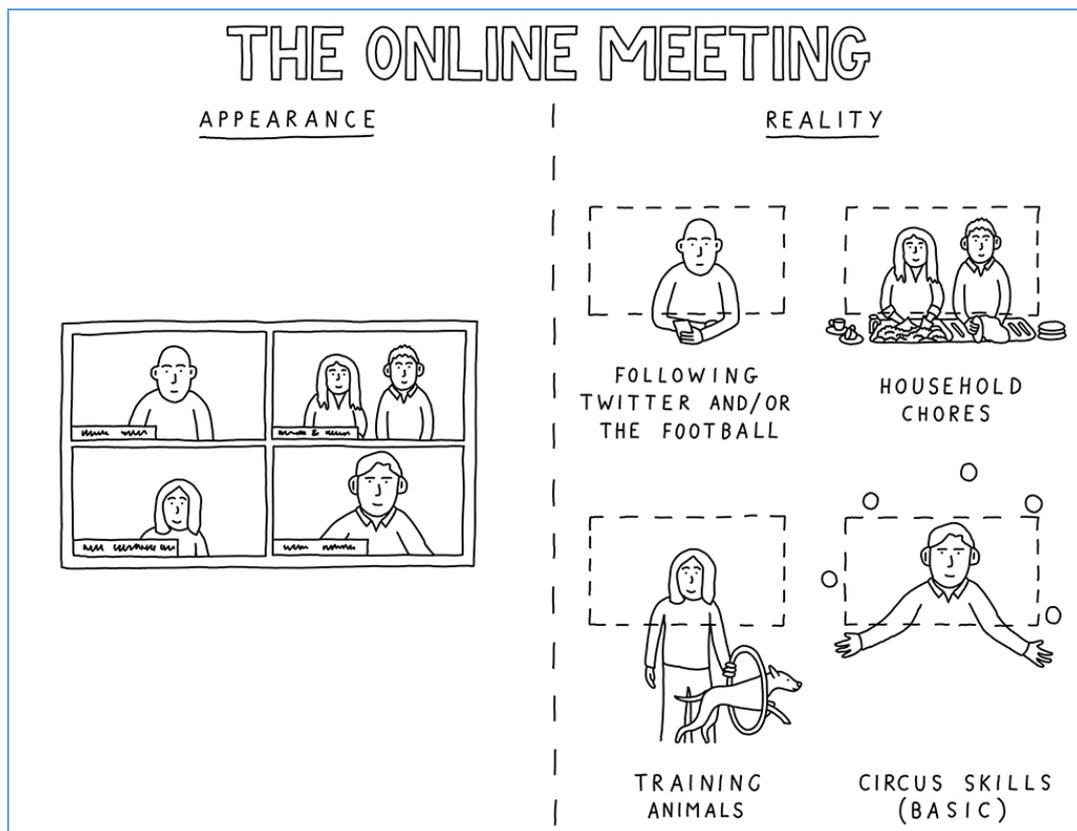
### Remembrance Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

We have already received a couple of articles in relation to the First or Second World Wars that we will publish over the next 2 weeks. If you would like to share any memories or a story, then please send through to the Parish Office by Tuesday midday.

### Ashford Christmas Craft Trail - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November (1pm – 5pm)

Following the huge successes of the Ashford Jumble Trails, a Christmas Craft Trail has been arranged and once again St Hilda's are taking part.

We are planning to have a stall selling various crafts – tree decorations, cakes and biscuits amongst other things. Planning is underway, and further details will be shared shortly.



**What is Freedom?**  
*Why Freedom may not be what you think it is*

Bishop of Kensington's Teaching Evening  
 The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November or Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 - 8.30pm

*Freedom is one of the big ideas of our culture. We long for it, fight wars over it and guard our freedoms jealously. Some have seen the imposition of restrictions during the pandemic as an infringement of civil liberties. Christian faith also speaks of freedom, yet in ways that can seem strange, with ideas such as obedience, and the value of servanthood. What is a Christian understanding of freedom and how does it differ from secular ideas? During this evening, with opportunity for questions and interaction, Bishop Graham will explore how a Christian understanding of freedom can be truly liberating.*

*This Zoom (of course!) event will be repeated twice. It is open to anyone in or connected to churches in the Kensington Area, and should be an excellent time to think together about how our Christian faith works out in practice in one of the most important ideas of our time.*

If you would like to come, please register on Eventbrite here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-true-freedom-why-freedom-may-not-be-what-you-think-it-is-tickets-126125931055> and the Zoom link will be emailed to you



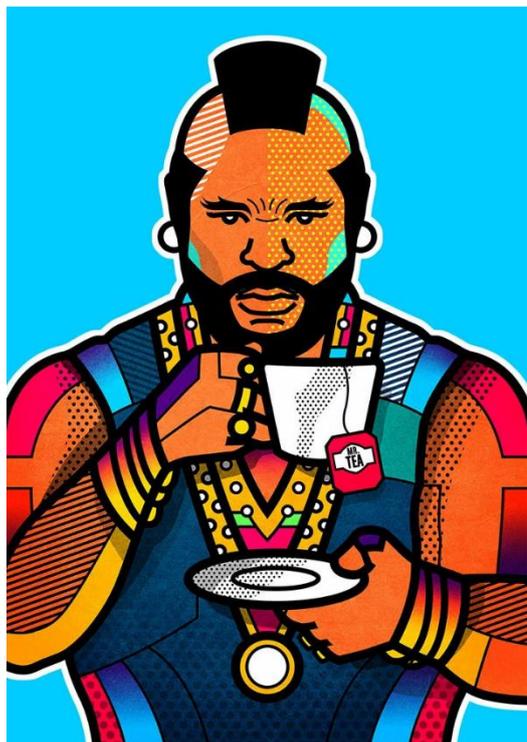
*Happy Birthday to  
 Robert Dobbie who  
 will turn 80 next  
 Monday -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> November*

***If you have any Parish News you would like to share, then please send them into the Parish Office.***

## Tea and Chat after Sunday Service

We would like to invite you to join us for a virtual Tea and Chat after the service on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 at 11.15am**. See below on how to join. Any queries please call the Parish Office.

The meeting is hosted by Zoom.



There are 2 ways in which you can join the Tea and Chat session

1. Join via a computer or tablet, for a video style experience (like Skype)

- Download the Zoom app – [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)
- Click – Join a Meeting
- Enter the Meeting id – **942 2575 4868**
- Enter password – **109826**

2. Join via telephone – cost of a local call.

- Dial – 0203 051 2874

## More Tea ... – Weekday Tea and Chat

The second of the weekly Tea and chat sessions where you are able to 'meet up' over a cuppa. In this weekly session, we have introduced a topic for discussion –

**This week however, there is no topic and would welcome everyone for a general chit-chat.**

If you haven't yet joined one of these sessions – give it a try, you can connect either on-line or via the telephone, we would like to see or hear as many of you as possible and encourage you to join us. We encourage all those who haven't yet joined one of the sessions to do so, and if you have any apprehension in doing so, please call the Parish Office and Denise will guide you through the process – it is quite simple once you've done it once.

This week the Tea and Chat will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November @ 10.30am**

The codes are as per the following, to join follow the instructions above

- Meeting id – **954 3863 7667**
- Password – **164568**

**Canaan Ministries** have re-opened, and are following the latest government legislation in relation to the current guidelines on social distancing.

Opening times - Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm (closing during lunchtime 1pm – 2pm), so there will be plenty of time to see and serve everyone. **Free local home delivery is also possible.**

We would like to thank you all for your continued support, and we hope, your much needed support in the future.

### **2 Corinthians 9:8**

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

### **Crossroads**

Please email Rosemary at [crossroads\\_ashford@hotmail.com](mailto:crossroads_ashford@hotmail.com) if you have anything to be included in the parish magazine. The November edition is now available on our website.

## **This weeks services**

### **Sunday Eucharist – 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 9.30am**

This service can be viewed via our Facebook page, our new YouTube channel (St Hilda's Ashford), and Twitter for those of you who are unable to attend in person.

### **All Souls Day Service – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 7.30pm**

### **Wednesday Eucharist – 4<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.45am**

To attend any of the services detailed above, please book a ticket on Ticket Tailor (link on the website), or call the Parish Office.

***Please remember that face coverings are mandatory in Church.***

Please see our website ([www.sthilda.org](http://www.sthilda.org)) for updates and the weekly service sheet.

## **Vacancy – St Hilda's**

We have 2 vacancies for cleaners on a job share basis for the Church Hall,

the requirement will be 2 hours per day 7 days a week.

The hours will be either early mornings or late evening.

References will be required

If interested please contact the Parish Office.

**Please hold in your prayers and thoughts this week those who are affected by the Corona Virus as well as the family and friends of those below.**

**The Sick**

James Bedford	Michael Dixon	John Radford	Sandra Swain
Michael Browne	Eileen Gilbert	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Rev. Peter Taylor
Pamela Claridge	Jim Hennessey	Delphine Scrivener	Chick Wilson
Robb Clarke	Jane Johnson	Riley Shaw	Peter Wilson
Rebecca Cohen	Libby Mills	Anne Shenton	Jo Wood
Ann Considine	Raymond Nation	Elsie Stone	Nic
Chris Davenport	June Prentice	Roy Stone	Martyn
Joey			

**The Recently Departed**

Helen Briggs                      Joyce Winter

**Prayer**

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel  
of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

## Puzzle Page

### A Flowery Wordsearch

(puzzle created by Terry Rickson)

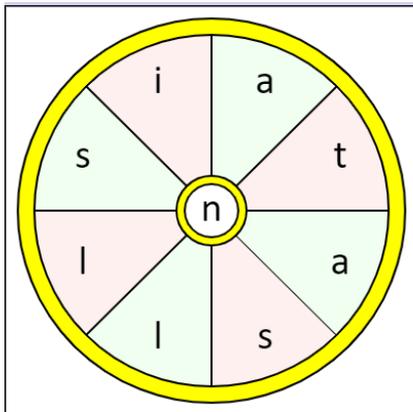
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L	S	A	K	C	O	H	Y	L	L	O	H	C	A	L

- ASTER
- BEGONIA
- CROCUS
- DAFFODIL
- DAHLIA
- DAISY
- FOXGLOVE
- HOLLYHOCK
- LAVENDER
- LOBELIA
- LUPIN
- NARCISSUS
- ROSE
- TULIP
- WALLFLOWER
- ZINNIA

### Futoshiki

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### Word Wheel



How many words can you find using the centre letter?  
There is one 9 letter word (2 words!), Sunday!

**Instructions**  
Place the numbers 1-5 only once in each row or column. The greater than and less signs (>, <) indicates where one cell is greater/ less than the adjacent cell indicated.

**Riddle**  
I have NEWS on me, but have nothing to do with media  
What am I?

### Answers from last week

#### Wordsearch

	S							N	A	M	S	A	T	
R	O	S	S					A						
U		A	R	C	T	I	C	I						
T				O	I					P				
H				R	T						S	N		
C				A								A		
H			I	L	T					N	I	C		
I	R					L			A		B			
N	D					A				I	A			
P	A	C	I	F	I	C		N	D	R				
					I				T	N	A			
					T									
					L						C			
					A				B	L	A	C	K	
S	T	N	E	R	A	B								

#### Numberfit

			2	2	4	3	5	5	6
		6	4	3	5	5	2		2
2	5	2		4	4	6	6	4	
2	5	6				6	2	3	
4	2	6	6	5	3	5	8	6	
3	2	3				3	5	6	
3	5	5	4	4		5	3	5	
5		8	2	4	3	5	6		
6	2	4	4	3	5	6			

**Riddle**  
They are both surrounded by waTer!

**Word Wheel**  
9 letter word –  
Historian(s)